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Blank Slate: A Comprehensive Library Of Photographic Dummies



BLANK SLATE
A COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY
OF PHOTOGRAPHIC TEMPLATES
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HOW DOES IT WORK?

- 1 Convert an artwork of your choice into a high-quality PDF file. Open it in Photoshop.
- 2 Flip through Blank Slate and pick the template that matches your final product best. Open this template in Photoshop.
- 3 Mount your artwork on the template using the transformation tools as provided by Photoshop.
- 4 To create a realistic look: use the layer blending modes. Test the different options to figure out which mode is most suitable for your design.

Use these four easy steps to construct a tangible, 3D vision of your final product in no more than a few minutes. In order to create a perfect fit between the design and template, each template also includes an extra work path around the individual objects.

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contains ordinary flattened images.

This would be a much stronger tool if the accompanying files were layered rather than flattened images. Most tools like this come with the layers intact. It makes no sense to me why they would've gone to all the trouble of isolating these objects only to flatten them for the end user. While it's nice to have easy access to these images, they don't save much time after that.

Although this book has a good quantity of mockup templates, it lacks information about the sizes of each element. Therefore you are stuck trying to guesstimate whether you need to adapt your files for your mockup to look real. I would have wished t-shirts, shirts, aprons, as those are very common applications in branding design proposals.

Photos and mockups are okay, however a very lazy attempt by the author. Half the book is dedicated to the exact same photos just on a black background. So if the author is reusing the same photos just changing the background, why didn't they include the layered PSD files where I can freely change the colour of the background. Its a cheap and lazy attempt to fluff up the book and make it seem larger with content. Also these photos are just blank mockups, far from templates which the author decides to call them. No smart objects to place your work on, or even a mask around the photographed mock up to separate it from the background. You could spend the \$40 on graphicriver.net and get real mock up templates with mask and smart objects that form to the shape and lighting of the mockup. Definitely not worth the price tag.

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