

# TEST YOUR Skills

## Design Beautiful Pages Mastering Masks

### Test Your Skills Challenge 1

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Want to sharpen your design skills? Try taking our quiz to see if you can spot common mistakes often seen in scrapbook galleries! Use the Design No-nos PDF checklist to help in your search.

#### Take the Quiz

Using the No-Nos list, can you find 3 Design No-nos in this page?





**1. Clusters/Elements/Anchors: Drop shadow on a complex mask**

Never apply a drop shadow or any other style to a complex mask.

**2. Type: Title that doesn't match the remainder of the design**

The name of the title is good, but the color of the title is distracting your eye from the focus of the page, which is the photo.

**3. Paper: Pattern or color of a paper overwhelms the page**

Mask designs are best when coupled neutral colored plain papers.



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

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## An Eye for Design

Our goal is to help you learn to recognize design principles with little to no effort. See if you can spot the 3 design principles listed below.

### Question One

On a scrapbook page, where is the FOCAL POINT typically found? Using your finger, draw a circle around the focal point of this image.



**Answer:** Unless your scrapbook page has no photos, the focal point should rest within the main photo.

For this scrapbook page, the focal point is the puppy dog. Oh that face!

If your eye does not go to the main photo first, then you need to reduce the distraction outside of the focal point.

### Question Two

By practicing the principle of PROXIMITY, what are you trying to avoid? In this image, is the journaling in proximity with anything?





**Answer:** Proximity helps to avoid trapped space.

Yes, the journaling is in proximity with the word art strips and dates. Doing this prevented trapped space from being formed.

For a review of trapped space, watch this Design Basics video:  
Basic Principles: Page Design.

### Question Three

What's the most popular number for THE RULE OF ODDS?  
Can you find something that is repeated that many times on this page?



**Answer:** The most popular odd is 3. On this page, there are three stroke outlines: one around the entire page and one on each of the word art strips.

You might have also said that the capped font was repeated three times. There are also three places that the script font is used.

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