



INSTRUCTIONS HELLO AWESOME DAY 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.

EDITABLE FONTS USED IN THIS TEMPLATE:

Journaling Font: Times New Roman is used for the journaling block in this template.

NOTE: you will likely get a message that says you do not have the same font as the template. No worries! Just highlight the journaling text and change the font to your version of Times New Roman, or any font you like!

Enjoy!

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