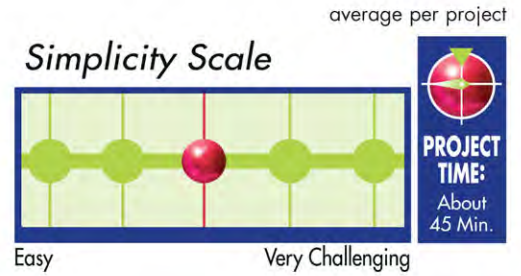




Project #287

Personalized Photo CD Case Calendars & Quick Page Calendars



Add your favorite photos to create a year full of memories with these unique personalized calendars.

Create a custom calendar for a family member or friend using photos that capture the essence of each month and recall special events. Choose from a traditional bound calendar or a clever desktop style using a CD case as a stand. Download files FREE here at Epson CreativeZone, organize your photos by event or month, add to the files using creative software like Adobe® Photoshop Elements, then personalize and print. These make great gifts for the holidays that will be enjoyed all year long!

Materials Suggested:

(Not all are required) For printing: PremierArt™ Matte Scrapbook Photo Paper for Epson (8.5x11), or Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte (8.5x11), Epson Premium Presentation Paper Matte, Double-Sided (8.5x11), Epson Presentation Paper Matte (8.5x11), or Epson Bright White Paper (8.5x11), and an Epson Stylus Photo Printer.

Desktop Calendar in a CD Case:

Step 1: Click on the provided document to open as a .PNG, or import into your preferred layout or photo editing program. The calendar pages print 2-up on a letter-sized page.

Step 2: Personalize your pages by typing your journaling in the provided area. Import your digital photos and place them on a separate layer beneath the calendar layer. Use the project photo as a guide.

Step 3: Your personalizing is complete! Print your page. Remember to choose the correct paper size and paper type setting in your printer driver.

Step 4: Trim along the outer lines with a craft knife.

Step 5: Select a clear hinged CD case for your stand. Remove the inside "nest" that the CD snaps into. Open the case past the hinge stop; you will force it. Use wire snips or a file to remove a little piece of the base rail right behind where the top rests when it folds back. This will allow the cover to angle back to support the calendar pages. Set your trimmed pages on the angled cover to use as the stand. Place all the pages inside the closed case to present as a gift. You can also order a "CD Calendar Case" on-line that will be ready to use without cutting the plastic cover (we found a good one at www.effectuality.com).

Photo Calendar

Quick and Easy Calendar page Instructions

Share your favorite memories with friends and family this year with the gift of a personalized photo calendar. A gift that is enjoyed year-round, your custom calendar features different photos each month. Once you create the calendar using our quick pages, it's easy to print as many copies as you like. Your thoughtful gift will bring a smile to their faces all year.



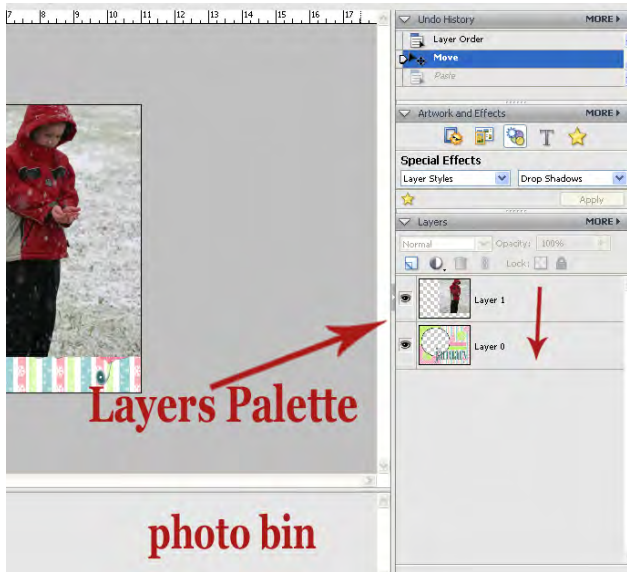
Personalize the Calendar with Your Own Photos

Download the customizable calendar quick pages. You can easily add photos and words to each page before printing.

Open one month topper and your digital photos in Photoshop Elements or a comparable graphics editing program. (Adobe offers a free trial version of Photoshop Elements on their website.) Use the **Move Tool** to drag your photo down onto the calendar page in your photo bin.

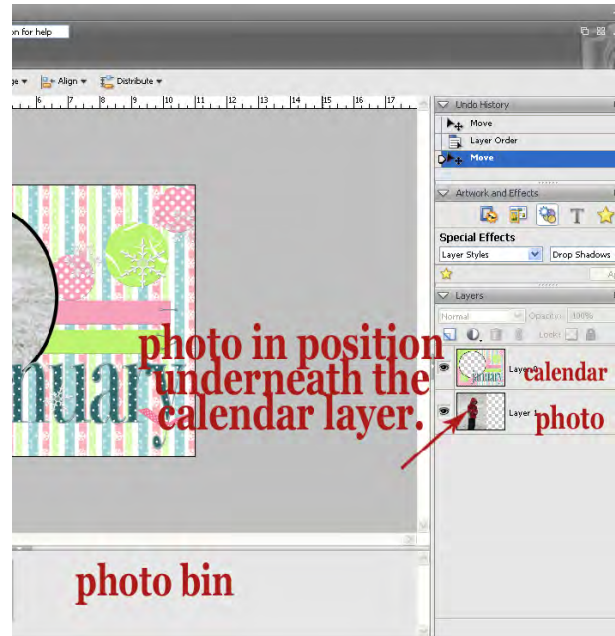
The transparent windows are filled with a checkerboard pattern in the calendar file.





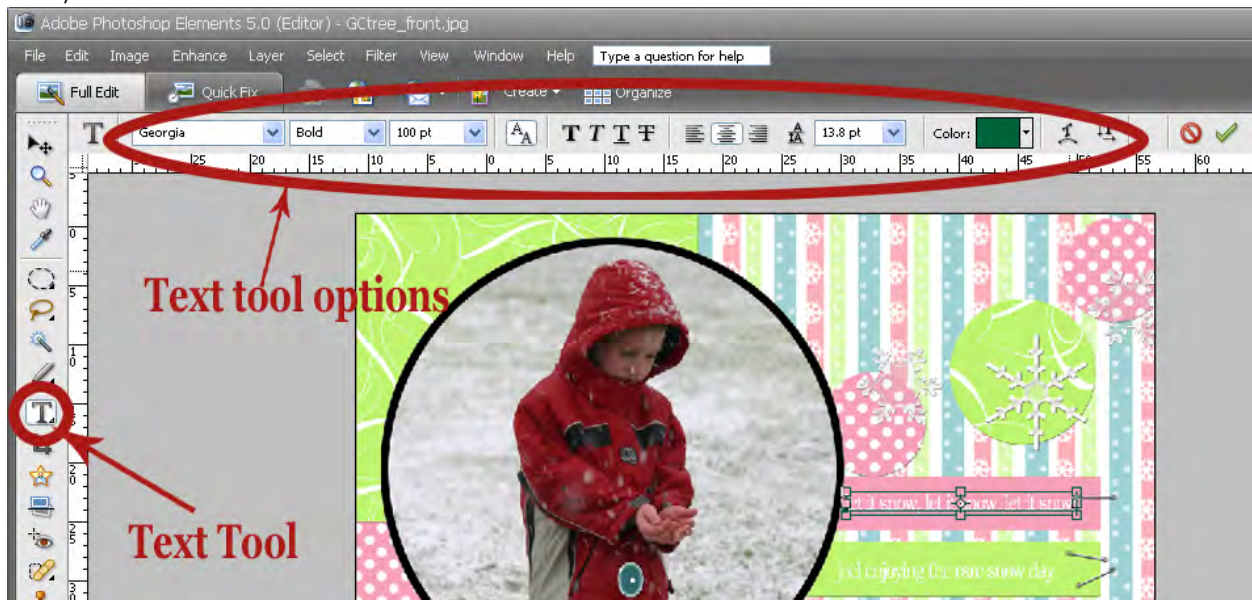
To move the photo behind the transparent window, drag the photo under the calendar in the Layers Palette.

Use the **Move Tool** to position the photos within the windows.



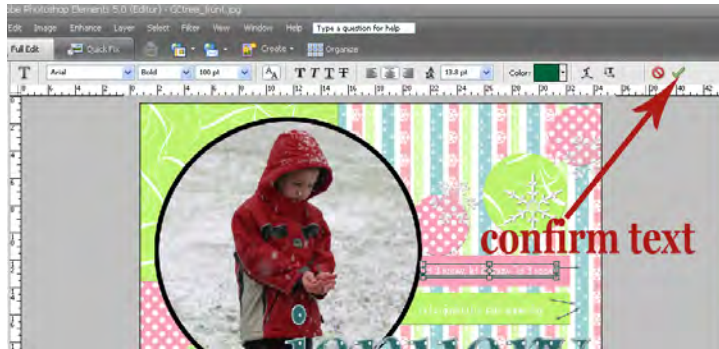
Customizing the Calendar with Text

Begin by clicking on the calendar page (not the photo.) This makes the calendar layer the "active" layer. Next, select the text tool.



Select the font, text size and color from the options bar at the top of the editing window.

Move your cursor anywhere on top of the calendar template. Left click and begin typing your customized text. Click the green check mark to confirm the text when you are finished typing.



When you are satisfied with the placement of your photos and text, print the calendar pages on 8.5x11-inch double-sided photo paper. Print the pages back to back so that

Binding the Calendar

With your customized pages in hand, the next step is to bind the calendar.

1. Spiral binding

Many office supply stores and copy shops offer binding services for a small fee. These spiral bindings give your calendar a slick, professional look in a few minutes.



2. Metal Binder Rings

Another way to bind your calendar is to use a hole punch to make several holes in the top of each page, then attach them with binder rings. Attach a few ribbon knots to each binder ring for a crafty, finished look.

3. Ribbon

For an attractive and inexpensive way to bind your calendar, try tying ribbon knots along the top of the calendar. Be sure to tie loose knots so that the calendar pages can be opened easily.

5. Magnets

Instead of binding the pages together, another option is to attach magnets to the back of each page. The calendar pages can be hung on a refrigerator or other metal surface each month. The remaining pages can be stored in a decorative notebook, bag or box.

Hanging the Calendar

Punch a hole or two in the same spot at the top of each calendar page. The calendar can be hung on a hooks or nails through the holes.