

How to Make A Digital Scrapbook Page

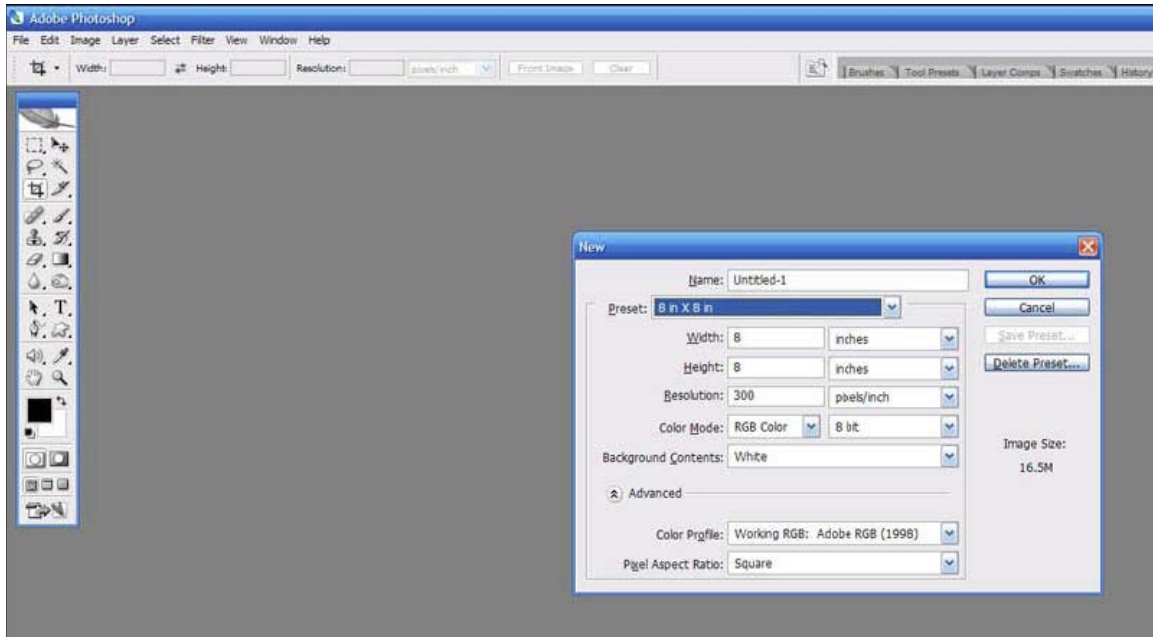


Digital scrapbooking is super easy and fun. To get started all you need is a photo editing program such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Photoshop Elements, Jasc Paint Shop Pro, Microsoft Digital Image Pro (DIP), Ulead Photo Impact, Corel Draw or any other program that supports .png files & layers.

You can download a free try-out copy of Microsoft's Digital Image Suite from halloweenphotocontest.com if you don't have a program to work with and don't want to buy one before you know if digital scrapbooking is for you.

After you've finished your layout have it printed professionally to ensure high quality and the best possible archival life. You can upload your layout directly from your computer to an online photo finisher and then either pick it up in an hour or so from a local retailer or have the printed layout mailed to you. Here's how to make a quick and easy layout in just six steps using your free Fujifilm Halloween "Spooky" digital scrapbooking kit.

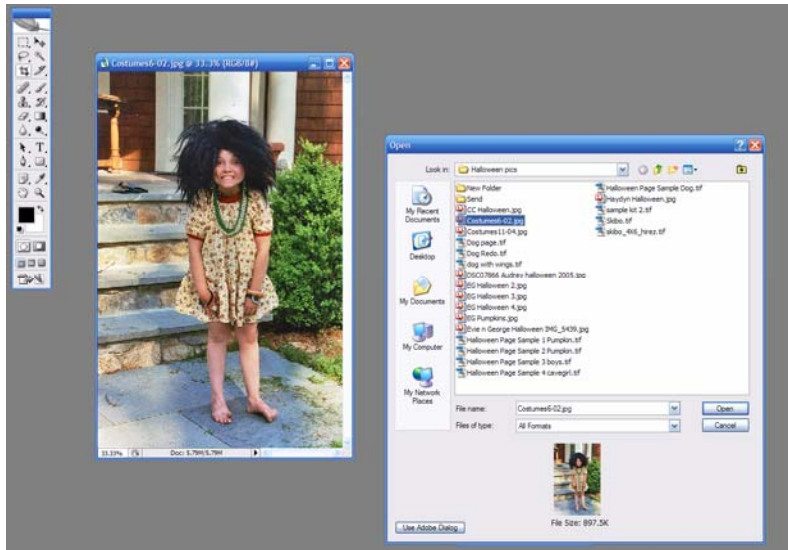
Step One: Create a Foundation



Begin by **opening your photo editing program**. Here we're using Photoshop CS2, but Photoshop Elements is virtually the same program for the purposes of this tutorial. (Other photo editing programs are similar enough that you'll be able to follow along, though you may need to consult the programs help files to find out how to do some things.)

1. Go to **File>New**.
2. In the **New** pop up window, enter the width and height of your layout. Here we'll be working with the popular 8x8 size. Make sure the measurement next to each "8" is set to inches and not pixels.
- 3: Set your **Resolution** to 300 to ensure the best possible prints.
5. Set color **Mode** to RGB.
6. Set **Contents** to white, which results in a plain white background. This will be the foundation of your layout.

Step Two: Open a Photo



1: Go to **File>Open**.

2: Navigate to the folder where you store your digital photos and **choose a photo**.

3: When the photo is open, go to Image>Size and make sure the photo's **resolution is set to 300 DPI**. For the best possible print, uncheck the "resample photo box." Re-sampling will almost always make your photo look pixilated and out of focus.

4: Click the letter "V" on your keyboard to activate the Move Tool. Click on the photo. Hold down the left mouse button while you **drag the photo** into your blank layout document.

Step Three: Select a Background



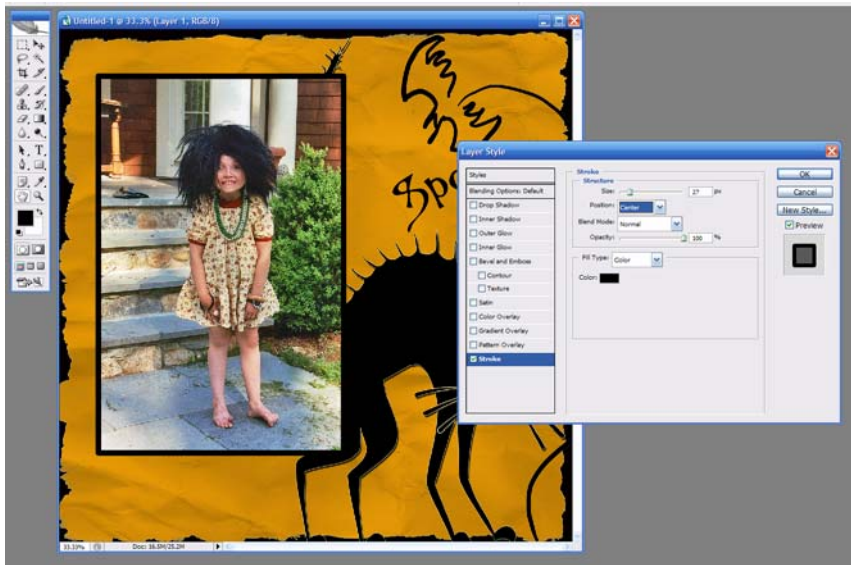
1: Go to **File>Open**

2: Navigate to the Fujifilm Halloween Scrapbook kit Folder/background papers and **choose a background** that compliments your photo.

3: Click the letter "V" on your keyboard to activate the Move Tool.

4: Click on the background paper. Hold down the left mouse button while you **drag the background into your layout**. If the background is covering your photo go to the palette on the left hand side of your screen and drag the background layer down just below the photo layer.

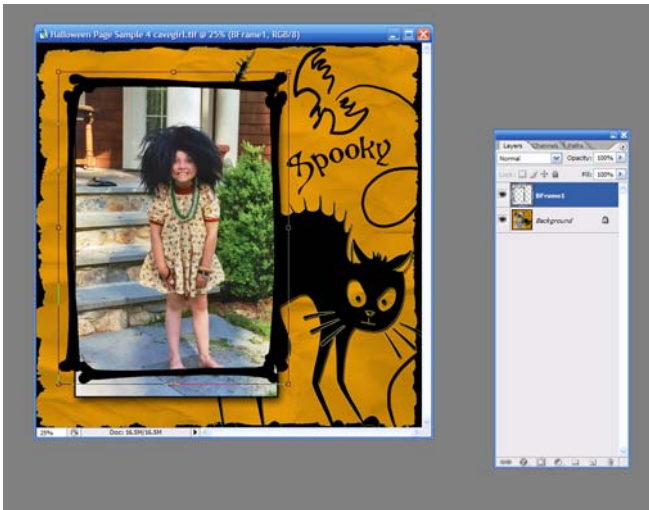
Step Four: Add a Frame to your Photo



You can add a simple frame by right-clicking on the photo layer in your layers palette (to the left of the screen) **selecting stroke**, choosing a color that matches the background, and then setting the stroke size by moving the slider. Choose "center" for the position.

Or Navigate to the Fujifilm Halloween Scrapbook kit Folder/embellishments and choose a frame that compliments your photo. Click on the background paper. Hold down the left mouse button while you **drag the background into your layout**. If the background is covering your photo go to the palette on the left hand side of your screen and drag the background layer down just below the photo layer.

Step Four, Continued



Frame too big or small? Press Control+T (or access your programs resize function) and resize the frame by dragging the edges in or outward until the size matches your photo. (Hint: hold down the shift key while you drag to make the frame resize itself proportionally). CTRL+T. Stop dragging and click "Enter" when the frame is re-sized to your liking.

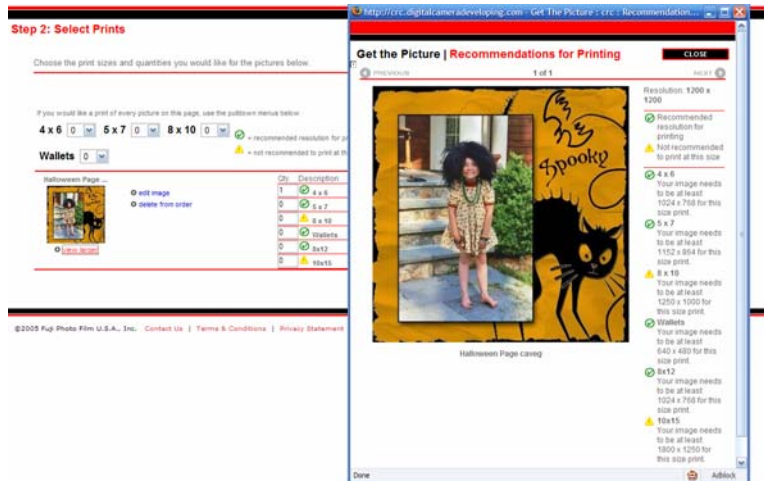
You can add a frame/page border to your entire page using the same technique.

Step Five: Save your Layout

1: When you're sure you have everything the way you like it, **press CTRL+Shift+E to flatten all the layers into one document**. Now go to File>Save As and name your layout and select .JPEG or TIFF as the file format.

2: Some folks like to **save a layered copy of their layout** in case they want to make any changes later on. To do this, as soon as you've finished saving, press CTRL+ALT+Z. This undoes the last action you performed. Go back to go to File>Save As and save this layout with a slightly different name, such as Spooky Layers.

Step Six: Print Your Layout



You've finished your first digital scrapbook layout! Congratulations! Now you can **upload your layout to a professional photo finisher or burn your files onto a CD and take them to the local photo developer**. Choose 8 x 10 print size when you order your print (you may get a warning that the photo isn't big enough, don't worry about it – the uploading program expects to see a full 8x10 print).

After you get your prints back – usually you can pick it up in as little as an hour -- trim the finished layout with a paper cutter or scissors and place it in an album, just as you would a standard paper layout.

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