



## INSTRUCTIONS CIRCLE TEMPLATE

### CZDESIGN 8½x11 LAYERED TEMPLATE

*These instructions and templates are for use in Photoshop (PS) and Photoshop Elements (PSE) only*



#### WORKING WITH LAYERED TEMPLATES

Open the template and then make sure you also have your **Layers Palette** open. (**View > Layers** in PSE; **Window > Layers** in PS)

Open a paper or photo of your choice, **Select All** (**CTRL + A**; **CMD + A** on a Mac), copy (**CTRL + C**; **CMD + C** on a Mac), then return to the template, click on the layer in the **Layers Palette** that you wish to modify and paste (**CTRL + V**; **CMD + V** on a Mac). Your paper or photo should appear in a new layer directly above that layer in the palette. If not, click on your photo or paper in the **Layers Palette** and drag it directly above the layer you intend to clip into. Use the **Move Tool** to position your image directly over the target shape.

With the new layer highlighted, create a clipping mask (PSE: **CTRL + G**; **CMD + G** on a Mac; (PS: **OPT + CTRL + G**; **OPT + CMD + G** on a Mac) to clip it into the template layer shape below. It works like magic. You can also go to the **Layer Menu** and find the **Create Clipping Mask** command there. Repeat for each photo and paper layer.

#### CUSTOMIZING ELEMENT COLORS IN PS/PSE

**To change the color of an element:** Open the PSD file and then make sure you also have your **Layers Palette** open. (**View > Layers** in PSE; **Window > Layers** in PS)

To change the color of an element, click on its layer in the **Layers Palette** to highlight it, or click on it directly the **Move Tool** to select.

Next, go to **Edit > Fill Layer** (**Edit > Fill** in PS). Under **Contents** choose **Color** from the drop down menu. The **Color Picker** will come up.

Use your mouse to select a color you want to use and be sure that **Preserve Transparency** is checked. Click **OK** and your layer element will change to the color you selected.

#### FONTS USED IN THE TEMPLATE

**Free Template Font:** [Open Sans](#)

**DESIGN TIP:** These circle text blocks are designed to work with the Close to My Heart Cut Above® Layout Kit—This Is Me. Change the font as desired, then use a circle punch or circle die to cut out your journal circles. You can also change the background color of the circles and change the text color, too! Try changing the text color to white for a fun look! Be sure to turn OFF each Circle Template layer if you just want black text on a white background.

