Creating A Picture Package

To maximize paper and time when printing your images, use the Picture Package command to place multiple copies of an image on a single page.

Picture Package has preset page layouts you can use, or it can be totally customizable. Your are not limited to one image size or even the same image on the page. You have complete control over the images, their size and placement in your package layout. You're only limitation is dictated by your paper size.

Files to be included in the printout can be chosen from open files, an organized folder of images, or from the file browser. If using the file browser, it must be opened before activating the Picture Package.

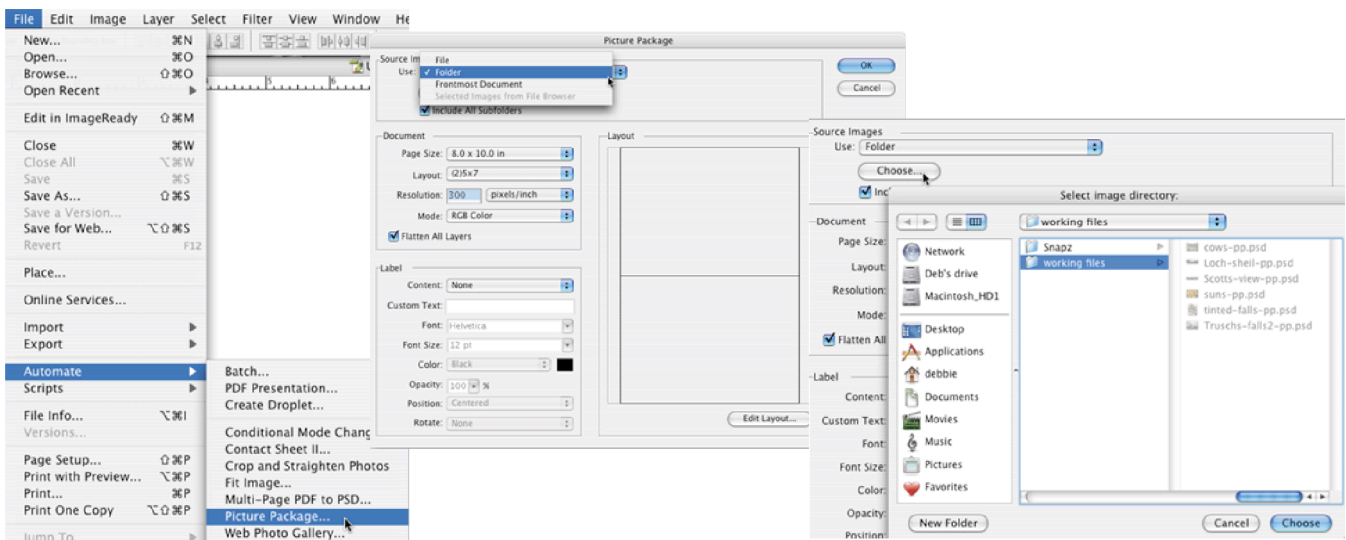These Packages and customized layouts can be saved and updated for future use.

How to create a picture package:
1. Choose File -> Automate -> Picture Package.
   a. Locate and choose a file or folder of images to print.
     One selected image will appear in the picture package window.
Note: You can also use this command with an open document. The open document will appear in the Picture Package window automatically. If you have more than one document open, Picture Package will use the active one to open in the command.
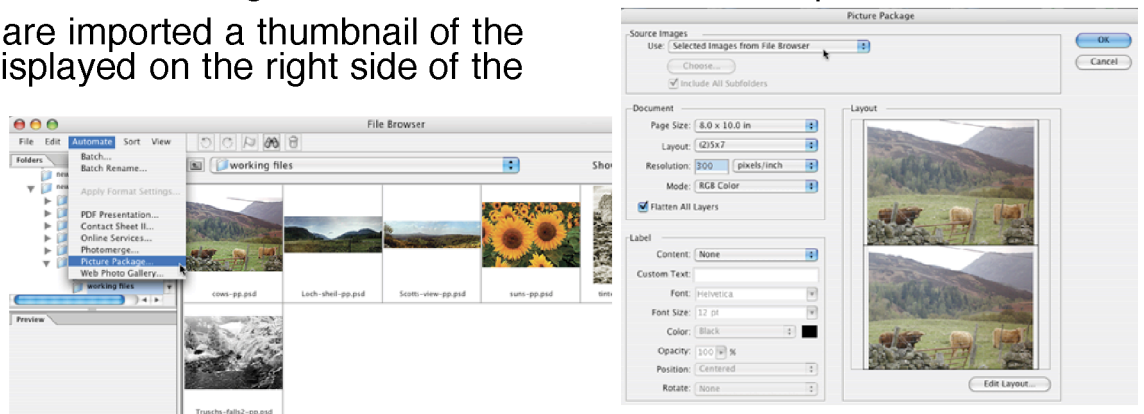

Or, If picking images from the File Browser
   b. From the File Browser menu,
     locate image -> choose Automate -> Picture Package.

Note: If you have not selected an image in the Browser before launching Picture Package, it will uses the first image listed in the File Browser to be printed.

When the images are imported a thumbnail of the chosen layout is displayed on the right side of the dialog box.

For Single Picture Printing

1. Open or select an image

2. In the Document area of the dialog box, select page size, Layout configuration, Resolution, and color Mode.

A thumbnail of the chosen layout is displayed on the right side of the dialog box.
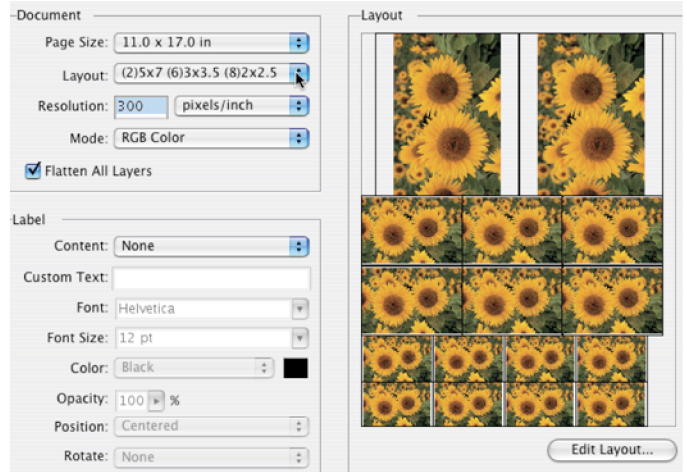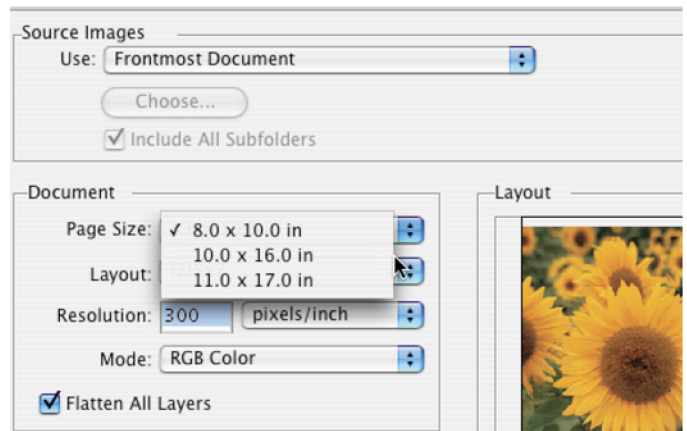
Adding an optional text label
3. In the Label area,
   a. Use the Drop down area to choose the type of label, i.e. File name, Copyright, description, etc. Or choose None, if you are not adding a text label.

   b. If you choose Custom Text, enter the text for the label in the Custom Text field. Specify font, font size, color, opacity, position, and rotation for the labels.

To create a package with all images and label text on a single layer,
         Select Flatten All Layers.

Or, to create a package with each image and label on a separate layer,
         Deselect Flatten All Layers.

Note: Placing images and labels on a separate layer lets you update your picture package after it's been saved. But also increases the Package file size.
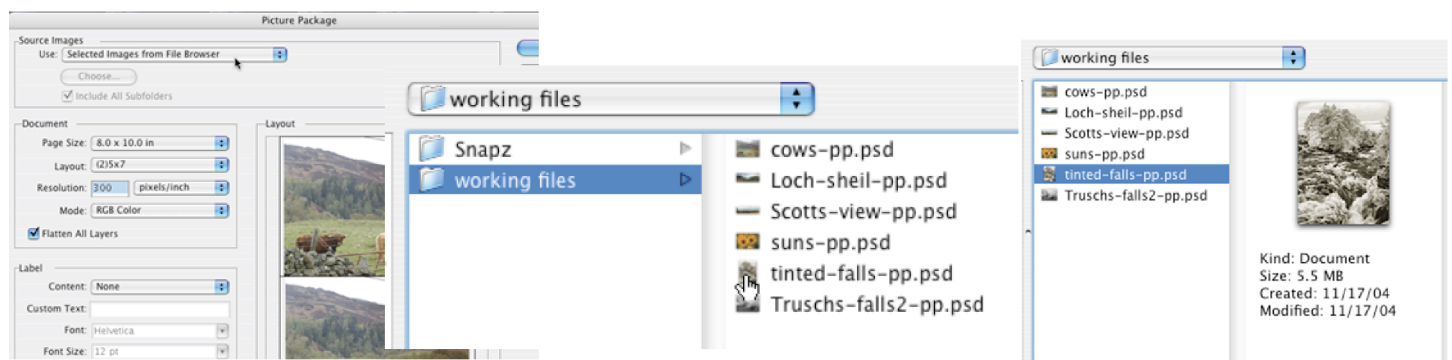
4. Click OK.

Add one or more images to the layout

1. Select the images to be included in the package by going to the Source Images area of the Picture Package dialog box.
   a. Select either a Folder or File from the drop down arrow.

   b. Click Choose button (or Browse in Windows) to locate and select the folder or files
Note: When choosing Folder, you can select Include All Subfolders to include images inside any subfolders.

2. As in number 2 above, set up the Document area of the dialog box, select page size, layout configuration, resolution, and color mode. Add labeling if desired.
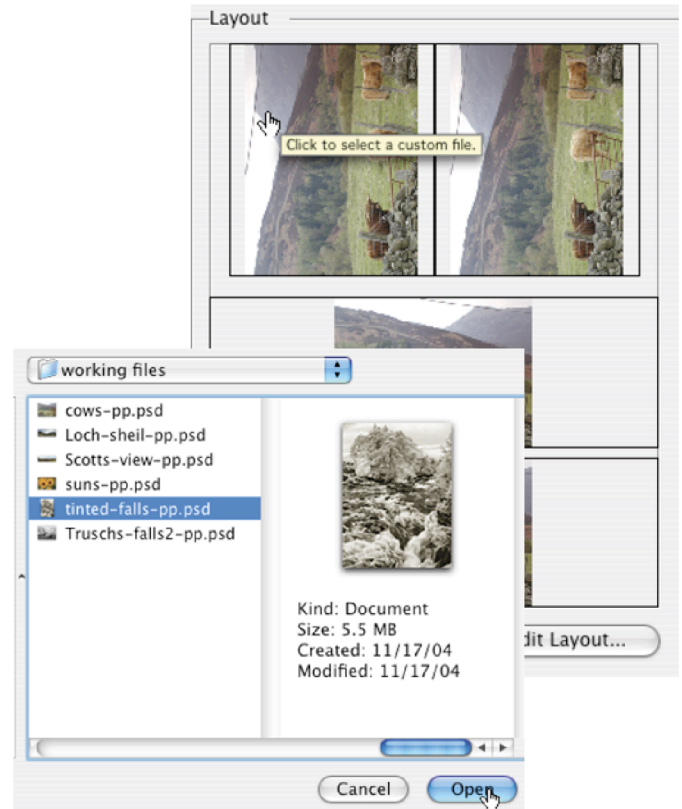
3. You can change any image in the layout by clicking your mouse down on a placeholder image in the layout preview. Once clicked, the preview window activates the Select an Image dialog box. Then you can browse to select a replacement image.

  a. Click a placeholder in the preview layout and browse to select an image.
Or
  b. Drag an image from the desktop or a folder into a placeholder.

Note: that if you change your document layout after replacing images, the layout will change but the images will revert back to the original images.
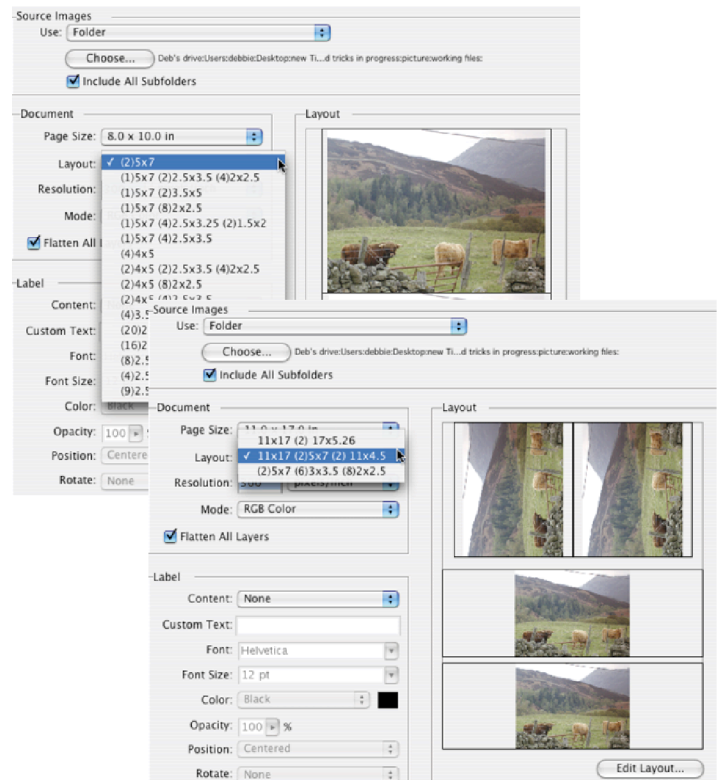
Customizing picture package layouts

The Edit Layout feature, located in the Layout section of the window, lets you modify existing layouts or create new layouts. These custom layouts can even saved for later use.

To customize a picture package layout:
1. Activate the Picture Package
  via File-> Automate, or File Browser.

2. If you're customizing an existing layout, choose a layout from the Layout menu.

Or, if you're creating a new layout from scratch, just click the Edit Layout Button without worrying about the layout.
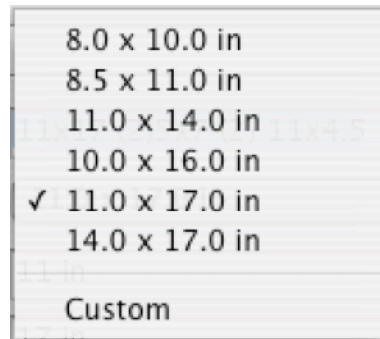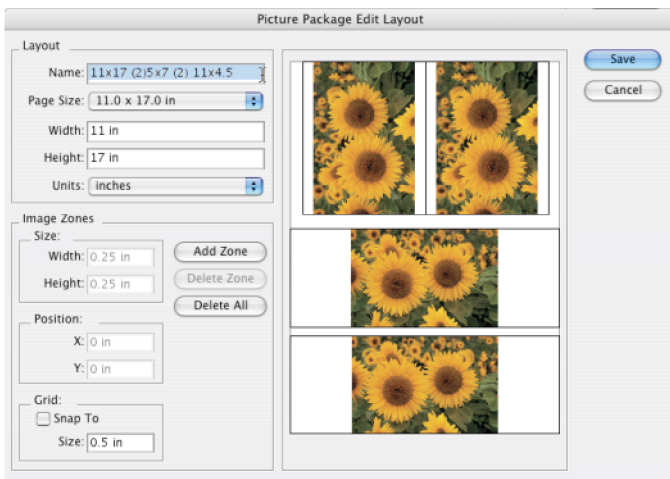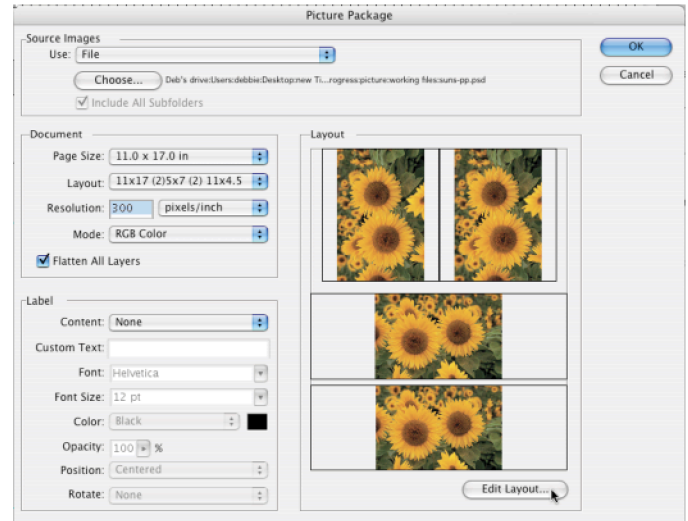
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3. Click the Edit Layout button.
    The Edit Layout dialog box will open.

4. In the Name text box, enter a name for the new custom layout. You can wait until the end of the process to give it a more descriptive name if you choose.

5. When creating new layouts, if changing the default page size you have the choice of predefined paper sizes, or you can create custom size paper.
    a. In the Layout area of the dialog box, choose a size from the Page Size menu
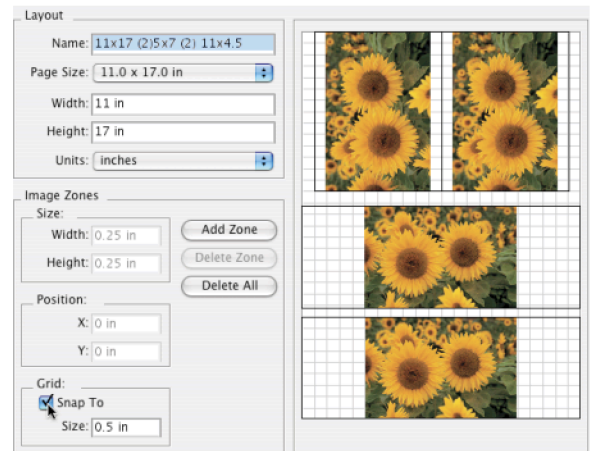   or enter values in the Width and Height text boxes.
    b. Use the Units drop down options to specify how you want the your measurements to display (i.e., inches, pixels, etc.).

6. You can display an optional grid to help you position the image placeholders in the layout window.
    a. In the Grid area of Edit Layout dialog box, Select, Snap To option.
    b. To change the appearance of the grid, enter a value in the Size text box.
        The grid appears.

About Layer Placeholder

While in the Edit Layout window, in addition to modifying the layout for standard size images, you can readjust the placeholders to fit non-standard image sizes. For instance you can create a layout that would hold a panorama and a few smaller images.

You can also add or delete Place holders as needed.

7. Adding and deleting Placeholders
   a. To add a placeholder to the layout, click, Add Zone.
   b. To delete a placeholder, Select the placeholder, then Click, Delete Zone.

8. There are lots of ways to modify a placeholder once it has been added.

The placeholder must be selected before any of the following modifications can be used.

   a. Click and drag a handle to resize a placeholder.
Note: If you resize a rectangle place-holder with an image in it. The image will be resized within the placeholder, snap-ping to a vertical or horizontal position, depending on the way the zone is being resized.

   b. Enter values in the Width and Height text boxes to resize a placeholder.
   c. To move a placeholder, click and drag it to the location in the layout.
   d. Enter values in the X and Y text boxes to move a placeholder.

Once the set up completed

9. Click Save.
A dialog box appears and asks you to use the Save As: command, and automatically locates the Layouts folder nested deep in the Photoshop folder.

Use a .txt extension when naming the file.

When you are returned to the layout win-dow your new layout will be active and ready to populate with images.