

Clive's Photoshop Triptych Template

Step-by-Step

Have your three source images open in Photoshop

Open the Triptych Template.

Decide which part of the triptych your first image is for.

Next: open the first source image, then (via the top menu) go to Select > All (or Ctrl+A) then, Edit > Copy (or Ctrl + C)

Next: Triptych Template: Activate (click on) 'Layer 1 Triptych'

With the 'Magic Wand' tool (first check that 'Contiguous' is ticked in the Options bar), click within the triptych black rectangle of your choice.

Marching ants appear around the selected area.

Next: go to Edit > Paste Special > Paste Into. The copied image appears upon its own layer.
Note: With each subsequent 'Paste Into', a new Layer will appear.

Repeat above steps for each section of the triptych using your chosen images.

Adjusting an individual image within the triptych: Moving, changing size and rotating.

The Layers Palette. Activating (clicking on) an image thumbnail for a layer will enable the image to be moved within the space using the Move tool.

Options to refine the triptych.

Individual image size can be altered by Edit > Transform > Scale or Rotated by Edit > Transform > Rotate. Depending upon the scale of the image, sometimes the Transform 'bounding box' extends beyond the area of the triptych. To find the edges of the 'bounding box', use Ctrl+ the Minus key to shrink the view until you can see the edges. When OK, use Ctrl+0 to fill the screen once more.

The above adjustments will move or transform the image within the defined area of the triptych rectangle.

Note: the template includes a ready-made narrow, black, 'keyline' border layer. This can be turned off if not required.

To finish, use File > Save As to save the triptych imagery. Doing this will retain the Triptych Template for future use.

This is a starting point. From here you may wish to experiment with other designs (why stick to a triptych?), the number of cells, their shape or even freeform curving shapes, plus changes to background colour and keyline tone.