

Using a Quick Page in Paint Shop Pro

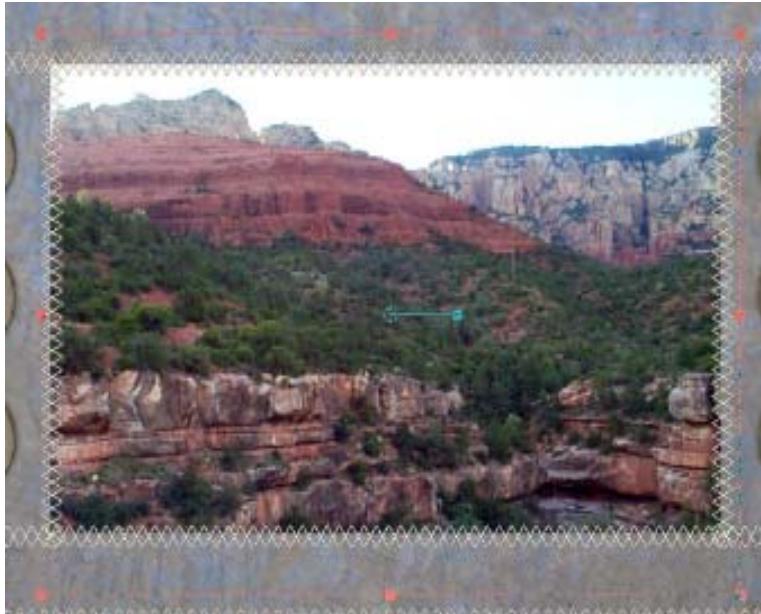
Quick pages are an easy way to get started with digital scrapbooking since the layout is already made for you...you just add photos and have a great looking finished layout! They are also wonderful to use when you just want to create something quick, want to complete a full album of coordinated pages or you just want to have something with a little different style in your albums.

Quick pages come in a couple different ways. The simplest type has a flattened image that you simply copy and paste your photos onto to create a completed quick page. This gives the appearance of a photo pasted onto a scrapbook page. Another style requires you to paste your photo onto the flattened image but there may also be additional separate elements that you can lay over the photo to give it a bit more depth and allow you to customize the quick page a little.

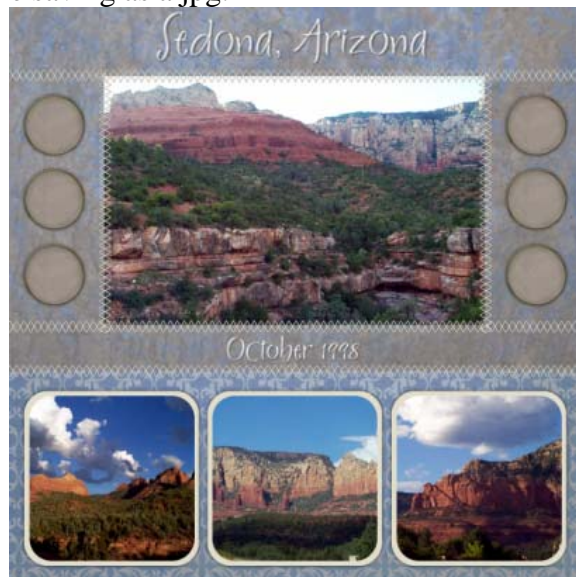
The type this tutorial will be using is a transparent png file that has openings for your photos to be placed behind the flattened image. Often there are little bits of the quick page that lay over your photos once they are placed behind the openings.

****I like to change the default transparent checkerboard background to one that is a solid color so I can see the transparent areas more easily. If you want to do this, click File>Preferences>Transparency and Shading. Click Scheme and in the drop down box, choose a color that works well for you. I use the bright green. ****

1. Open the quick page that you will be using. Copy the quick page and paste as a new image and then close the original file so you are only working with the copy. File>Save as, choose .pspimage. This format will preserve your layers. Give the new file a name and save it to your layouts folder.
2. Open the photos you wish to add to the quick page. Edit>copy the photo and then click on the quick page again. Edit>Paste as New Layer to add the photo to the quick page. It will appear on the top of your quick page.
3. I prefer to move the photo into place first using the Move Tool and then resize it to approximately the size of the opening first. Select the Deform Tool and right click on the image handles to resize it proportionately to the size needed.
4. Once you have the photo resized to the approximate size of the opening, we are ready to move it behind the quick page. Choose Layers>Arrange> Send to Back to move the photo behind so that it shows through the opening. Rearrange as necessary to make the photo center properly in the opening.



5. Continue adding photos as needed, first copying them and then using the Edit>Paste New Layer option until you have all openings filled as desired. You may need to juggle a photo forward or backward as needed for overlapping photos. If you end up with a photo that shows on top of another one, you can either use the Crop tool to remove the outer edges that show or you can simply select the photo and use the Eraser tool to remove the portions that are showing on top of another photo.
6. Add text for title and journaling if desired and you have a layout completed in no time at all!
7. Save your layout in .pspimage format if you want to have the opportunity to edit it at a later date first and then select Layers>Merge >Merge All (flatten) and merge all layers before saving as a jpg.



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