How Do I use Filters in Adobe Photoshop Elements 8.0?

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Task Description: I want to use filters in Adobe Photoshop Elements. How do I do that?

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First, open your file...
From the Effects menu on the righthand side of the screen, you can select any effect that you want to apply to your image. The downside of doing this is that you cannot see what the preview is, and you must apply and let it load. A preview screen will load where you can adjust the filter, or press cancel and return to the original image.
Or, go to the Menu Bar and click Filter>Filter Gallery...

A new screen will open. The Filter gallery lets you use the same options as the effects menu, while allowing previews and layer management.
Select a category...

Each category has different options for filter effects.
Each option that you select shows the effects immediately in a preview of your image to the left side of the screen.

Each option has option specific levels. Here in the Plastic Wrap option you can choose the grain amount, highlights, and intensity.
To add multiple effects, create a new layer...

The new layer that you make will be a copy of the currently layer.

Edit as you want...

To add multiple effects, you make a new layer and go through the steps you did with the first layer.
Move layers as needed...

If you move one layer onto another, you can change the look and feel of the image.

Click Ok to Apply effects...