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Geometric Collages



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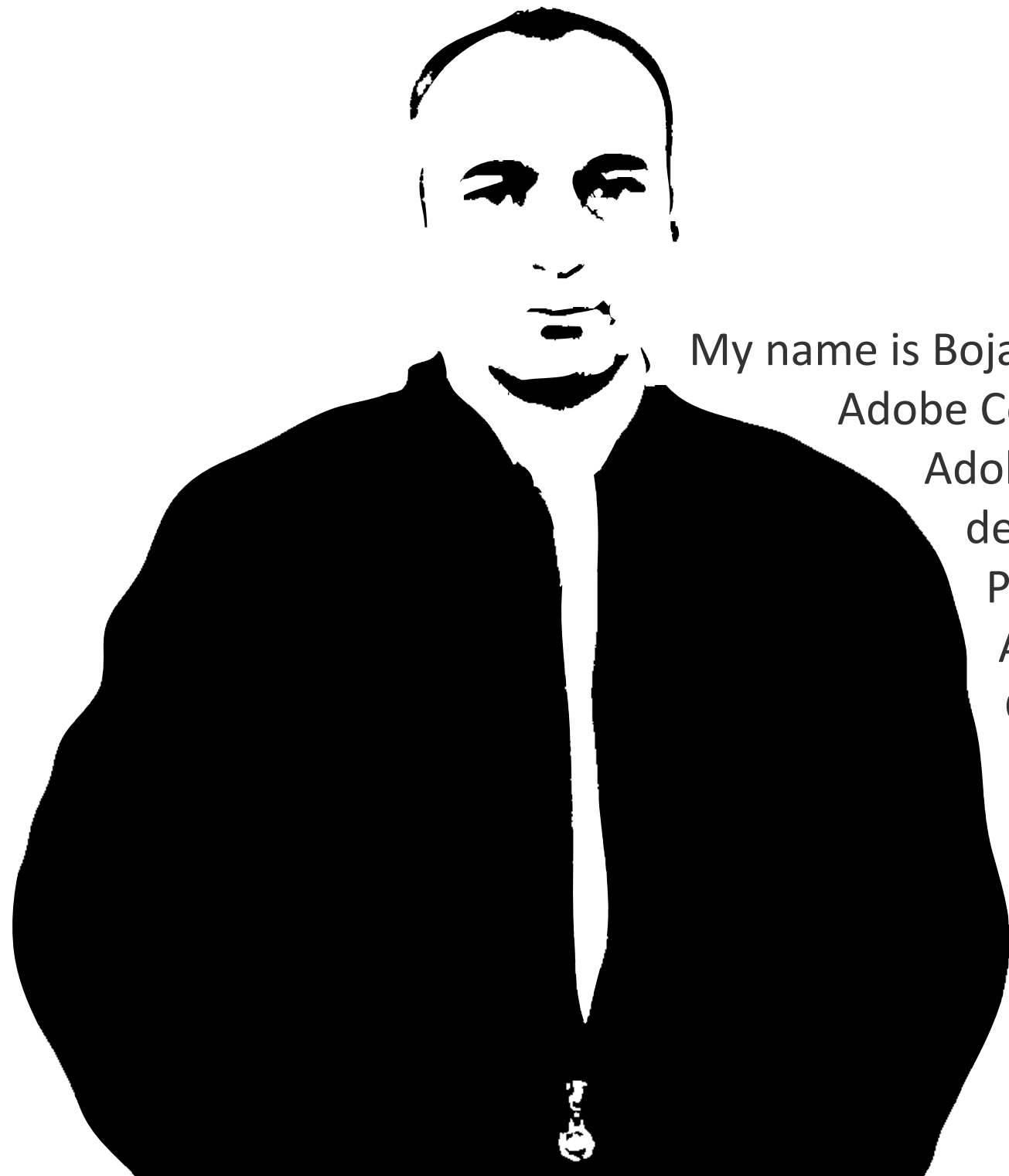
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PHOTOSHOP PLUS-ABOUT



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Geometric Collages Help

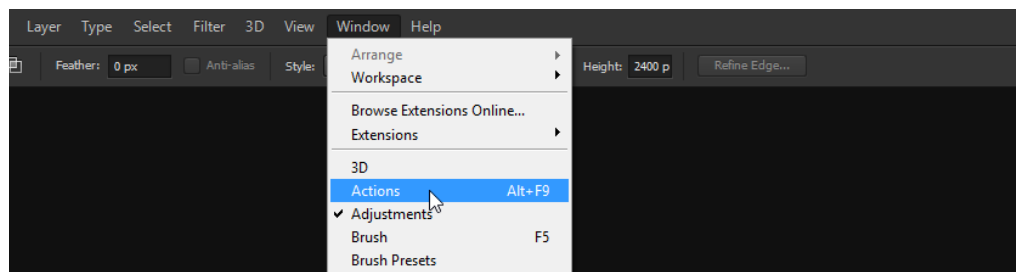
It is extremely easy to use this set of actions which are flexible and gives you lots of flexibility over final result. In the tutorial below I will give you instructions how to load actions in Photoshop and how to play them in order to get template created which is starting point for your collage.

Step 1 Load actions in Photoshop

The easiest way to load actions is from **File > Open >** navigate to **Geometric Collages.atn** file and double click on it.

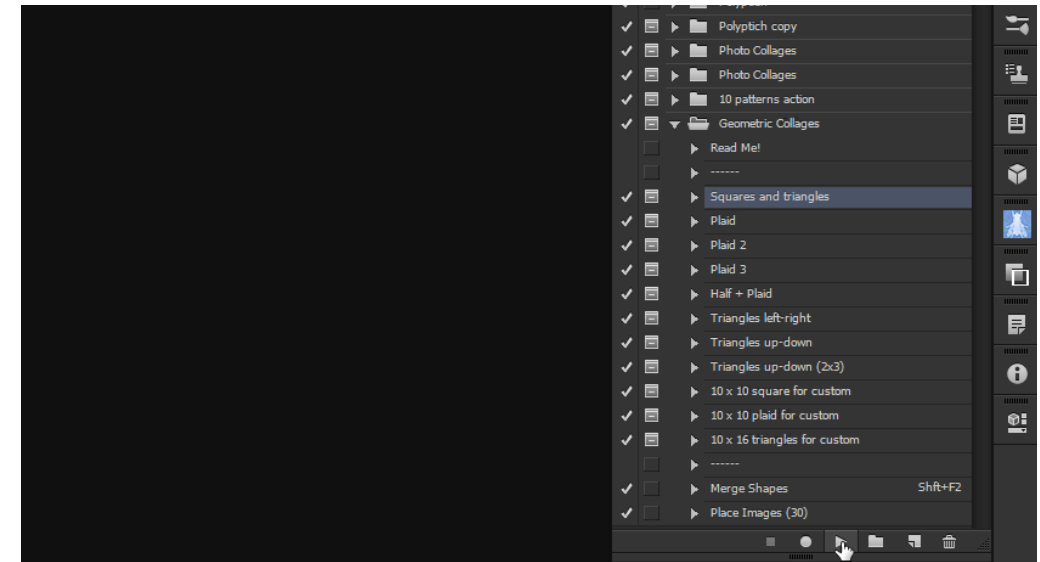
Step 2 Display Actions panel

After loading actions in Photoshop you will need to display the **Actions** panel if it's not visible on the, usually, right side of the screen. Expand **Window** menu, then click on **Actions**.



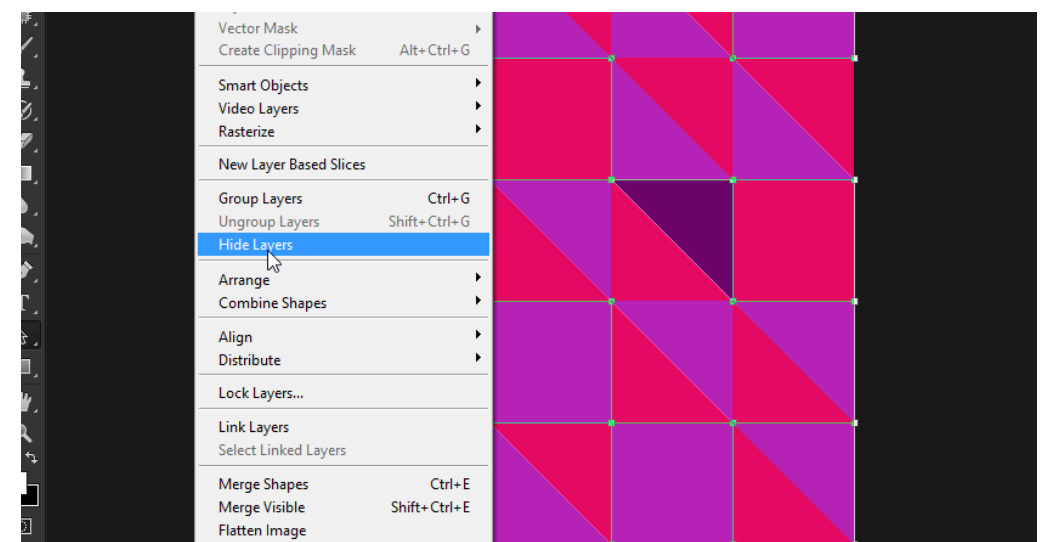
Step 3 Play action

You can preview templates in this file and to decide which one you want as a starting point. To play action you need to select it in the Actions panel and to click Play selection button at the bottom of Actions panel. At the beginning of each action you can change document dimensions which will affect shapes which creates template for collage. Nothing to worry or to hard think about, you can change everything after collage is created.



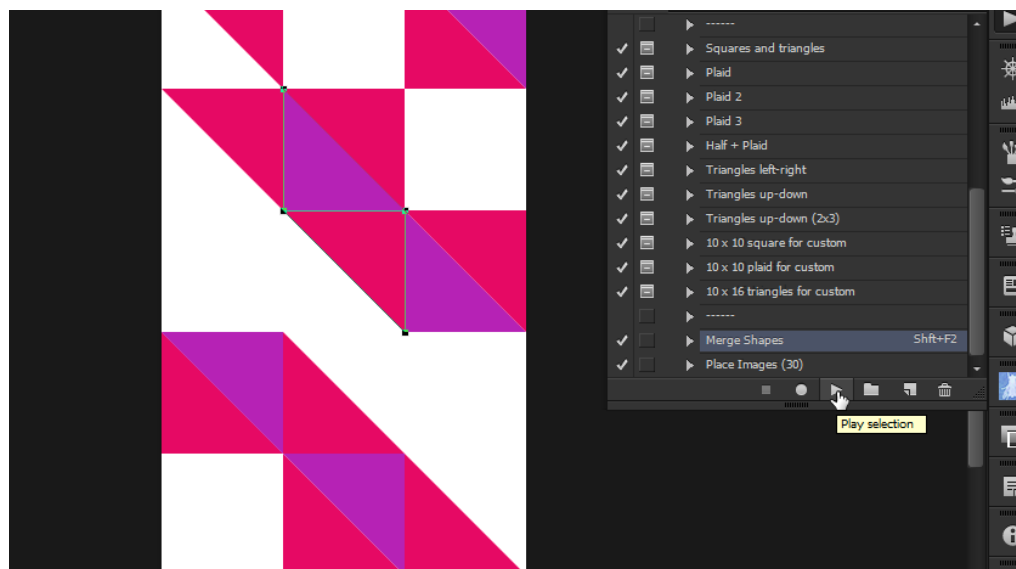
Step 4 Hide layers

After action create collage you can start hiding layers which you do not want to use to clip images or graphics inside. All the shapes that are created should be used to clip images/graphics. Activate Path Selection Tool then start clicking on the shapes while holding down Shift key. Lastly go to **Layer > Hide Layers** to temporary hide them.



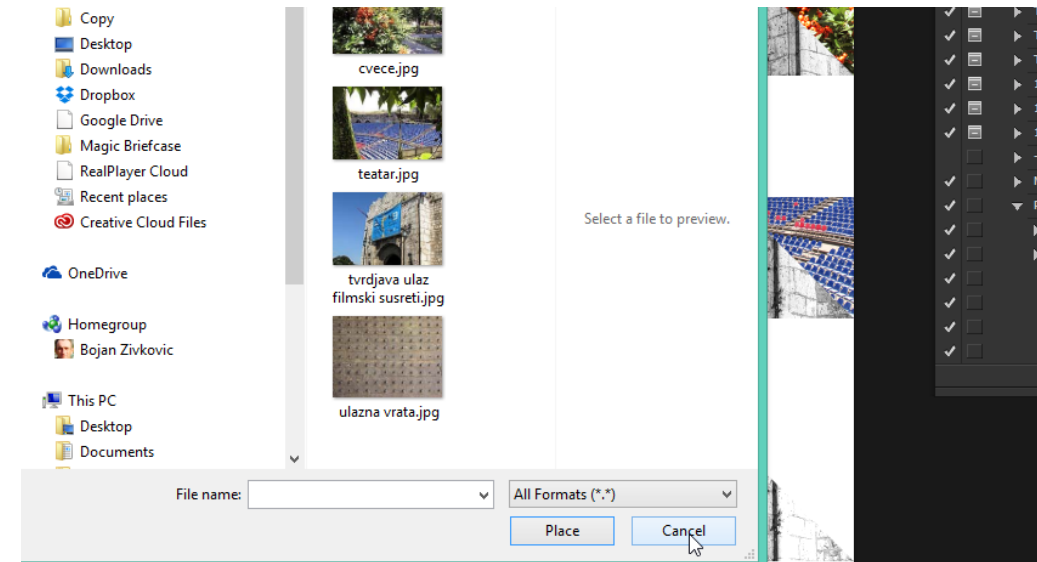
Step 5 Merge Shapes

Template created should be a starting point and you can modify it. In case you want to merge some shapes use Path Selection Tool to select shapes then run **Merge Shapes** action (I have assigned **Shift + F2** keyboard shortcut to this action).



Step 6 Place Images

Main reason to hide shapes that you do not want to clip images is to be able to use advantage of Place Images (30) action which will guide you to populate template with images/graphics. The number in parentheses is representing maximum number of images that you can place one after another. This action is flexible but will not stop once you have placed all required images for that particular template. Actions are not that clever. You can stop playing action by clicking on **Cancel** button in **Replace File** dialog once you have placed all images. Action will stop playing and will expand in the Actions panel so it is recommended to collapse it.

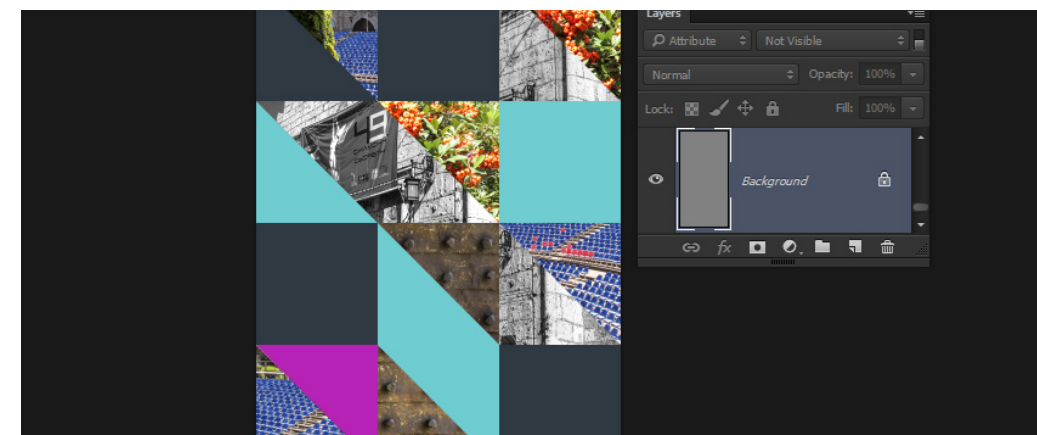


Step 7 Replace already placed image

In case you want to replace already placed image use: **right click on the Smart Object layer > Replace Contents**.

Tips

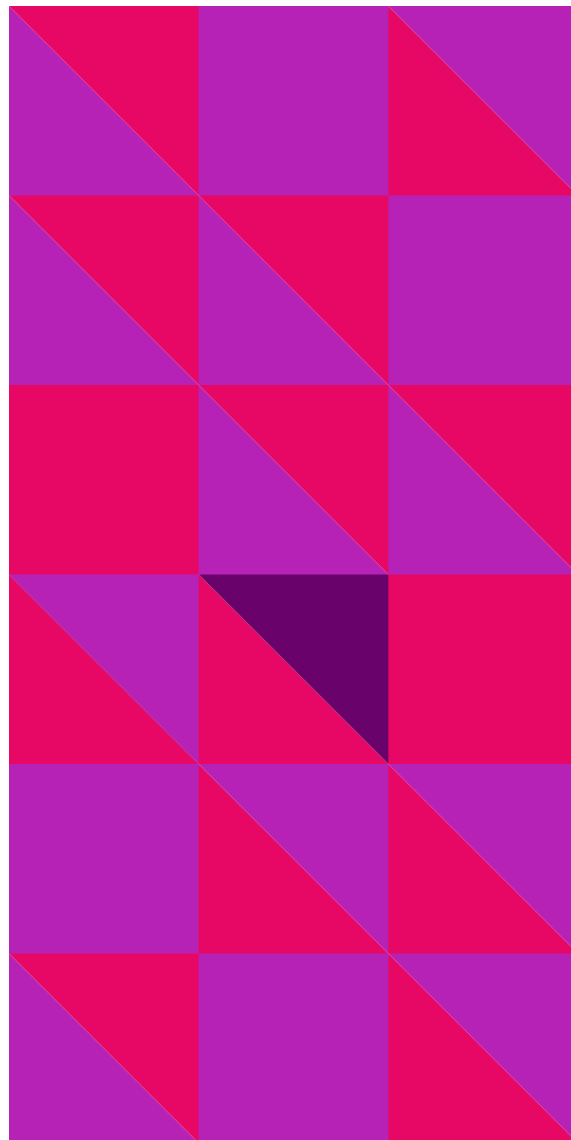
If you see white lines between pieces of the collage that's Background layer which is white. Fill it with neutral gray and problem should be fixed.



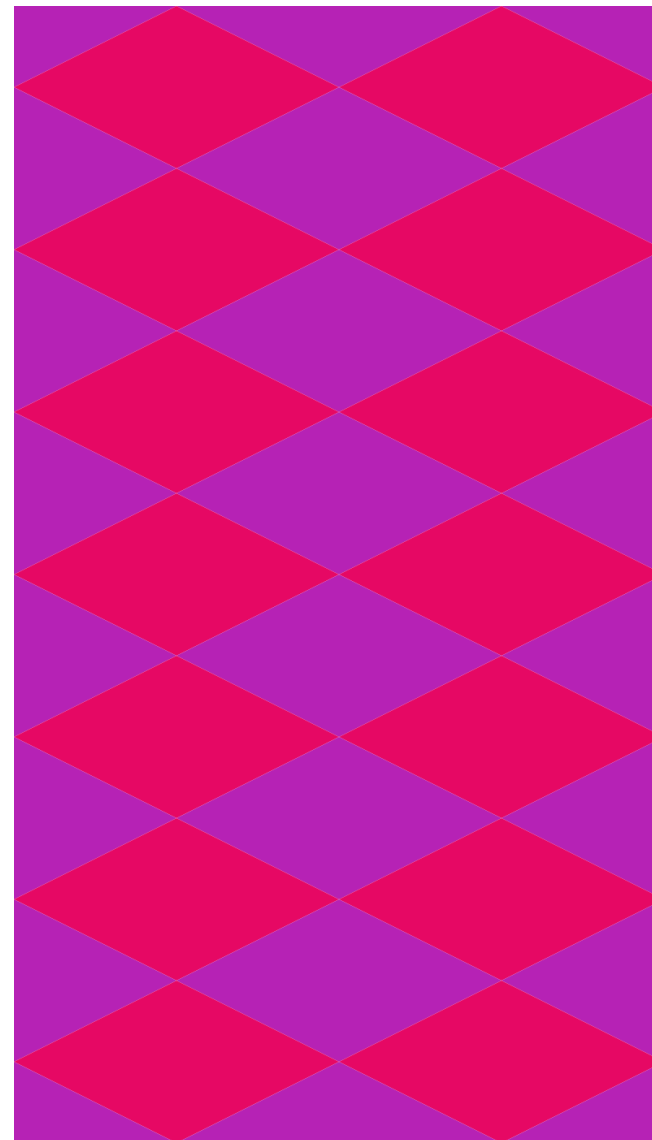
Actions for custom collages

Using actions at the bottom (with the custom in the name) you can create just any geometric collage from this set or to create new, custom collage. Use **Path Selection Tool** to select and delete extra shapes followed by **Image > Trim** to remove extra space. Lastly use the Crop Tool or **Image > Canvas Size** to tweak document dimensions. Start selecting shapes and merging them using **Merge Shapes** action.





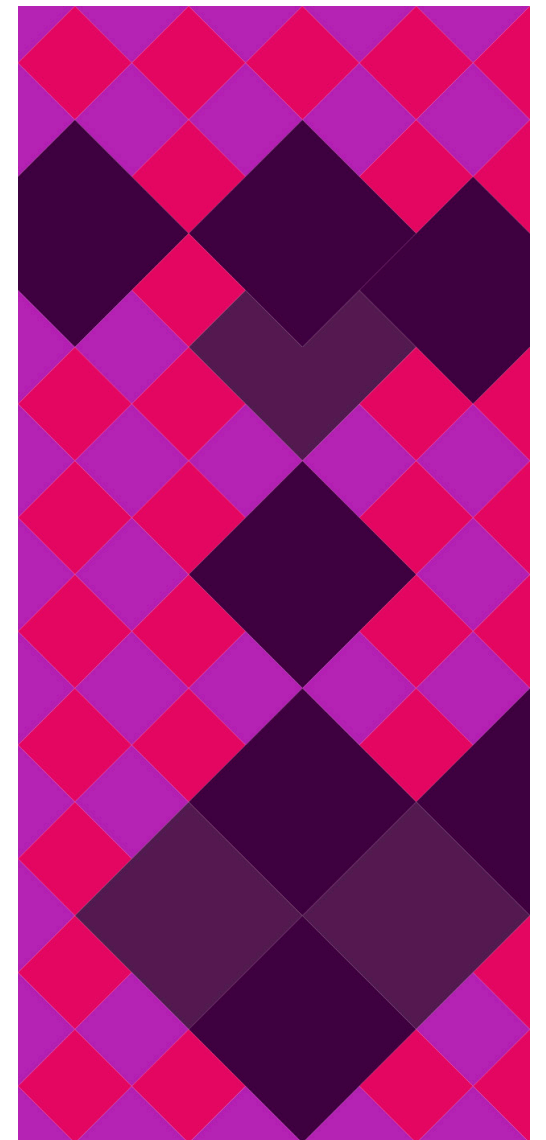
Squares and Triangles



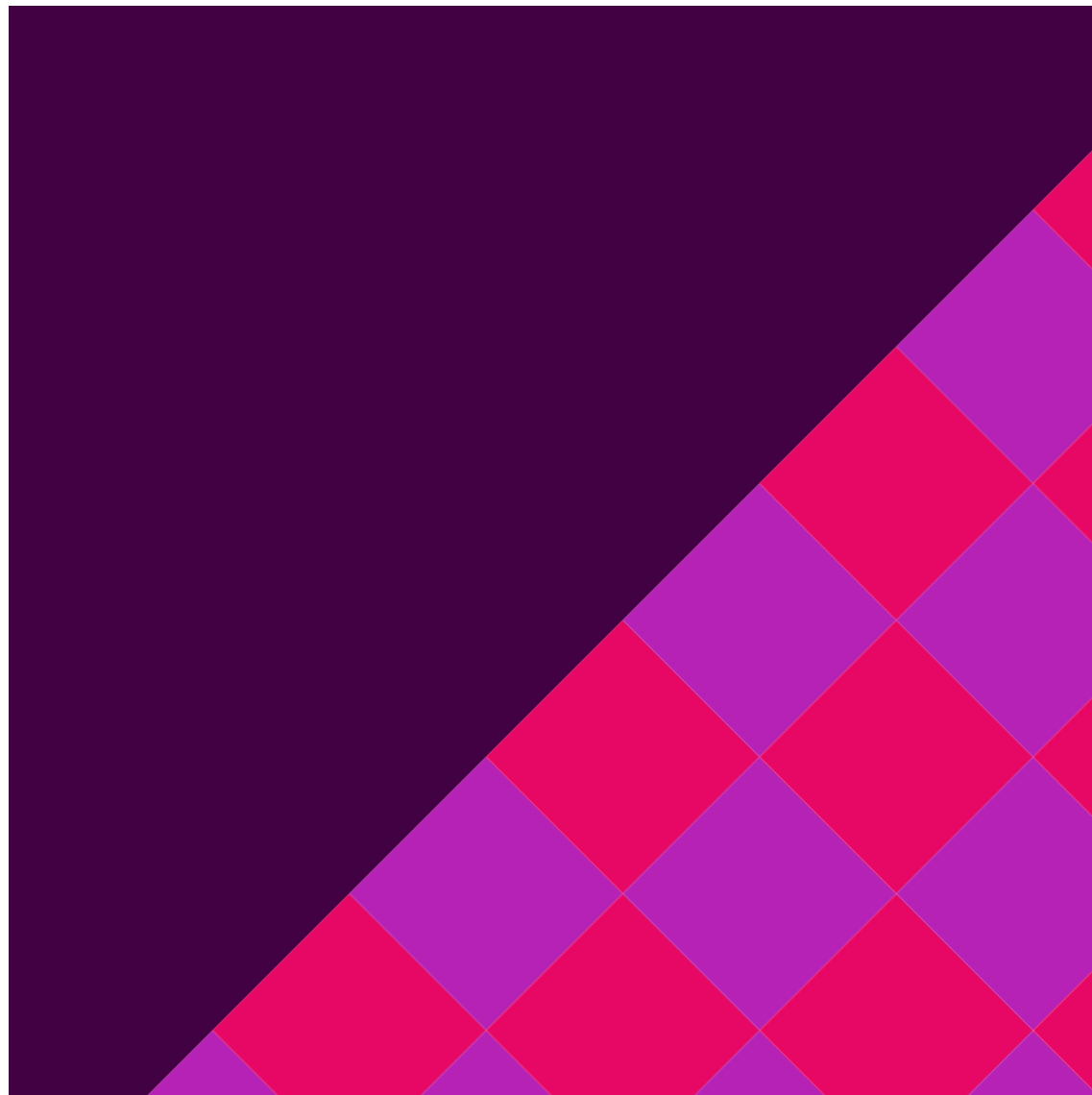
Plaid



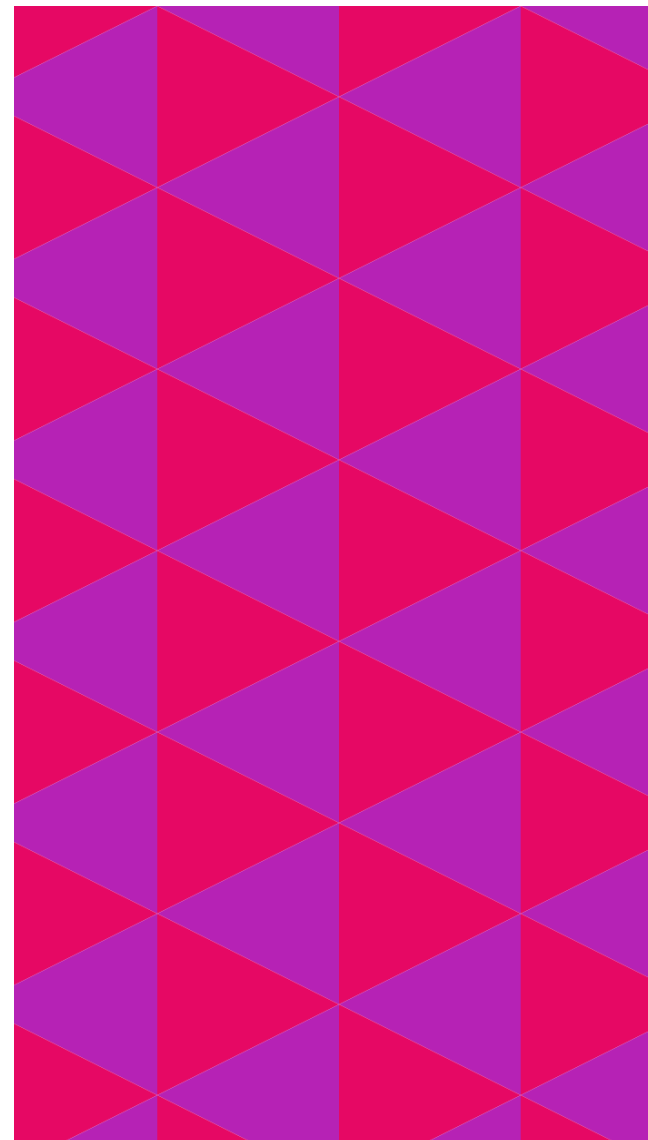
Plaid 2



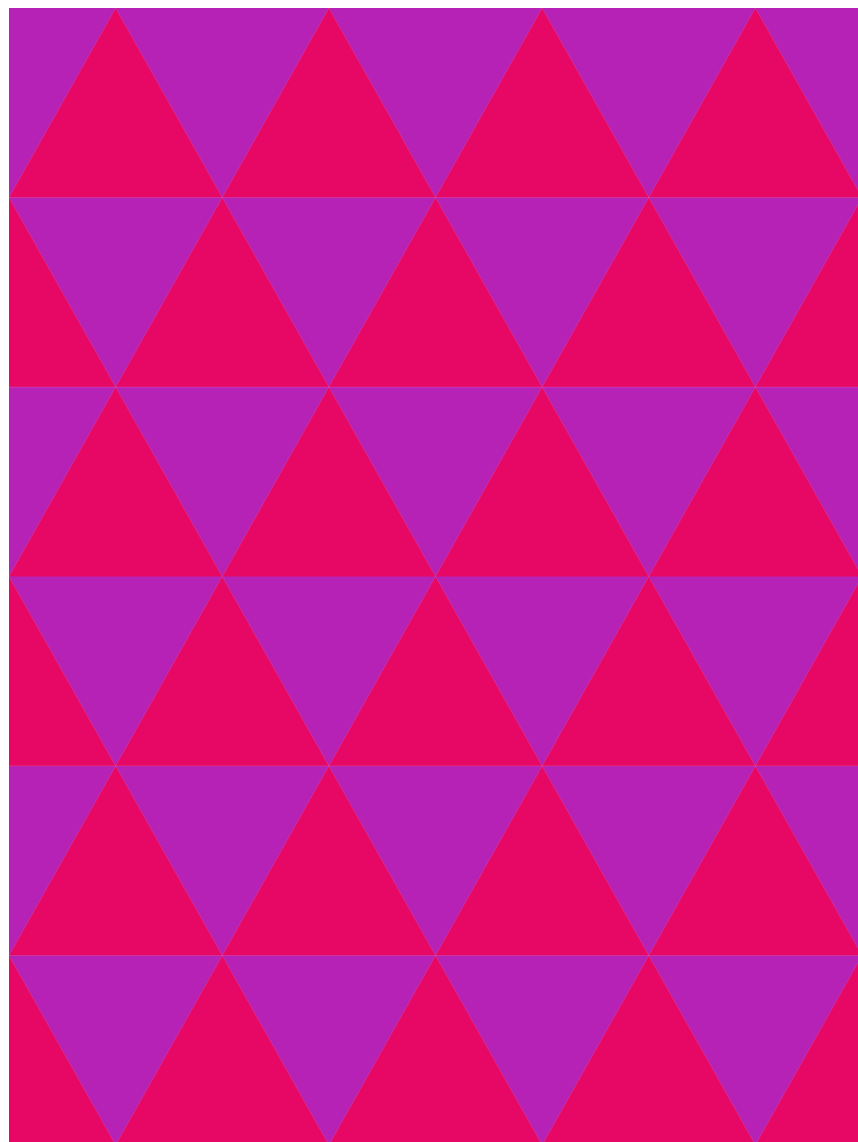
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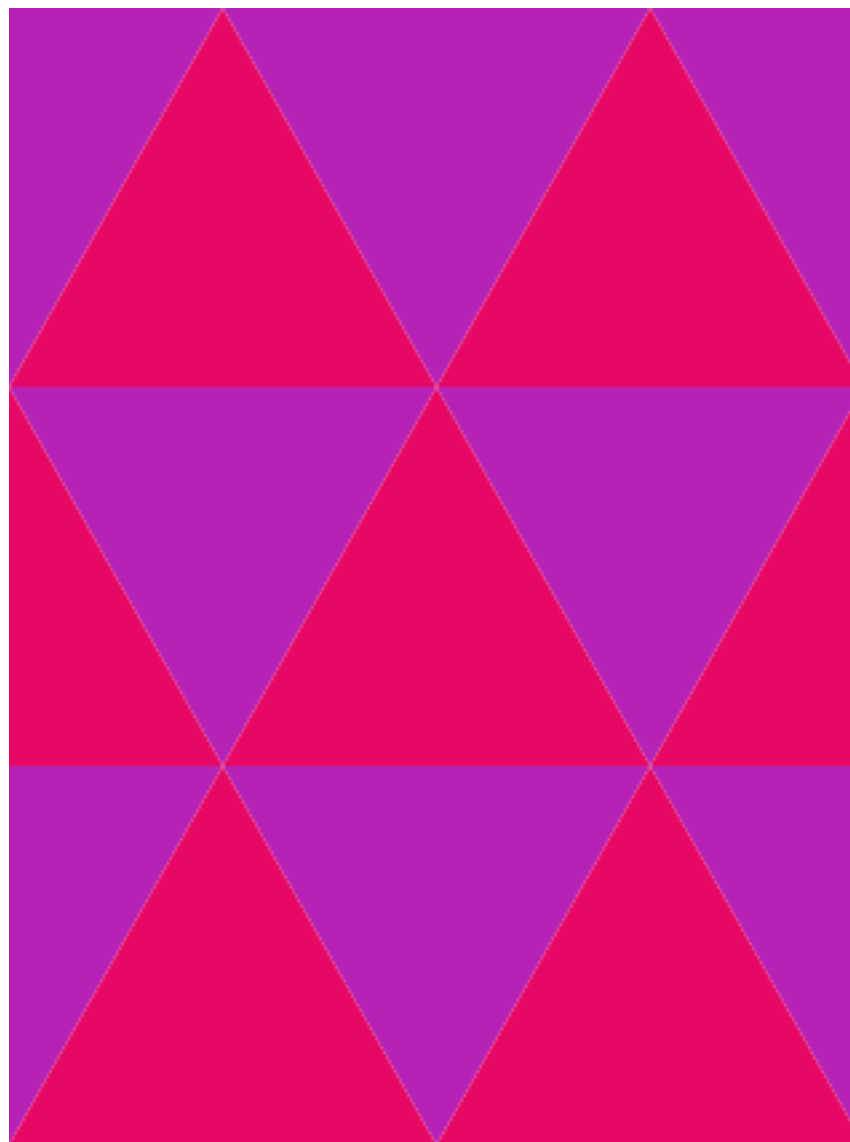
Half + Plaid



Triangles Left - Right



Triangles Up - Down



Triangles Up - Down (2x3)