

# Create a Simple Country Shelf



Many thanks to Rita who wanted to know how to do this.

Although this tutorial was written for PSP7 with a few modifications to a couple of the steps, this shelf can be easily created in PSP6.

## *PSP version and tools used*

Paint Shop Pro 7

Selection tool

Flood Fill

Layers

Shapes

Sculpture (Optional)

Cut Out

Text Tool

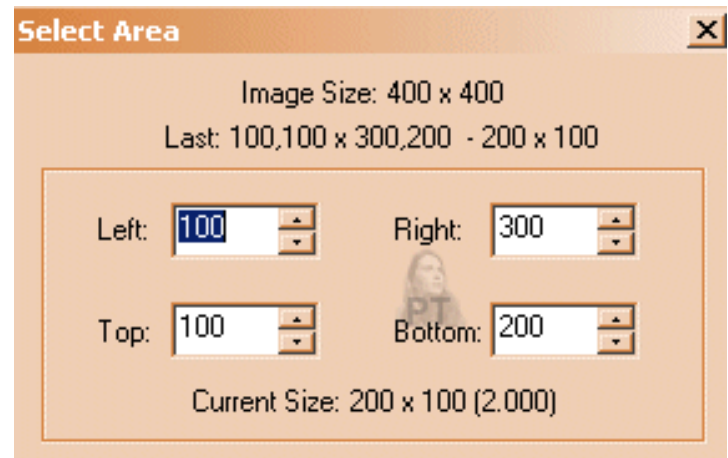
Inner Bevel

[P Ornaments Font](#) \*

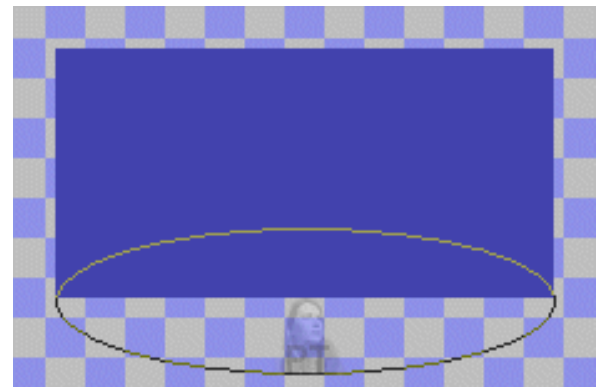
### **Creating the back panel:**

**Step 1:** Open up a new image 400 x 400 with a transparent background. We are going to start with a larger background than what your final result will be to give you room to work.

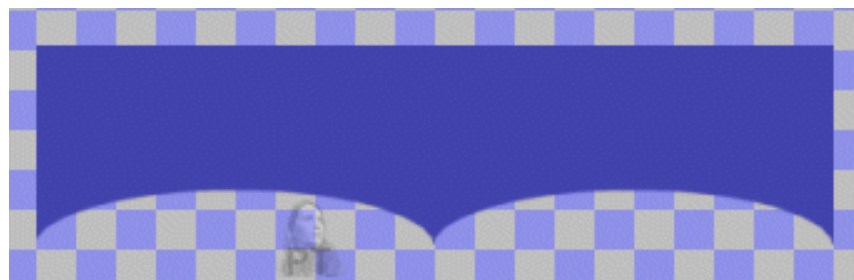
**Step 2:** Double click on the selection tool icon. Choose the rectangle selection tool, no feathering and with the antialias checked. Enter the dimensions as seen to the right. Also make certain that the radio button "Custom size and position" is selected. Flood fill this selection with the color of your choice. Deselect.



**Step 3:** This next step is a little tricky and you may not quite place it where you want it the first time. Use the selection tool again, but this time choose the ellipse selection tool. Place your cursor at the bottom center of your rectangle, (should be lined up at the 200 x 200 location pxl mark if you have your rulers turned on.) Slowly drag your cursor up a few pixels and then across to the left until your image looks like the image to your right. Hit your delete button and then deselect this selection.

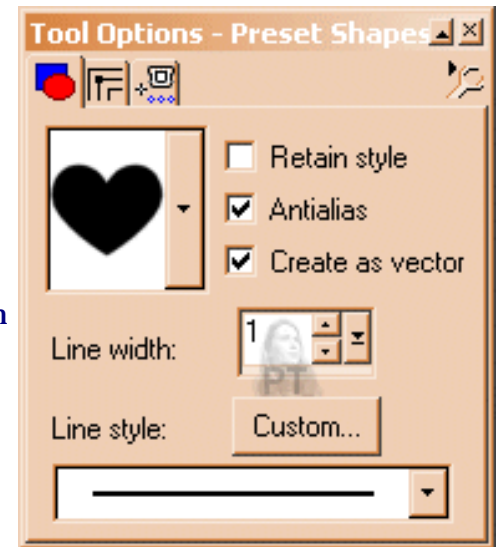


**Step 4:** Decrease this image size by 80% and then duplicate this layer. (Layers/duplicate). Use your mover tool to slide one of the layers to the left and one to the right until they are lined up. Merge visible layers. You should now have a single layer image that has retained a transparent background.



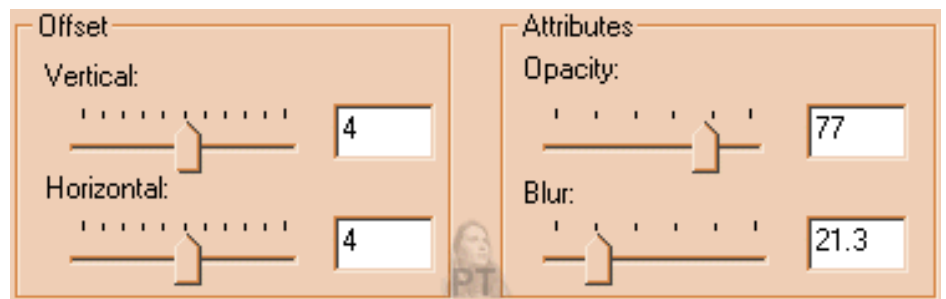
**Step 5:** Decorating your shelf: First of all, if your shelf is light in color change your background color to black. If it's dark in color change your foreground color to white. Set the foreground color to null.

**Step 6:** Go to your shapes tool and select heart 1 with the options to the right marked. Star drawing from the upper left section above where the point comes down at the center of the image you have just merged and move diagonally to the right. If you need to resize any anyway, place your cursor on any of the four corners to make it larger or smaller. If you need to center it more, place your cursor on the center square it.



**Step 7:** Now go to Selections/From vector object and then save to alpha channel. You can now delete the vector layer. You should now also hit the delete key on your keyboard to cut the heart shape out.

**Step 8:** Add 2 new layers and drag your merged layer above the two new layers by placing your cursor on the layers toolbar and pushing up. Go to Selections/Expand/2 pixels. We are going to apply cut-out effects on the lower two layers. On one of the new layers use the settings as shown; on the other use -4 instead of 4. Shadow color for both should be black.



When you have finished adding both cutouts, deselect and merge visible.

**Step 9:** Keep your foreground color set to null and change your background color to white.

We are now going to be using the text tool to add the other two decorations to either side of the heart.

Windows lists the P regular or P ornament font as "P". Floating and antialias should be checked.

**Under styles:** Stroke should be set to null and fill to white.

**Under textures:** Stroke and fill should be set to null.

Choose the lower case letter "a" for your first decoration with font size set to 30 (you will need to type in the value 30). Use the mover tool to place this ornament where you think it would look good in relation to the heart cutout, then promote to layer. Duplicate this layer, then go to image/ mirror. Use the mover tool again to adjust the position of the second ornament.

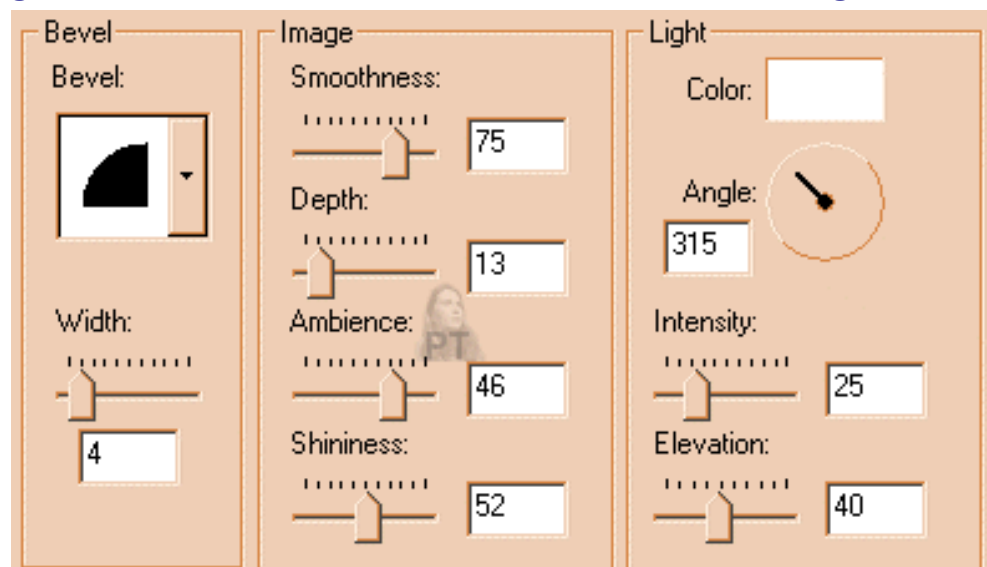
Add a drop shadow, 2 vertical, 2 horizontal, opacity 44, blur 1.2, shadow color black. When you are satisfied that your two ornaments are placed where you would like them, merge visible.

You should now have something that looks similar to this:



### Creating the shelf top and sides:

**Step 10:** Add two new layers. On the upper new layer: Go to the selection tool and this time choose the rounded rectangle. As far as you can star on the left hand side of the layer, stretch all the way across to the right side of this layer and down a couple of pixels. Flood fill with the same color as you did the back panel. Deselect and then go to Effects/3D effects/Inner bevel and use the settings as shown below.



If the shelf top looks too tall, just use the deformation tool to shrink its height. Click on the square that appears in the upper center of the image and the pull down until its at a height that looks appropriate.

**Step 11:** On the lower new layer: Use the rounded rectangle selection tool again. This time start level with the top shelf and over just a few pixels and draw down past the back panel section until you have the side as long as you think they should be. Flood fill with same color as the panel and shelf and use the same inner bevel selections as before. If the side appears too wide, then adjust them with the deformation tool. Duplicate this layer.

**Step 12:** Use the mover tool to adjust the positions of the shelf top and sides. Your layers should be in this order:

Shelf Top  
Shelf Side  
Shelf Side  
Back Panel

You want to slide each shelf side just a little under the shelf top and over the back panel. When you are satisfied with all positions, merge visible.

### **Congratulations!**

Your shelf is now ready to be tubed or decorated as you see fit.



**Note to Advanced PSP users:** I thought that this tutorial would be easier for beginners if the layers were merged visible after each major portion of the tutorial were done. You don't have to merge any of the layers until you feel like it.

This tutorial originally located at  
[http://www.geocities.com/pixel\\_tickler/country\\_shelf.htm](http://www.geocities.com/pixel_tickler/country_shelf.htm)

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