

DUPLET TEMPLATE

Duplets are sets of pictures printed adjacently. To make meaningful duplets there should be some kind of meaningful relationships between the two pictures involved - either visual, emotional, or conceptual, and hopefully all three simultaneously.

To make a series of consistent duplet pictures, it is easier to make a duplet template and then drag other sets of pictures into this template as needed. Here is the recipe for a template that will place two pictures side by side with the same amount of space as there is between two frames on 35mm film. A vertical template with two pictures one over the other can be made in a similar manner.

The basic process is as follows:

- collect the pictures
- calculate the size of the final duplet
- create a new document
- drag the single pictures into the duplet
- add the outside borders on the background layer
- create the blank space on the background layer
- reposition the guides
- remove the picture layers
- save the template
- create new duplet pictures

The procedure with is detailed below:

COLLECT the PICTURES

open _____ both pictures to be in the duplet [CMD] O
or, - 2xClick on the picture icons

CALCULATE the SIZE of the FINAL DUPLET

multiply _____ the width of the picture by 2
add _____ extra pixels for space between
the space between 35mm film frames is 84 pixels at 300 ppi
0.28" at 300 ppi = 84 pixels [300 * 0.28]
use 108 pixels @ 384 ppi, or 67 pixels @ 240 ppi

CREATE a NEW DOCUMENT

create _____ a new picture file [CMD] N
set _____ background color to black
set colors _____ to default D
exchange _____ foreground and background colors X
reduce _____ the size of picture so it fits on screen [CMD] O

DRAG the SINGLE PICTURES into the DUPLET

select _____ the MOVE tool in the TOOLBOX V
activate _____ the left-hand picture by clicking on its window
drag _____ the picture into the duplet picture window
a new layer will be created
adjust _____ the positioning of the picture in the window
repeat _____ drag the picture or use the arrow keys
for the left-hand picture

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ADD the OUTSIDE BORDERS on the BACKGROUND LAYER

select _____ the background layer
set _____ the background color to black
adjust _____ canvas size IMAGE> CANVAS SIZE
 add _____ extra pixels to both width and height
 add 8 pixels to create a 1 point border at 300 ppi
 1/72 of an inch at 300 ppi = 4.167 pixels, 4 pixels per side [300 / 72]

CREATE the BLANK SPACE on the BACKGROUND LAYER

select _____ the background layer
zoom in _____ on the top center of the duplet picture
pull _____ a guide out of the vertical ruler bar
 position _____ the guide 4 pixels to the right of the left-hand picture
pull _____ another guide out of the vertical ruler bar
 position _____ this guide 4 pixels to the left of the right-hand picture
drag _____ a marquee down the center between the guides
fill _____ the marquee with white EDIT> FILL : WHITE
view _____ the picture at full size to double check [CMD] [SHFT] 0

REPOSITION the GUIDES

zoom in _____ on the top center of the duplet picture
remove _____ the guide at the left side of the white space
move _____ the guide at the right side of the white space
 to the left edge of the right-hand picture
view _____ the left edge of the duplet picture hit [HOME]
pull _____ a guide out of the vertical ruler bar
 position _____ the guide at the left edge of the left-hand picture
pull _____ a guide out of the horizontal ruler bar
 position _____ the guide at the top edge of the pictures

REMOVE the PICTURE LAYERS

delete _____ the layer with the left hand picture
delete _____ the layer with the right hand picture
 the borders and guides should remain
 if you created all the borders on the background layer

SAVE the TEMPLATE

save _____ the template file for future use FILE> SAVE [CMD] S
 use _____ the photoshop file format
 embed _____ the ADOBE RGB (1998) color profile

CREATE NEW DUPLET PICTURES

open _____ the duplet template
open _____ two other picture files
turn on _____ snap to guides VIEW> SNAP TO GUIDES [CMD] [SHFT] ;
drag _____ each picture into the duplet template
 they should snap into position defined by the guides
save _____ the resulting file with a **new** name FILE> SAVE AS [CMD] [SHFT] S
 embed _____ the ADOBE RGB (1998) color profile