

## **Making A Signature Brush in Elements**

1. Under File, select New, then Blank File. Name the file your name.
2. Make sure your color selector box (at the bottom of the toolbar) is showing white.
3. Under Edit, select Fill Layer. Click on OK. Your blank file will now be white.
4. Change color selector box to black and select Text tool. You select the font you want to use in the top toolbar (I use Mystic).
5. Place the text marker in the middle of the page.
6. Type your signature. If you want to include a copyright symbol, you hold the Alt key down and type 0-1-6-9 on the number pad (on the right of keyboard). When you take your fingers off the keys, the copyright symbol will appear.
7. Make the first layer (the white one) inactive, leaving your signature on the transparent layer.
8. Click on the Move tool at the top of the left hand toolbar. That should place a bounding box around your signature.
9. Under Edit, select Define Brush. Name the file that comes up your signature. This will place your signature brush in whatever set of brushes you were using at the time so be sure that you select the default brushes or whichever brushes you typically use.
10. When you want to sign a photograph, simply select the Brush tool, then your signature brush. You can adjust the size of the signature and choose the color with the color selection box as well as the opacity. When you're using a dark color, the Mode at the top of the page must be Darken; with a light signature, it must be Lighten.