

Snappy Scraps (layered templates) by Sarah VanDyke

Instructions:

Photoshop and Photoshop Elements: (For PSD files).

1. Open the psd file in PS.
2. Open or drag the paper or picture into PS that you want to add to your LO.
3. Select the shape/layer you want to put your picture or paper on (you can select holding Control and clicking on the shape) or click on the layer in the layer manager tab.
4. Then, copy and paste or drag and drop the paper or picture above the layer you want it to be on, and hit Control, Alt, G to clip the item into the shape of the layer below. ***
5. You can then click on the layer of the paper or picture to adjust it (move it or resize it). Add any drop shadows or strokes to the shape layer (not the layer with the paper or picture). Once you have things set as you want them, link the two layers together so they don't get separated if you move one or the other.
6. Repeat process for other shapes and layers.
7. Complete your page in just a few snaps!

*** In PS, if you have trouble accidentally moving layers between your clipping masks and shape layers and it confuses you, and alternate way (meaning do not used Control, Alt, G) to put your paper and pictures into the shape layers is as follows:

1. Place the paper or picture above the shape layer.
2. Highlight the paper/picture layer in the layer manager.
3. Hold the control button and click on the shape layer's icon (yes your paper layer is still the one highlighted). This will load the shape (you'll see marching ants around the shape within your paper or picture).
4. Click the add layer mask icon on the bottom of the layer manager window (it's the icon that is a gray rectangle with a white circle in the middle). This will mask your layer into the shape.
5. If you need to adjust or move the paper/picture layer, unlink the mask from the layer, click on the paper/picture icon and you can adjust and move it.
6. You can then apply drop shadows and strokes to this layer for effect.

PSPX

(For PSD files)

1. Open the psd file in PSPX.
2. Open or drag the paper or picture into PSPX that you want to add to your LO.
3. Place the paper or picture on a layer above the shape layer you want to fill.
4. Using the magic wand, select OUTSIDE the shape on your page.
5. Click on the paper/picture layer in the layers palette to make it active.
6. Click delete and your paper will be in the shape from the template.
7. Turn off the visibility of your shape layer. (You can also delete the shape layer if you so desire).

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Using the PNG files

If you work in a program that cannot open the layered PSD file, the individual PNG files will allow you to make your own layered template in your program.

1. Open a new 12x12 canvas.
2. Open the last file (each files name includes a layer number and a description of the layer) first. This will be the highest numbered layer file.
3. Copy the layer and then paste it onto your new canvas. If you drag the layer onto your new canvas, it may not position correctly, but copying and pasting should position it properly like an overlay.
4. Open the next to last file and repeat step 3, so that the new layer is **ONTOP** of the previous layer.
5. Repeat step 3 and 4 until all layers are on your new canvas. File 1 should be your top layer.
6. Once all of your layers are on the new canvas, you can save your “template” in your program’s native file type so it can be adjusted and remain in layers.
7. Once you have your template you can now fill each shape with papers or pictures using whichever fill method works best for your program.

GENERAL instructions for using the JPG (or flat version of the files) file

If you work in a program or version of a program that will not open the layers using the PSD files, and cannot use the individual PNG files, here are some **GENERAL** instructions that may help you still use the template. You may want to search for a tutorial that will give you more specifics on **HOW** to do some of these steps below.

1. Open the template file in your program.
2. Open your paper or picture you want to fill a shape with.
3. Using the magic wand, select a section you want to fill.
4. Set your fill/pattern to your paper or picture.
5. Fill the selection with your pattern (paper/picture).