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Scrap It Now
How To Combine Photo & Background Templates
Transcript

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Combine the Scrap It Now Templates for hundreds of more options on your scrapbook page. This video is being filmed in Expert Mode of Photoshop Elements, but the instructions are exactly the same for Adobe Photoshop except where noted.

First, I'll show you how to combine a photo template and a background template. I've already began by opening a background template and duplicating it and then closing the original. You could also start with a duplicate photo template and then add the background layers, but I'll be beginning here with a duplicate copy of a background template. In the Layers panel, click on the top layer to activate it. Next, open a photo template. You do not need to duplicate this template because we will not be altering it in any way. Now let's activate all the layers of the template except the Background layer. To do that, in the Layers panel click on the top layer to activate it. Then, hold down the Shift key and click on the bottom layer. Now all layers except the Background layer should be active. Get the Move tool and then click and drag the photo clipping masks from the photo template onto the background template. All the new photo layers should still be active in the Layers panel. So now, you can click and drag on the document inside the bounding box and move them around to position them where they look best to you.

A quick note about this process, you'll want to watch out for the complex photo masks on the document. For best practice, a complex photo masks, such as the one right here, should never travel over the top of a 3D object, and that includes a paper that has a drop shadow applied. So notice that when positioning the photo masks on my scrapbook page, I've made sure to avoid the edges of the paper so that the complex masks are not traveling over top of them.

And now in the Layers panel, click on one layer to activate it all by itself. And then, you'll want to close that temporary photo template to get it out of your way and make sure that you don't alter it. And here's my finished scrapbook page using that photo and background template combination. Using the same method as before, also know that you can combine two photo templates. In this example, the two photo templates were combined into one with no background, although you could add a background as well. So that's how to combine photo

and background templates in the Scrap It Now template system. This is Jen white with Scrap It Now.