



Creating a Montage

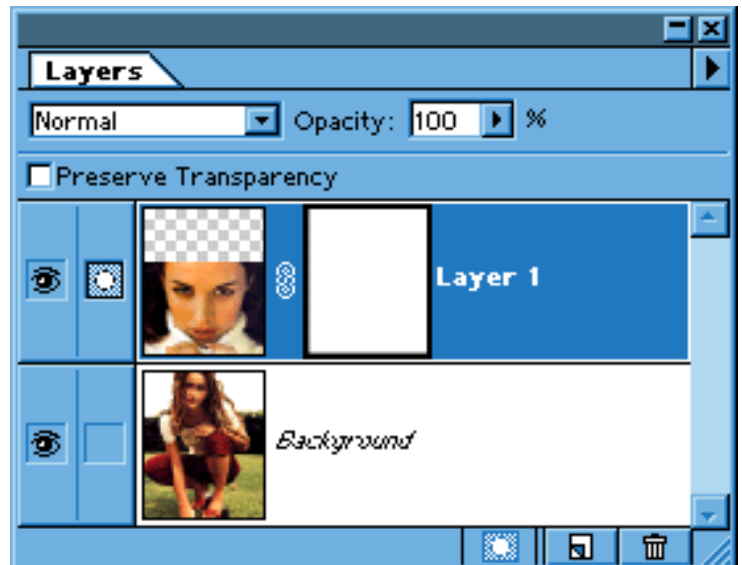
Welcome to the *Creating a Montage tutorial* . This tutorial was designed to teach you how to combine photographs in a gradual manner to create a collage effect, otherwise known as a montage.. If you need help with it, or find it confusing, don't hesitate to e-mail me, the information is at the bottom of the page.

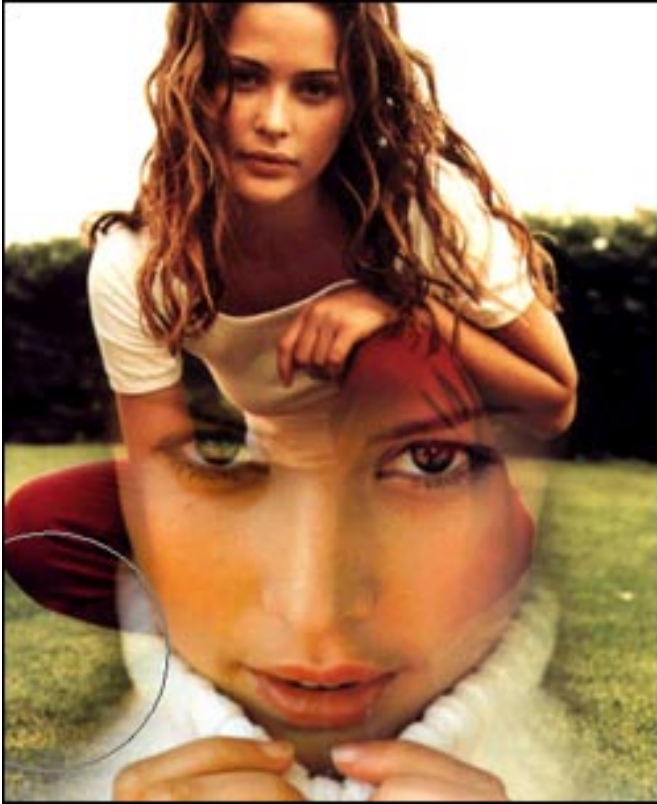



- 1 Montages are quite easy, all you need is three things; the **Paintbrush Tool** () , Layers Masks, and the desired photos. Once you've selected your photos, make sure they look right, you can [enhance](#) them for a better final result. Place all your images on the same canvas, use one of the images' dimensions for the canvas size, I'd recommend using the largest image.

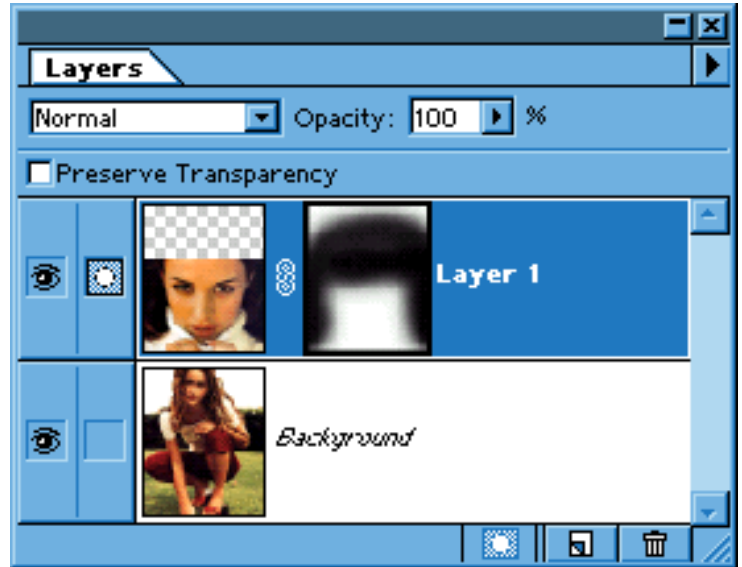


- 2 Lay the images out, select the top most layer, in this case I've chosen the close up of Josie's face. Click the **Add Layer Mask** button () at the bottom of the Layers palette. Your Layers palette should look like the one below.





- 3** Select the **Paintbrush Tool** () from the tool bar, select a large brush, I used a brush with a diameter of 190 pixels. You can change your brush sizes by double clicking on them and moving the diameter slider either left or right. Select the Layer Mask, and slowly paint around the contour of Josie. My palette is below.



- 4** Adding more photos creates a more detailed look. The more photos you add to your collage the longer the audience will be captivated and encouraged to keep looking. Making certain insignificant photos less visible makes the viewer concentrate more as to what they are looking for. As with my wallpapers I like to add as much imagery into them as possible so I keep my audience looking at them, that way they don't get old easily. This was my final effect you can click on the thumbnails below to obtain the images used in the collage to the left.



Congrats, you're done!

Discussion

If you have any questions, or there are any steps that I can further elaborate on, don't hesitate to e-mail me using the information below. Due to the amount of e-mail I get, you'll get a quicker response if you use the discussion forum. Post your question in the tutorials forum. Click [here](#) to go to the discussion forum.

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