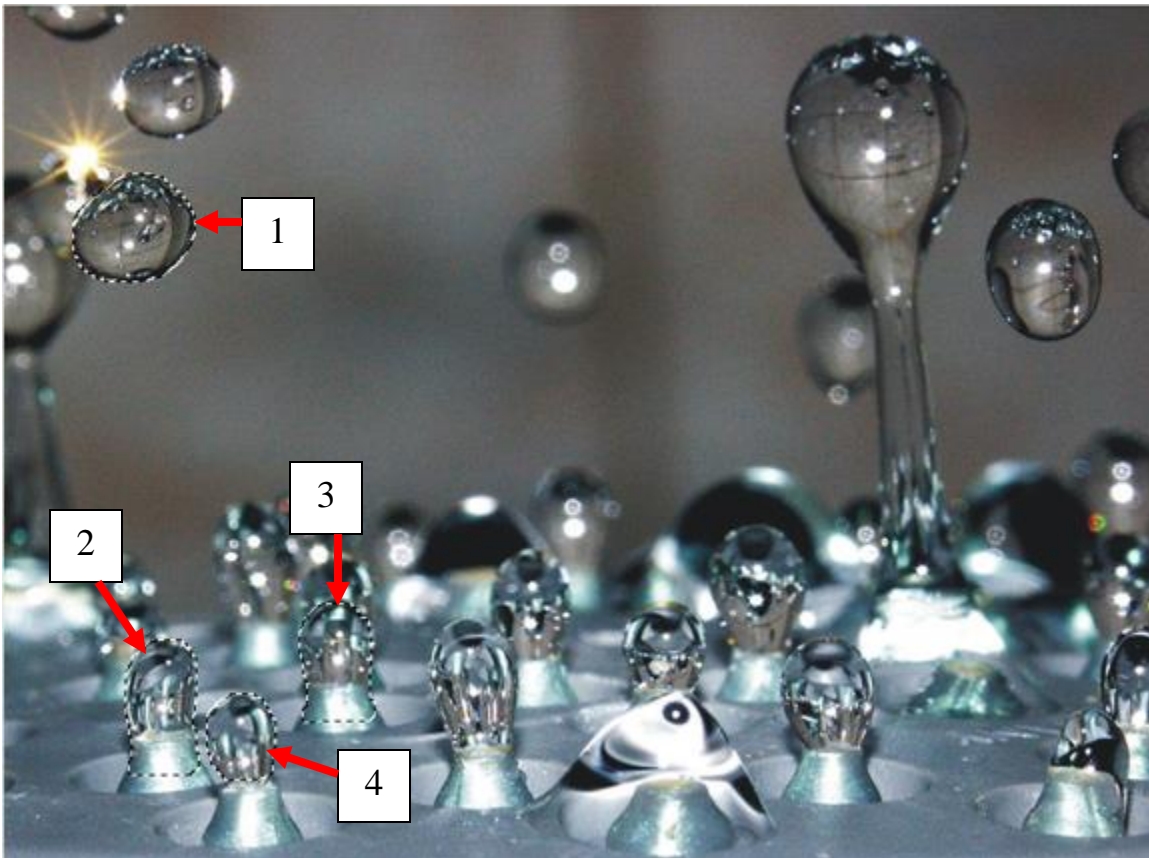# Layering Objects

Make certain that you save as a .PSD file every time until the <u>very end</u>!!!!!

1) Open *Photoshop*. Browse to the *Lessons > Layering Objects* folder, and open up the **<u>Magic Mirror</u>** file.

2) Go to ***Image > Adjustments > Invert*** Apply the effect.

3) Open up the **Raindrops** file from the lessons folder.

4) <u>Carefully</u> create **<u>four separate masks</u>** around ALL the indicated raindrops (additive mode) Refer to the example below for guidance. After you have created the masks, apply a mask *feather* by going to *Select > Modify > Feather* with a radius of **1** pixels. This softens the edges slightly.

5) Hit **Ctrl + C** to copy the areas you masked off. Then hit **Ctrl + V** to paste all your imagery into the exact same spot you copied it from.

6) Click the **Magic Mirror** file again.

7) Hit **Ctrl + C** to copy the Magic Mirror. Go back to raindrops and paste it into the image. Position the mirror *as close as you can to the example shown below.*

8) Click your *Objects Manager*. You will see the different objects you have created listed. Click on the layer that represents your mirror, and *drag* it *downward* (it might already be in the correct spot) This should result in you placing the mirror *behind* the small raindrops you already masked and pasted previously.

9) You may now discard the original **Magic Mirror** file. There is no need to save any changes on this file whatsoever. Backup save your **Raindrops** image as a .PSD file in your student folder for works in progress.

10) Open up the **Eagle** file from the *Lessons* folder.

11) You must now create a detailed, finely tuned mask around the eagle. You have practiced the various methods. Choose which works best for you here.

(Note: there are <u>different options</u> to successfully mask off the bird. Some are slow, some are fast. Try different mask options to find out)

12) Hit **Ctrl + C** to copy the image. Click your <u>Raindrops</u> file, and hit **Ctrl + V** to paste the eagle into your image. Position it according to the example on the next page.

13) To re-size the eagle, hit **Ctrl+T** to free transform. Remember to hold the **SHIFT** key while re-sizing it to keep it from warping. Click the **Check Mark** button at the top right to <u>set</u> the transform.

14) Next, duplicate your eagle by hitting **Ctrl+V again** This creates an exact copy of your bird. Click on him and move it off to the side.

15) You will now shrink your duplicate eagle to approximately 50% of its original size. Use Ctrl+T again to do this. Position the eagle so that it <u>fits into the mirror</u>.

16) When you have your eagle positioned properly, drop the *Opacity* by using the <u>slider</u> on the *Objects Menu*. Type or drag the slider to 60%. This will help create the illusion of a reflection in the mirror.

17) Next, save your final image as a .PSD file to the inbox so that all the layers remain intact for me to check.

18) LABEL your work correctly. I'm tired of looking forever to find specific students. Last name first, plus first name initial if you share a last name with someone else.