Directions for simple Photoshop processes – Part 4

Making a Diptych

Edit each picture <u>separately</u> **FIRST**.

Choose the photo with the **least** amount of editing to be the image you will use to paste into.

Decide if you will have your images aligned next to each other vertically (ie on top of each other) or horizontally (ie next to each other).

Check the size of your images by going to **image – image size** and look at the height and width in inches under the second set of numbers that say **document size**. Write this down somewhere if need be or just note it.

Make a copy of the background of your least edited image (if you have not done so already). This is the file you will paste into. You must do this BEFORE you move on.

Go to **image – canvas size** - If you want to put your pictures with <u>one above the other</u>, then <u>change</u> the <u>height</u> in this window that pops up to a little more than double the height of your original images (that you wrote down or noted earlier). So, if your photos were both 22 inches in height then change your height in this canvas size window to 50 – round up and add.

If you want to put your pictures next to each other, <u>side by side</u>, then <u>change</u> the <u>width</u> in this window that pops up to a little more than double the width of your original images (that you wrote down or noted earlier). So, if your photos were both 12 inches in width then change your height in this canvas size window to 30 – round up and add.

Highlight the bottom layer (background layer you made) and go to **edit – fill** – and fill it with white or, if you want a colored background, fill it with the color of your choice.

Now go to your other file and if there is only one layer then go to **select – all – then edit – copy**

If you have more than one layer go to select – all – then edit copy MERGED

Return to the first file you were working with and go to the top layer (highlight it in blue by clicking on it) and then add a layer (to do this click on piece of paper icon on bottom of layer palette next to the trash can)

Highlight this new blank layer and then go to **edit – paste**

You will then need to use the move tool (arrow tool in upper right hand corner of tool palette) to move your photos to where you want them to be on the canvas.

Then you can use the crop tool to crop out any extra space that you do not want in your frame.

If you want to resize one of the photos, select the layer that photo is on, then go to **edit – transform – scale** and then hold a corner while pushing the shift key and drag to the size you want it. When done hit enter or it will not allow you to move on.

BEFORE you print, be sure to do the final step, which is to go to **image – image size** – and make the document size approximately 8X10. Remember whichever number is bigger, either <u>width or height</u> – PLEASE check carefully – make this number 10.