How To Put A Frame Around A Picture In Photoshop Elements

The first way to put a frame around a picture is the easiest way. Just bring your picture into Photoshop Elements, then go to Layer-Layer Style-Style Settings. Here you can give your photo a stroke to create the border of frame around the photo. You can add a drop shadow if you like to give the photo some separation from the background.

The second way is to clip a photo to a shape, then give the shape a stroke with the layer styles. Bring in a shape from the shape panel. Then bring in your photo. Make sure the photo layer is on top of the shape layer. Adjust the size of each to the desires size. Move the cursor between the shape layer and the photo layer in the layers panel, while holding down the option/alt key. The cursor will turn into a square with an arrow pointing down. Release the mouse and the photo layer will be clipped to the shape layer. The picture will only be visible where there are pixels in the shape layer. Select the shape layer and go to Layer-Layer Style-Style Settings and give it a stroke and a drop shadow just like in the first example.

The third way is to bring in a frame from the frame panel. Choose a frame and drag it to the canvas. A layer group will be created in the layers panel. Within the frame there will be instructions to "Click here to add photo or Drag photo here". Just drag a photo to the center of the frame and drop it there. A clipping mask will be automatically created for you clipping the photo to the inside of the frame. If you want to add a drop shadow you can go to Layer-Layer Style-Select Style to add a drop shadow to the frame, but it will add the layer effects to the picture and not the frame, which may not be what you want. Also, you will notice that the fx is on the group, not on the individual layer. To add a layer style to the frame, you need to drag the frame layer out of the group, apply the layer effect, then drag the frame layer back into the group. Good layer styles to use for this is drop shadow to separate the frame from the background. This will also give a little shadow at the top of the picture to separate the frame from the picture. You can also add a bevel style to create a more 3D looking frame.

The fourth way is to bring in a frame from the shapes panel. Then bring in a photo. Make sure the photo layer is under the frame shape layer. Make a selection of the inside of the frame by using a marquee tool, or using the magic wand tool. Make sure the selection overlaps the frame slightly. With the selection made, make sure the photo layer is selected and click on the make layer mask icon at the

top of the layer panel. This will mask out the parts of the photo outside of the frame. Select the frame layer and give it layer the layer styles of drop shadow and bevel if desired.