Creating a folded corner on your photo

Project Objectives:
    Students will learn to use Layers
    Students will learn to use the Marquee Tool
    Students will learn to use the Gradient Tool
    Students will learn to use the Transform Functions

Photo taken by Christine F

After you have found an image (jpg) you want to work on, open your image in Photoshop. Duplicate the layer (one of many ways to unlock it), then create a new blank layer and place it between the other two layers.
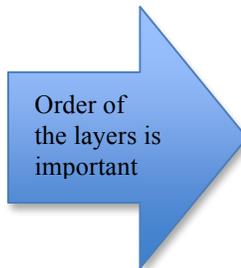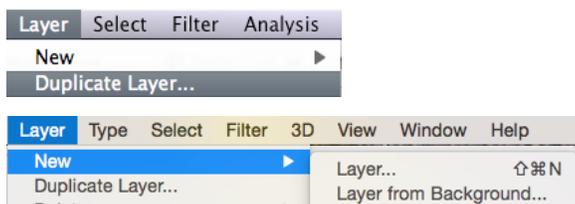
Order of the layers is important
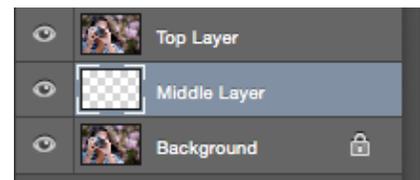
What ever you put on the "Middle Layer" will be what is revealed under the folded up corner.

Pay attention to which layer is currently being edited (highlighted in blue). Select the top layer for this next step.

Select the top layer
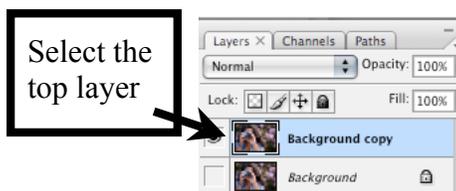
Click and drag the Marquee Tool to create a selection in the corner of you image. This will be the corner that you will be "folding".

Rectangular Marquee Tool   M
Elliptical Marquee Tool   M
Single Row Marquee Tool
Single Column Marquee Tool
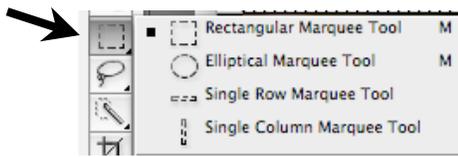
Selection created

Now select the Gradient Tool (same location where the Bucket Tool is).
Make sure it is going from black to white.

Gradient Editor
Presets
Name: Black, White
Gradient Type: Solid
Smoothness: 100 %
Stops

OK
Cancel
Load...
Save...
New

Gradient Tool   G
Paint Bucket Tool   G
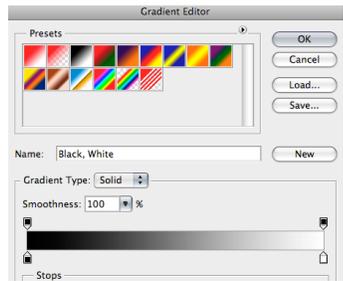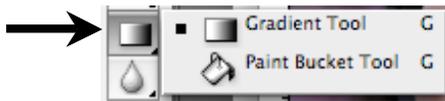
Check to make sure these are the settings for the Gradient Tool

Mode: Normal   Opacity: 100%

Click and drag the mouse, on the selected rectangle on your image, from the upper right corner to the bottom left. (darker shadows towards the center and lighten as it goes to the edge)

Now deselect.

Select   Filter   Analysis
All   ⌘A
Deselect   ⌘D
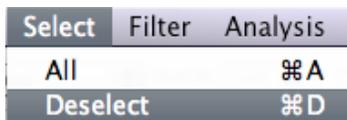
Under the Edit tab you are
going to select the Warp
Tool under Transform.
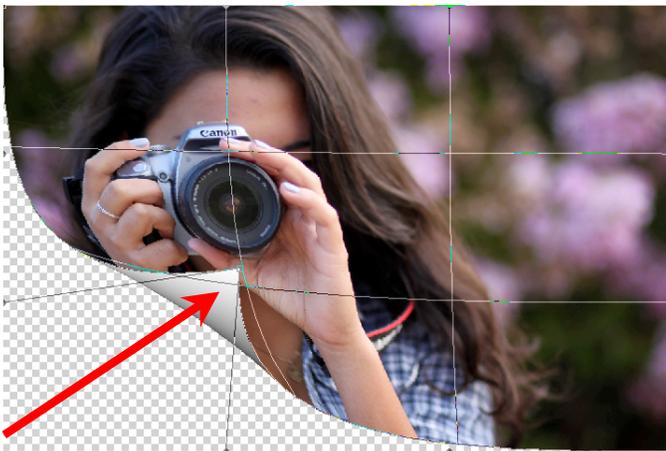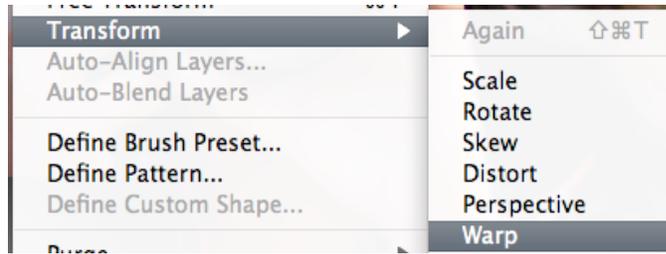
With the Warp selected, click on the
bottom left corner of your image and
drag it past the upper right corner of
the Gradient you created. Then click
"Return" to lock in the "Warp:.

Since this new warped section is supposed to look
as if it is lifted up from the page, we need to now
create the shadow for it. Click on the *fx* at the
bottom of your Layers window and select
"Drop Shadow". You will adjust the direction
(of the light source) and the distance (bigger shadow).
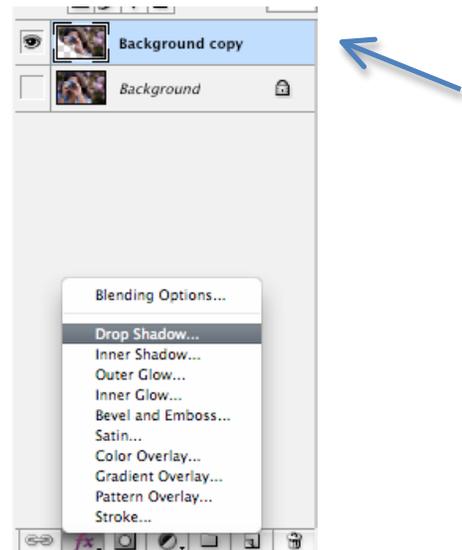
When you are done, you can save a PSD (PhotoShop Document) version for yourself to retain the layers, but for me please convert the format to a jpg.

Change format here →
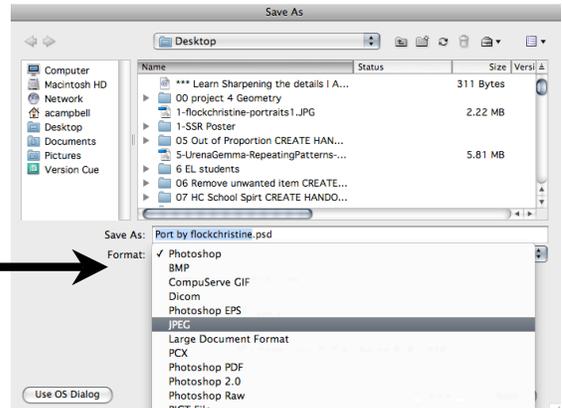
Turn in the original unedited image and the edited image.

Correct file naming convention

2-LastFirst-fcOriginal.jpg
2-LastFirst-Folded.jpg

| period | - | your last name and first name | - | the project's name | . | jpg format |