

Digital Scrapbook Page

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Digital scrapbooking is my new obsession! It's so fast and easy and by using a few Photoshop tricks, these techniques are nearly impossible to distinguish from the real things!

Supplies:

Adobe Photoshop Elements 2.0

A Story to Tell kit (Meryl Bartho for DigitalScrapbookPlace.com)

Sepia toned digital photos

Instructions:

1. Begin by choosing your photos. You will want one large focal point photo and two smaller photos.
2. Download the "A Story to Tell kit" from www.digitalscrapbookplace.com and unzip it onto your computer.
3. Create a new document in Photoshop that is 300 dpi resolution and 8"x8" large.
4. Resize your focal image so that it is also at 300dpi and 8" wide. Crop it so that it is roughly 5" in height.
5. Copy and paste the BG_TanDistressed_12x12.jpg background paper onto your document in Photoshop.
6. Copy and paste your focal point photo that you cropped in step 4 on top of the background paper.
7. Open the Element_TornCardboard.png file and rotate it 90 degrees counterclockwise. Crop the element to 8" x 1.5" and paste it onto your layout as shown. Add a black border to the element about 25 pixels in width.
8. Open the Element_Ribbon_BrownGrossgrain.png file and rotate it 90 degrees. Place it on layout at the top of the photo as shown.
9. Place stitching lines on both the ribbon and the cardboard accent.
10. Crop the 2 smallest photos to 1" x 1" and give them a black border 20 pixels in width, place them on the layout overlapping the focal point photo and the ribbon.

11. Crop the last photo to 1.5" x 2.5", and again, give it a black border. Place it in the lower right corner of the layout, overlapping the cardboard border and the focal point photo. Add Element_Fastner_Staple.png to the image as shown so that it appears stapled to the layout.
12. Create title across the cardboard border and add a subtitle to the upper right corner.
13. Now, to make it all look realistic we need to add some drop shadows! Select the layers to add shadows to and choose Layer Style | Drop Shadow and choose one that looks nice. Keep the shadow at approximately 5 pixels, because if they are too big the elements will look like they're floating off the page.

