HOW TO
Make a foil layer mask in Photoshop

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If you are using foil in your designs, why not make them look realistic and amazing for the customers who browse your designs. This simple technique will mask your foil area with a foil texture, so you can save preview images (and even see how your design looks with different types of foil).
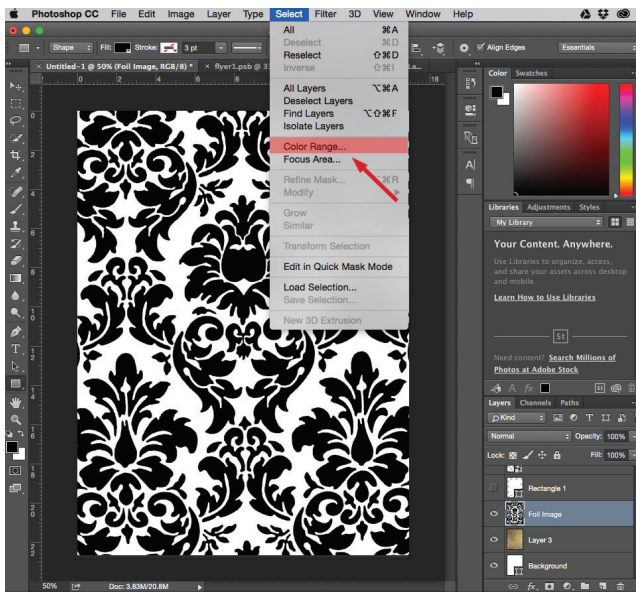
You can find all the foil textures in the stock images folder supplied in the Designer Kit.

NB: This is an effect just for preview images only. Please do not supply this as your design file, use the Illustrator template provided. The Designer Kit Instruction Manual will guide you.
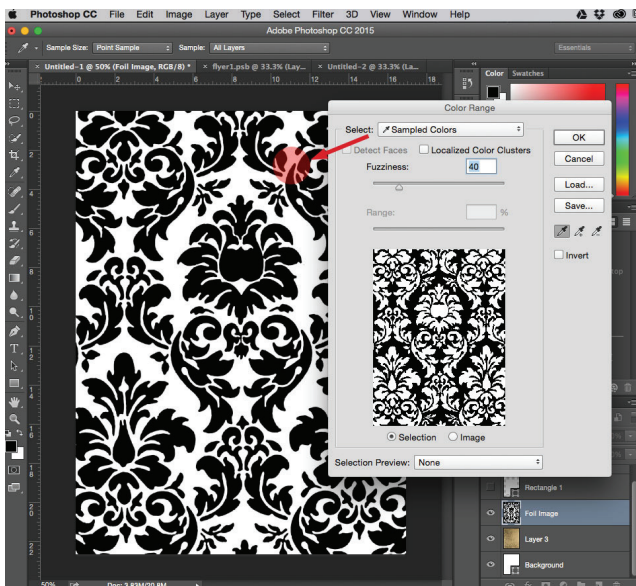
STEP 1

On your canvas you need to have your **background** layer at the bottom, followed by – **foil texture** layer – **foil image** layer (b+w .jpeg or smart object) – **text and other layers**.

- On your foil image layer, go to SELECT > COLOR RANGE
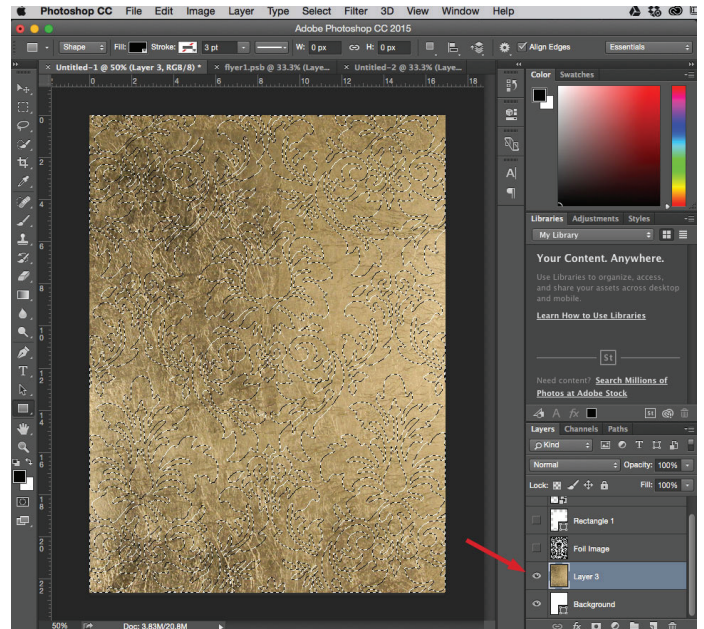

- With the eyedropper tool, sample the black colour on your image. Click OK. This will outline the black shapes of your image.
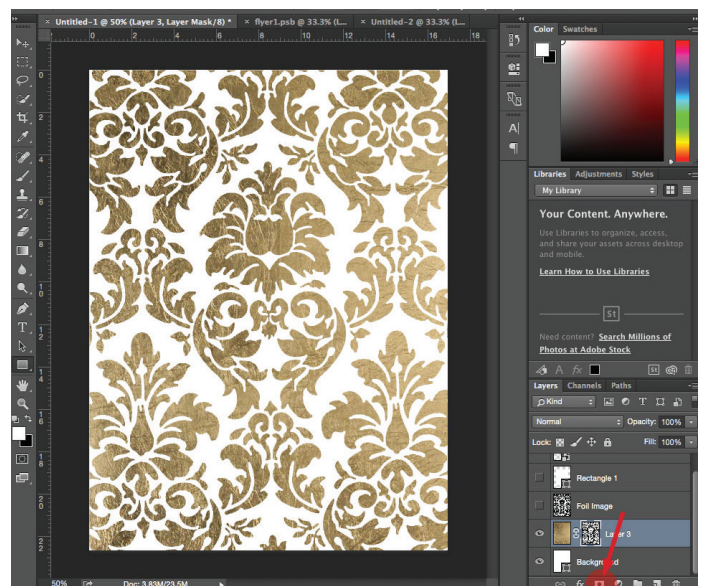

STEP 2

Turn off the **foil image layer**, and turn on the **foil texture layer** (gold, silver, copper etc). The selection of your foil image layer should still be visible over the foil texture layer.
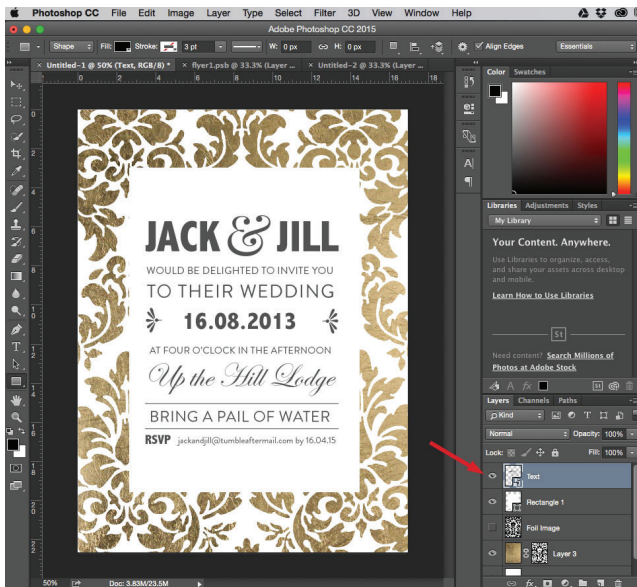

STEP 3

Click on the **layer mask icon**. This will create the mask – the selection area (that was the black area on your image) will turn into the foil that you've chosen.

STEP 4

- Turn on your text and other layers on top of the masked layer, and, voila! You've created a beautiful foil layer mask. Try it with all the colours! Remember, the customers will get to choose from gold, silver, copper and rose gold, plus gloss and matt options, so why not provide them with a preview.

- You will need to save your file as a .jpeg and upload with your design files. Check out the Designer Kit Instruction Manual for the correct specifications.

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