

## PHOTO CUTOUT

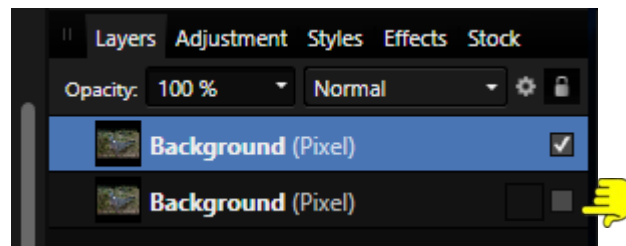
### LET'S GET STARTED

You can have a lot of fun with your photos by cutting out parts and putting them into a pre-made shape or inside of a shape that you've made yourself. This is technically called "clipping" because you "clip" the photo inside of the shape.

Download and unzip the [photocutout.zip](#) file. It contains a photo of a dove, [photocutout.jpg](#). If you prefer, you can use your own image.

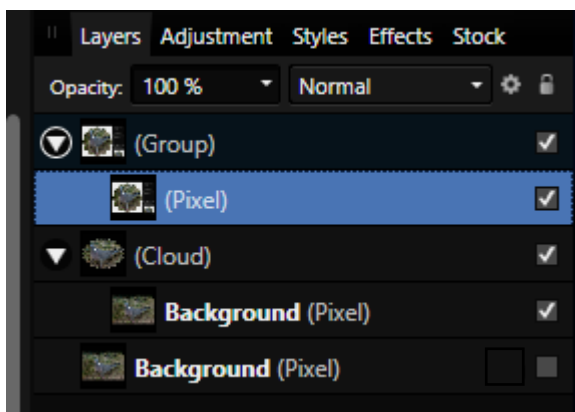
On the **Main** menu, go to **File\Open** and navigate to where you saved the [photocutout.jpg](#) file and open it.

On the **Layers** tab, right-click the image layer and select **Duplicate**. Uncheck the bottom layer so it is not visible.

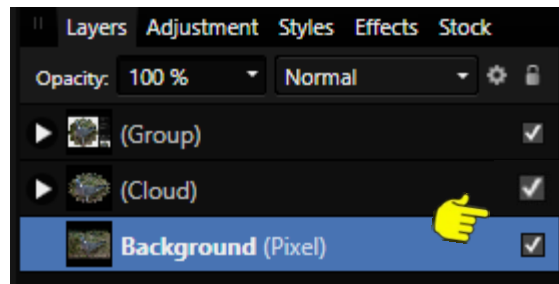


Select a shape from the **left** toolbar and draw out the shape or create a new shape of your own that is large enough to cover the dove. Colour is not important. The **Cloud** shape with 20 bubbles is being used in this tutorial.

On the **Layers** tab, drag the visible copy of the photo up to the layer above and to the left until the blue line is clipped inside of the shape. This will put the entire photo inside the shape.



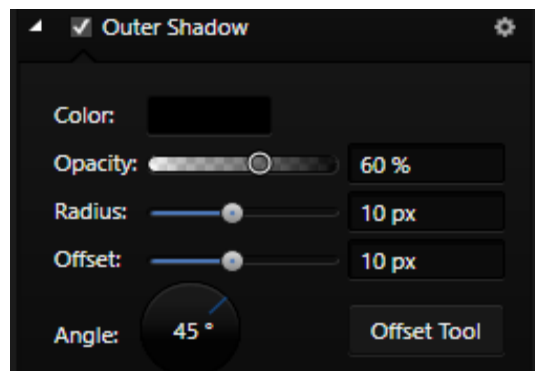
Place a checkmark in the bottom layer so it become visible again. Make sure it is not locked.



On the **Effects** tab, select **Gaussian Blur**. Set the **Radius** to around 30px. This will create a heavy blur.



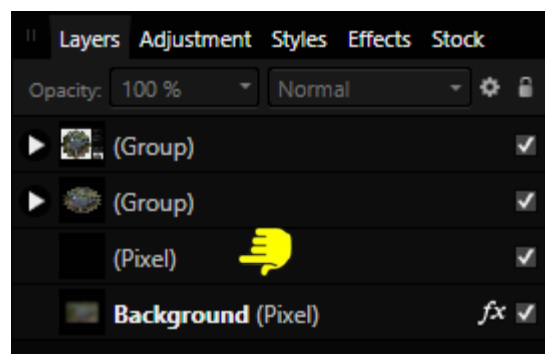
Select the image to make it active. On the **Effects** tab, select **Outer Shadow**. Set the **Angle** to 45, **Opacity** to 60, **Radius** to 10, and **Offset** to 10.



In the **Layers** tab, Right click and **Duplicate** the shape.

Back to the **Effects** tab, **Outer Shadow**, and change the **Angle** to 225. Group the 2 shapes. Your image should have a nice shadow all the way around the edges.

Select the background layer and add a **Pixel** layer.

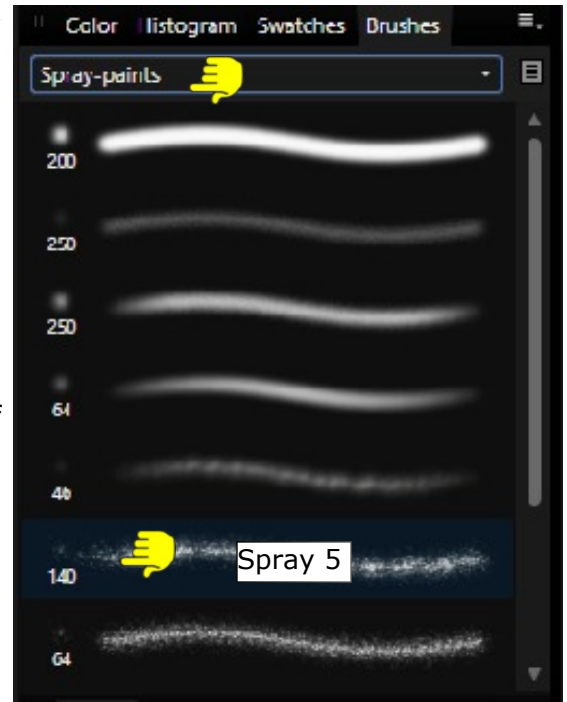


Go to the **Brushes** tab and select the **Spray-Paint** category from the drop down menu. Hover your mouse over the brushes until you find **Spray 5**.

On the **Color** tab, select **HSL** from the drop down menu and set the **Stroke** color to **H:59, S:9, L:38** .

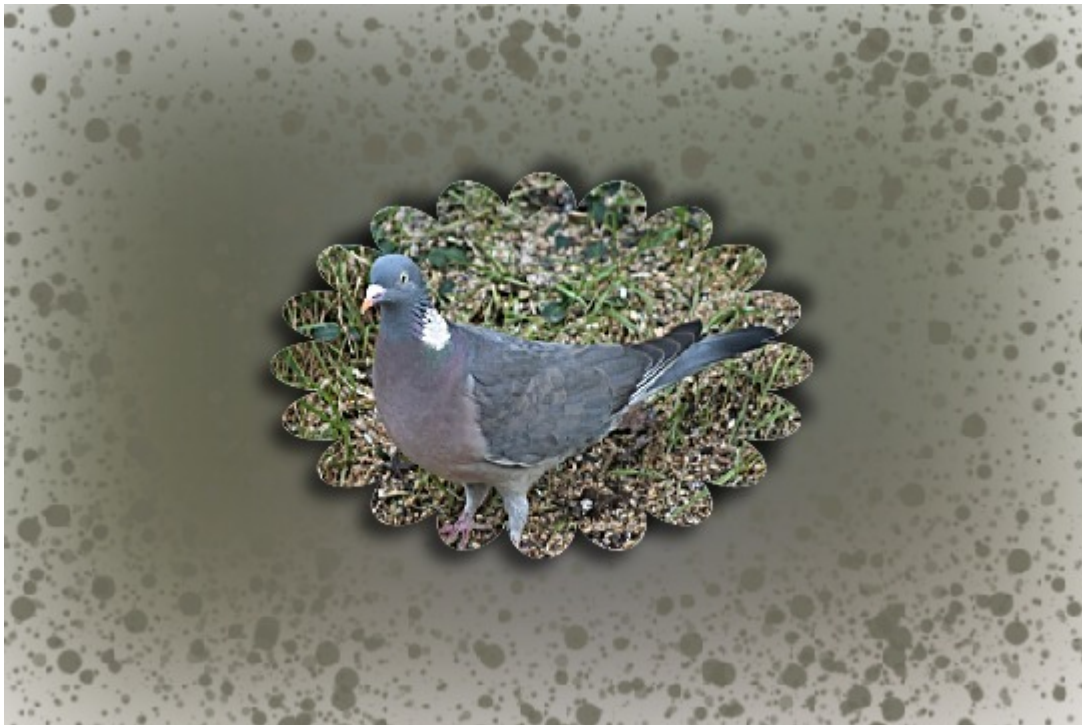
Using the **Paint Brush** tool, paint lightly over the pixel layer. You can change the dynamics of the brush to suit yourself by clicking on the brush image.

Save your image as an .afphoto file so you can go back and edit it at any time. You may also want to save it as a .jpg so you can display it on the web.



If you have Affinity Designer, you can open your file and add texture to the background.

The image below is the final result of this tutorial.



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