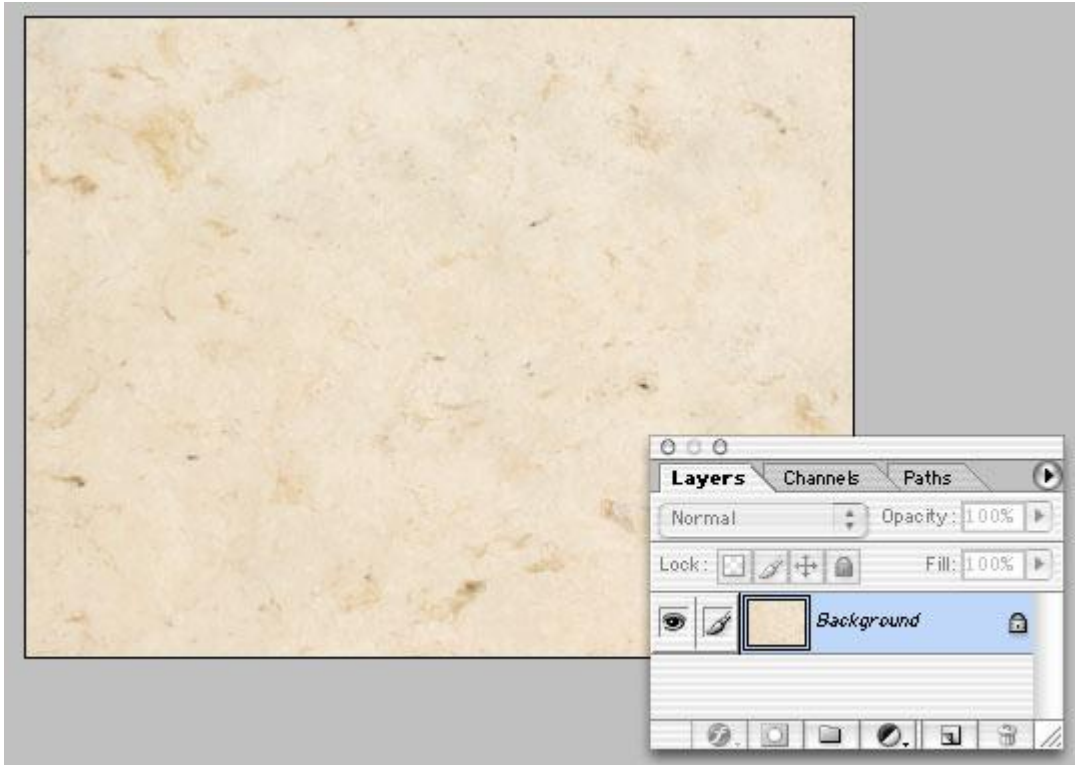


Edges & Borders with Masks



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If you want to create a border with a simple white background, all you need to do is create a new screened layer (over your photo) using one of my edges. But if you want to use a colored background or a textured image, you have to use a different technique.



Step 1

In my example, I opened a Digital Art Paper and cropped it to 8' x 10".



STEP 2

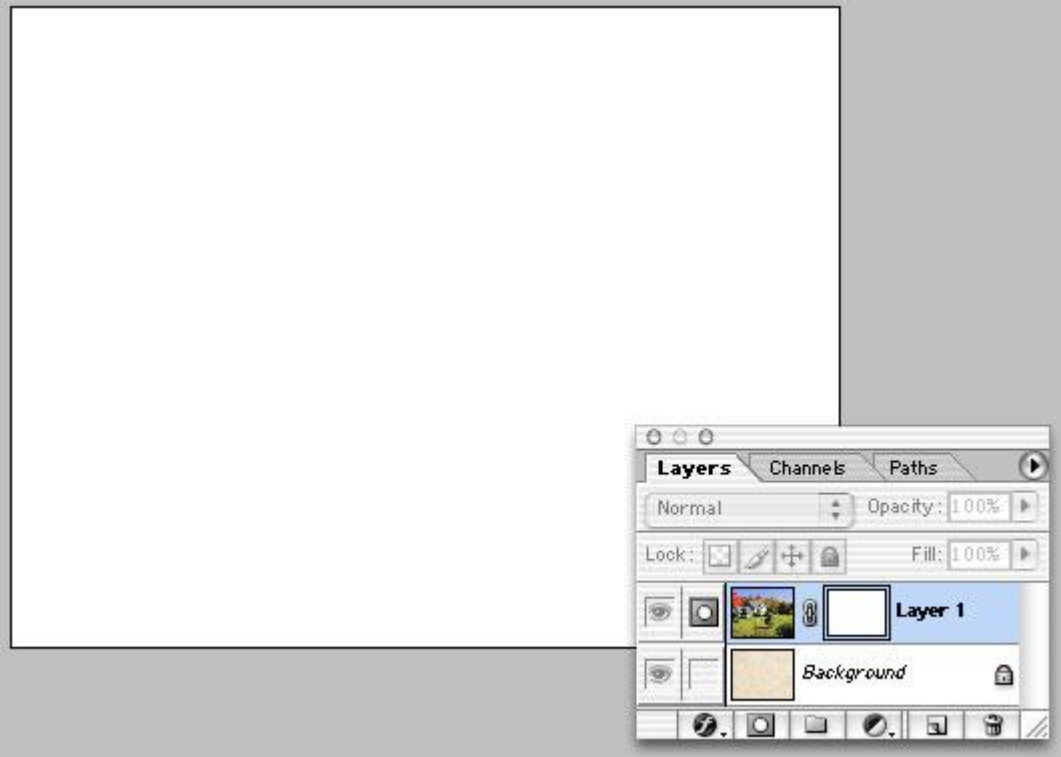
Open a image that will ultimately receive the new border. Copy and paste it, it's own layer, over the background.



STEP 3

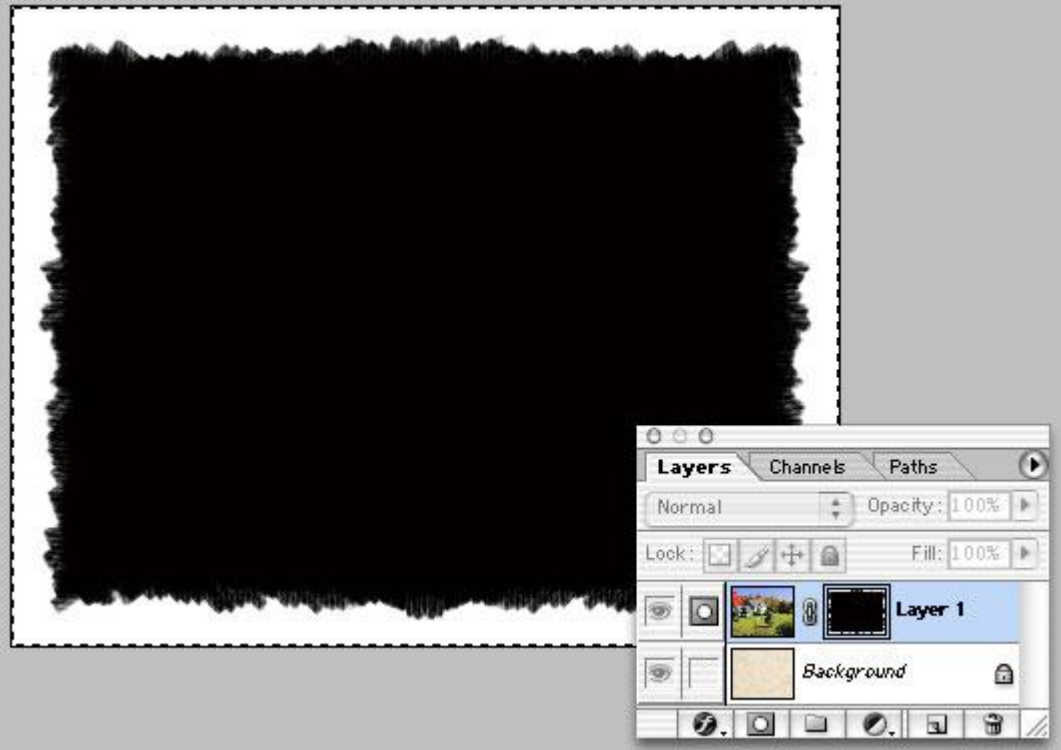
Create a mask on layer one by clicking on the mask icon (the second icon from the lower left).





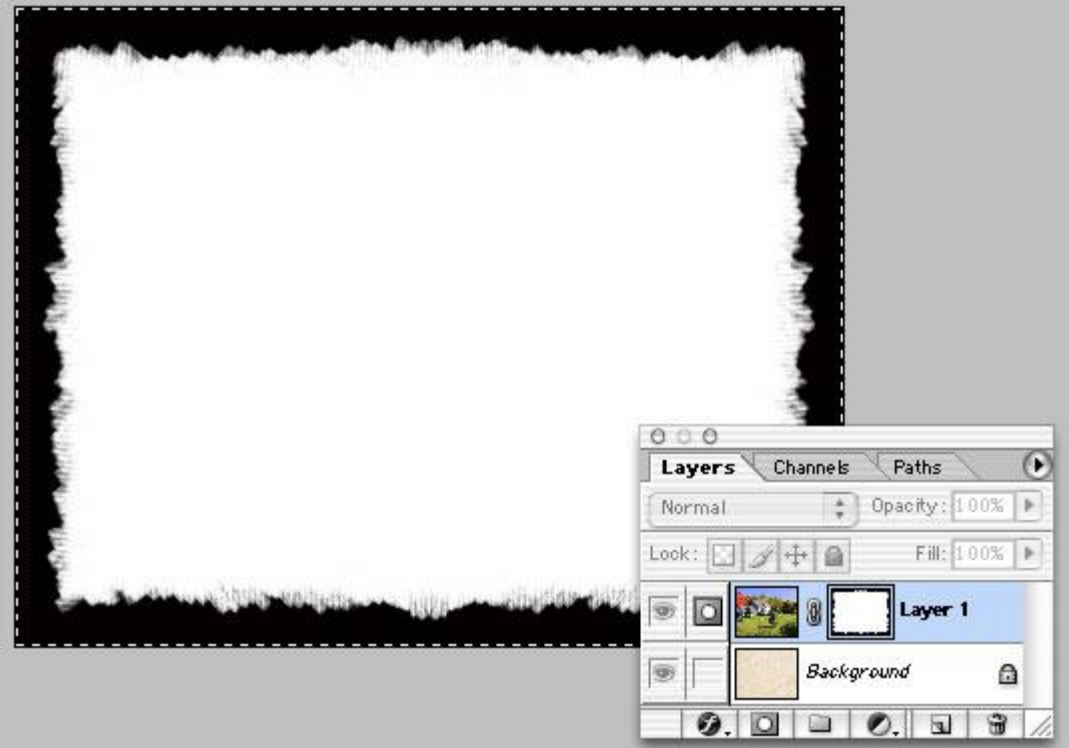
STEP 4

Option click (PC - Alt click) on the new mask thumbnail to activate it. The window should now turn white.



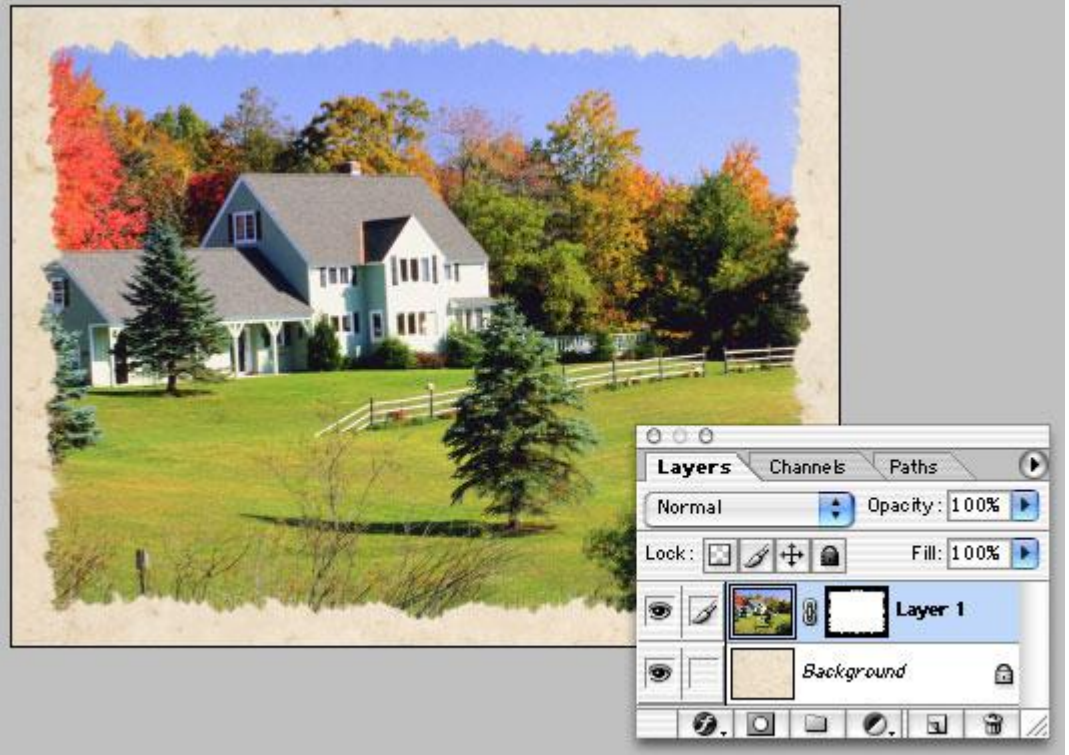
STEP 5

Open a border, select all and copy it, Return to your tutorial window. Click (CS3) Option Click -PC Alt Click on the newly created laser mask in the Layers window and paste.



STEP 6

Select Image>Adjustments>Invert to reverse the border. Remember, black will knock out our image.



STEP 7

Click on the left thumbnail within layer 1 to reveal the masked image.



STEP 8

You could stop here but if you want to, you can add layer effects to the mask. Here, I've added a drop shadow and a bevel & emboss for some additional effects.

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