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.

FONTS USED IN THE TEMPLATE

Journal Text Font: Open Sans

The title has been turned into graphic so you it will read as designed on any computer. However, it was created using a font called Clementine Sketch, a free font highlighted in the article.

WORKING WITH THIS TEMPLATE

Create a hybrid page that combines your printed journaling and title, with a 6 x 4 photo. Add your journaling to this template before printing it out. Print it onto white cardstock and then trim inside the thin guide line. Mount that piece onto a 12 x 12 background of your choice, and add the year and month tab. (I've also included customizable date tabs that you can print out and add to the layout.)

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.

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