

MAKING Quick Pages

– TURN YOUR LAYOUT INTO a QP

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Making QP's is easy – especially if you start with a layout you love. If you're on a CT and the designer asks for QPs, scrap a page first. It's easier to determine size and placement of photos on the layout if you're working with real photos! And once you have a layered file, it's quick work to turn it into a QP everyone will love!

START with the .psd file of the layout:

1. Turn off any text layers. In PS/PSE you can click on the eyeball next to those layers.
2. Locate your photos in the layers palette – we will start with the photo that is highest up in the stack. Click on the topmost photo layer to select it.
3. Select that photo. In PS/PSE you can hold the CTRL key and click on the layer thumbnail (the little picture to the left of the layer name).
4. Be sure your Move tool is selected (press V to select it) and hit DELETE.
5. Change to the layer below that, and hit DELETE again. Do this for every layer until you get to the background paper. When you DELETE on the bottom paper layer, you should see a gray and white checkerboard indicating that the space is transparent.
6. Repeat this process with the next photo in the stack – select the photo, start on the layer right below the photo, and hit delete.



This process will help you to be certain to delete EVERYTHING underneath the photo – while some of the layers may not contain anything that would show in the hole you're making, if you DELETE every layer, you won't miss something that has just a little corner or a drop shadow showing into the photo area.

7. When you have all the layers below the photos deleted, check over your layout closely to be sure there is nothing you have missed. I usually do this check at 100% so I know what it will look like when it's printed!

Notice on this one, one of the drop shadows shows into the photo area →

You can get rid of this after you save as a .png file, by carefully erasing this, or using the polygonal lasso to select around the inside of the frame and hit DELETE.

8. Save the layout as a .png file. Now it's ready to share as a QP! (Don't forget to fix those last minute things from step 8).

REMEMBER:

Be sure you have a designer's permission to make QPs from their kits. Even if you give a QP away for free, you still need the designer's permission to distribute their work. But if you have a layout you love, from a designer you like, do ask if they would have use for a QP from that layout! Many designers need blog freebies, or crop giveaways, and would welcome the gift!

Happy Scrapping!

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