

TEST YOUR Skills

Design Beautiful Pages— Masterfully Mirrored Design

Test Your Skills Challenge 1

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No-Nos Quiz

Using the list in the No-nos pdf, can you find three Design No-no's in this page? (Answers at below)



1. **Photos:** Photos Don't Fill a Mask

Explanation: When placing a rectangular photo into a round photo mask, make sure the boundaries of the photo are well outside the boundaries of the photo mask. You shouldn't be able to see the hard edges of the clipped photo.

2. **Paper:** Bevels On Paper Or Elements

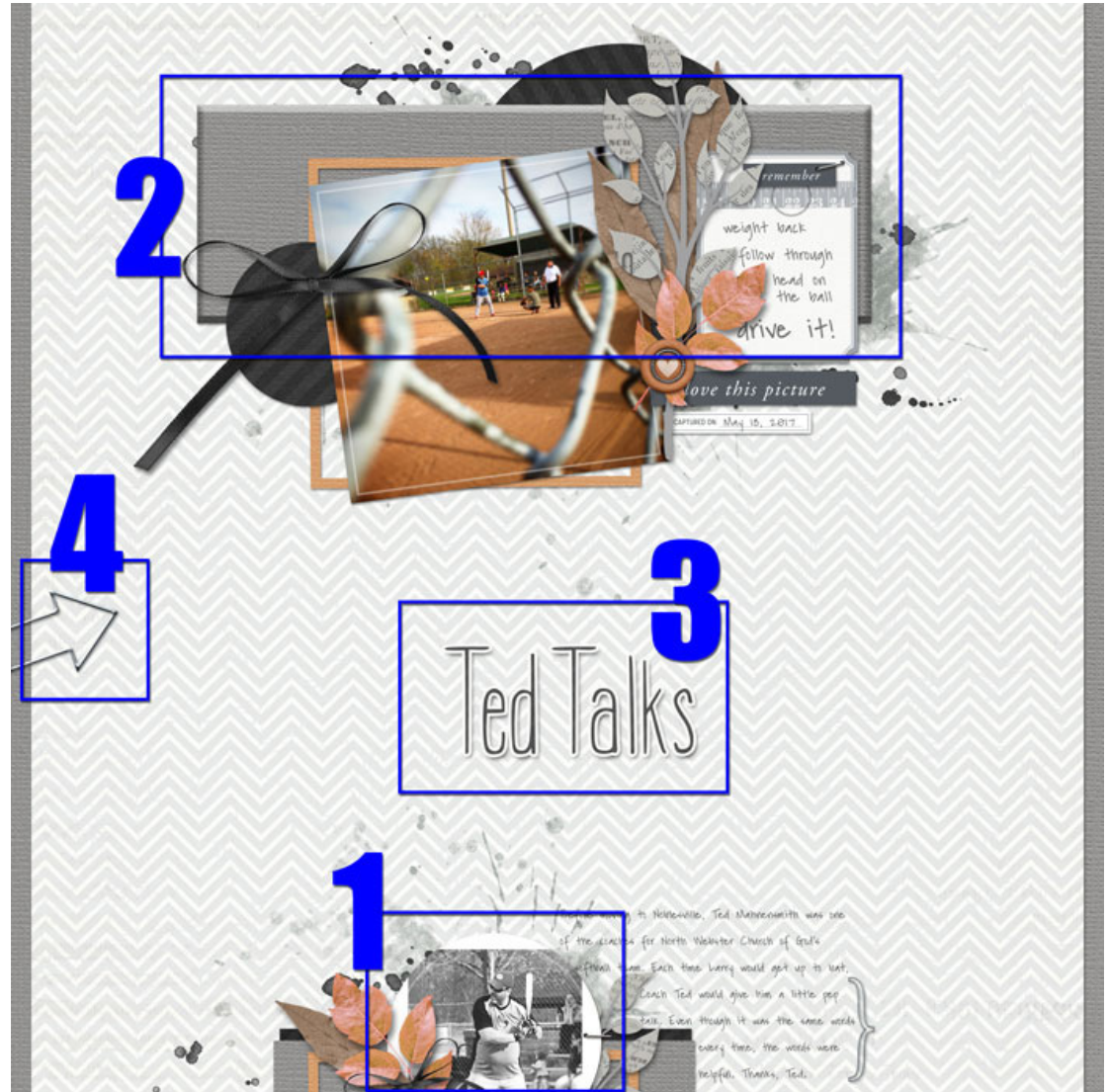
Explanation: The shadow that's added to a piece of paper is what will give it depth and a 3-D appearance. Do not add bevels to a piece of paper to add depth.

3. **Type:** Placing the Title Randomly

Explanation: In any design, but especially the mirror design, a title placed in the middle of nowhere is a no-no. Always play the title in close proximity to other important parts of the page.

4. **(BONUS) Elements:** Randomly Placed Elements

Explanation: Placing elements in close proximity with the focal point of the page is a guarantee for success.



Here's the above scrapbook page with all the no-no's fixed.

Credits: First Snow

Page: Ted Talks by Jen White

Photo: Jen White

Kits: Me And You by Sahlin Studio, Family Time by Meg Designs, Beloved by Katie Pertiet, Simple Joys by Anita Designs, Everyday Moments by JoCee Designs

Fonts: DJB Another Mandy, DJB BEAN POLE

Quiz #2: An Eye for Design

Design Question 1: Focal Point

On every scrapbook page, the focal point should be the photo.
Which of the two photos on this page is the focal point and why?



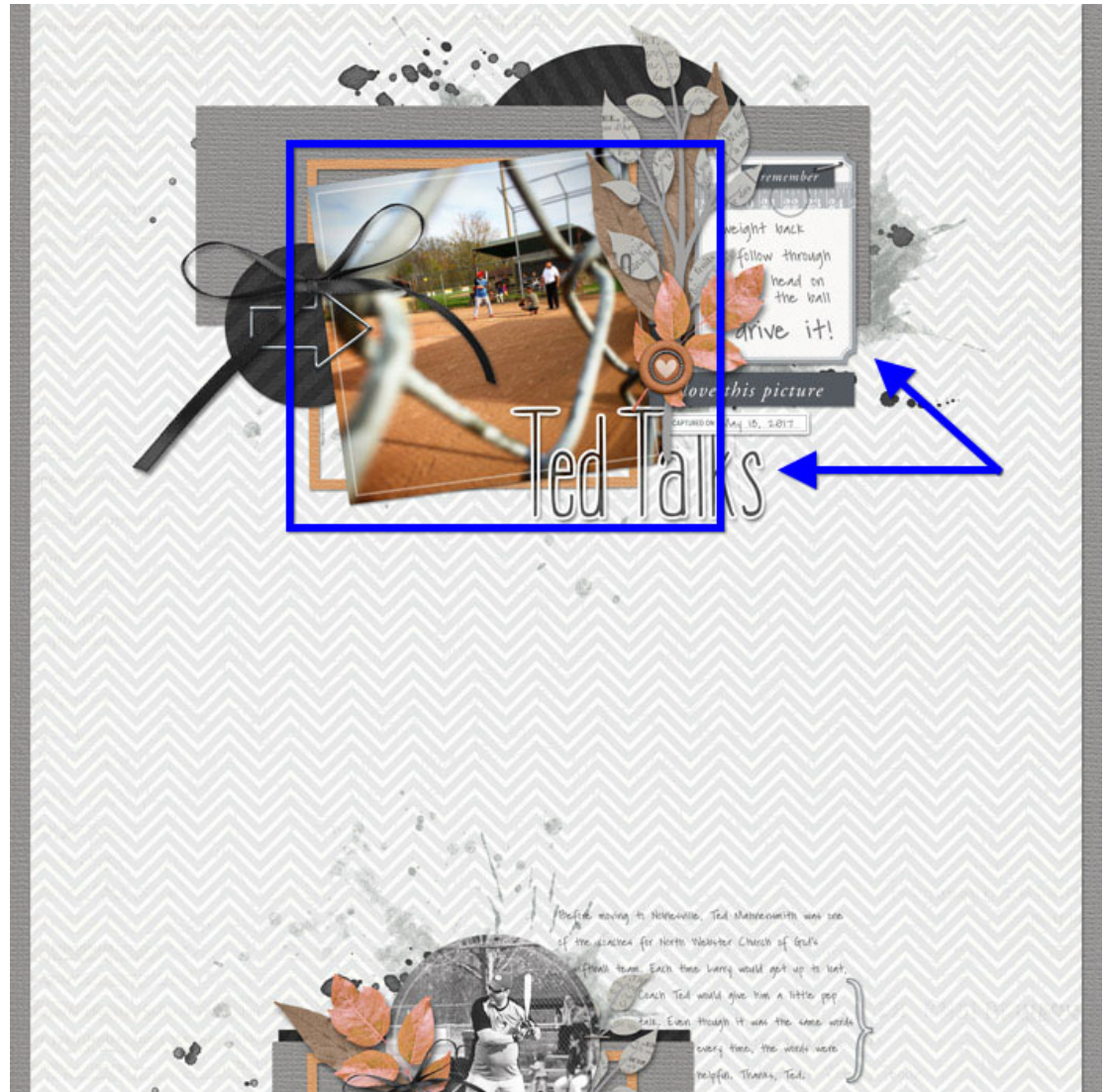
Question 1 Possible Answer

The top photo is the focal point of this page. Here's why:

- The top photo is in color, while the bottom photo is black and white.
- The top photo is supported by a larger group of papers and elements.
- The title of the page is in close proximity to the top photo.

Design Question 2: The Rule of Odds

Adding things to your page in odd numbers instantly makes your page more interesting to the eye. There are five circles on this page. Can you find them?



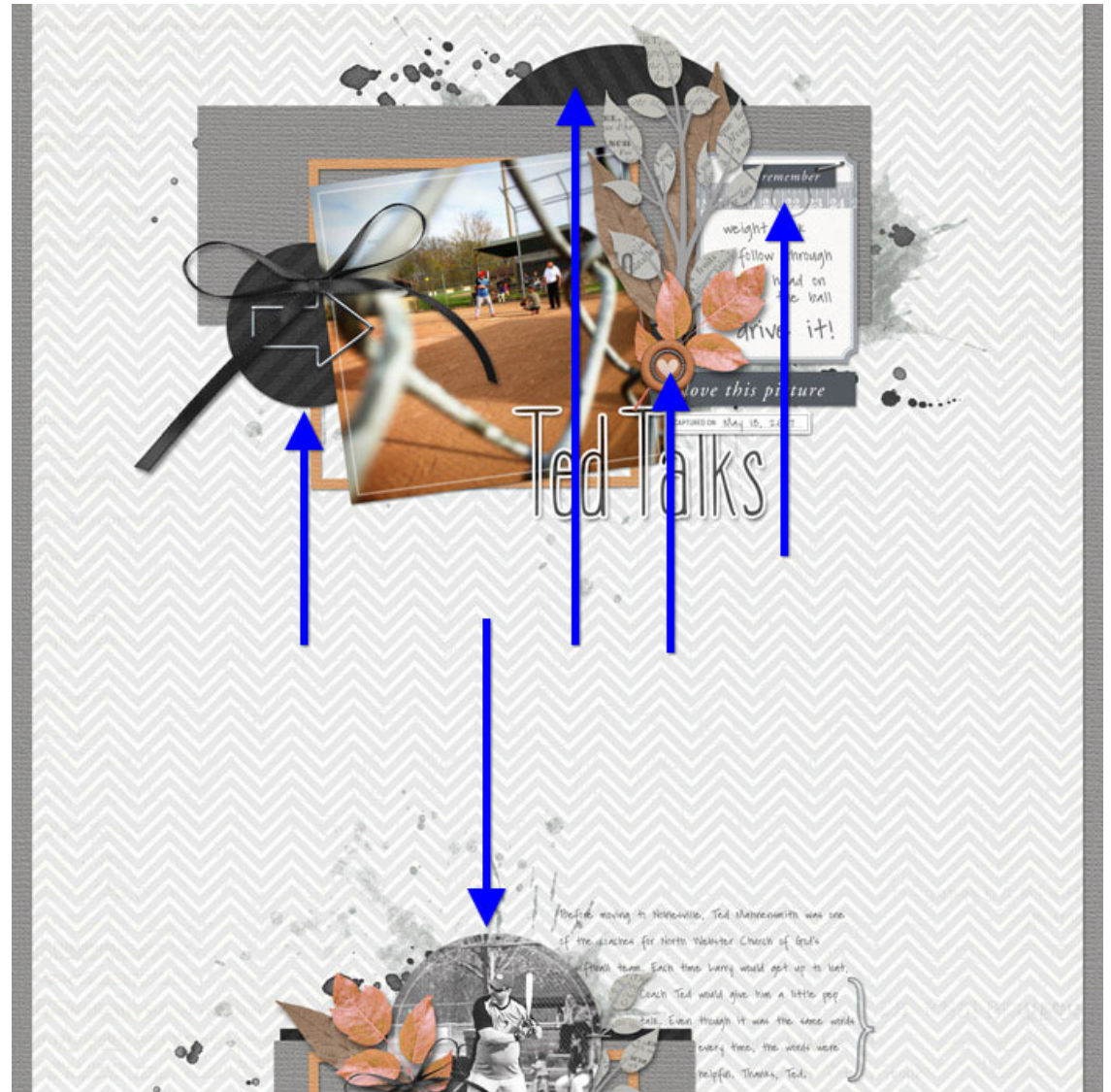
Question 2 Possible Answers

The five circles on this page are:

- The two black circles at the top
- The circle photo at the bottom
- The circle shaped heart button in the top cluster
- The circle around the number 22 on the journal card

Design Question Three: Repetition

The mirror design is built upon repetition. All mirror designs should have it. I can find at least 15 things repeated. How many can you find?



Possible Answers

- The shapes (circles, rectangles) are repeated
- The colors (black, gray, brown, rust) are repeated
- The empty frame is repeated
- All three kinds of leaves (rust, gray, brown) are repeated
- The font is repeated from the journaling card above to the journaling below
- The grungy splats are repeated
- Both the photo above and the photo below have an inset stroke outline
- A strip of grey paper is repeated on each side of the page

