

Add Copyright and/or signature to your photos

This works in Elements 6 and will more than likely work in full Photoshop.

The idea here is to create a scaleable brush that is in essence your signature or your copyright / Watermark. Once the brush is created and saved by selecting the brush option you can easily add the signature or copyright / watermark by just clicking in a selected area of the photo.

Signature

First of all you need to get your signature into Elements. This can be done by first of all signing a piece of white paper and either scanning that or photographing the signature. When scanning use *300dpi* when photographing use high quality Jpeg.

- 1.** Open up your scanned or photo signature (copyright / watermark) file in Elements. If needs be use enhancements to get your signature to have a good black and white contrast.
(This can usually be done in Levels sliding the white point to the left and the black point to the right)
- 2.** With the rectangular marquee tool select the signature keeping the box as small as possible but still showing all the signature inside.
Then go :- Edit – Define Brush Preset, then save the brush name as eg My Signature.
- 3.** Open a photo and select the *Brush* tool then open the *Brush Preset Picker* on the options bar to show all available brushes. At the bottom you'll find My Signature brush, click on it. Hover over the photo and you'll see the outline of your signature. Use the square brackets ([or]) to increase or decrease the size of the signature brush. Position the signature where you want it and click. You may get a dialogue box saying that a new layer is required accept this; you've signed your photo. Then flatten the layers and save.

Copyright / Watermark

In Elements go File – New – click Blank File. In the box enter a title and set the dimensions at least as follows :- Pixels size 800 wide & 200 high, resolution 300 dpi and set background to white; click OK.

Select the Text tool. Choose a font. Select font size 10 – 12pt. Type in your required text *e.g. Fred Bloggs Photography* (you may wish to precede this with the copyright symbol). Go Layer – Flatten Layer and save.
Then proceed as **1.** above.