

Digital Technique for December Competition

Themed Image Collage



Choose some theme that you have pictures for or go out and shoot a set around some subject:

Produce, Fall, Birds, Stamps, Cars, License plates or even your "Family – a year in pictures" collage

These make great calendars or Christmas letters or gifts so leverage your best shots from the year for the holidays as well as this Digital Technique!







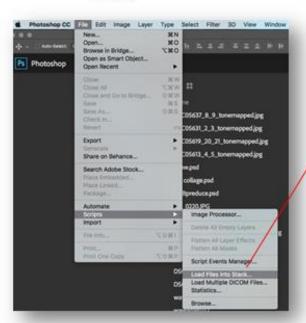
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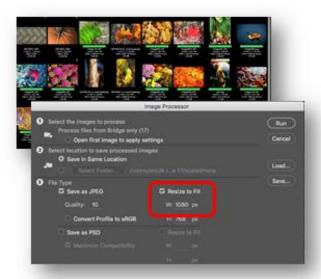
Here are the steps:

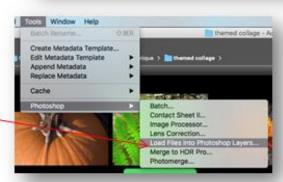
- 1. Select and size your images files:

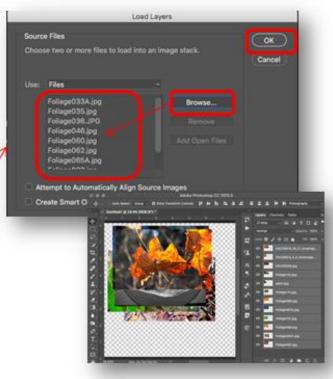
 If using Bridge or Lightroom- Select
 the photos and choose Image

 Processor to size them all to a desired
 resolution. Because we are using
 many, you can resize them to
 something smaller like 1080 x 768 so
 they are more consistent to work
 with.
- With that sized collection, now select them and load the collection into Layers.
 - ✓ If using Bridge, choose "Load into Photoshop Layers"
 - ✓ If using Photoshop, choose File \Scripts \ Load Files into Stack then browse for your files and Hit OK





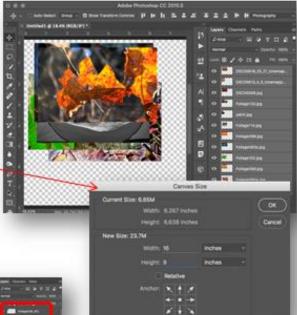






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- The pictures will load one on top of the other so in the Layers area.
- Make the canvas larger to the size of your desired end state by choosing Image \ Canvas Size
- Choose one at a time going from top to bottom in the Layers panel and disperse them out on the canvas.



Resize using the handles on each image...be careful on maintain the aspect ratio so the image does not look skewed

6. Arrange and resize as desired. Save the resulting file.psd so you still have all the layers in case you want to rework something.



7. Save again as .jpg to flatten it out to a single image.

Try several...make Christmas gifts... Explore, learn and have fun!