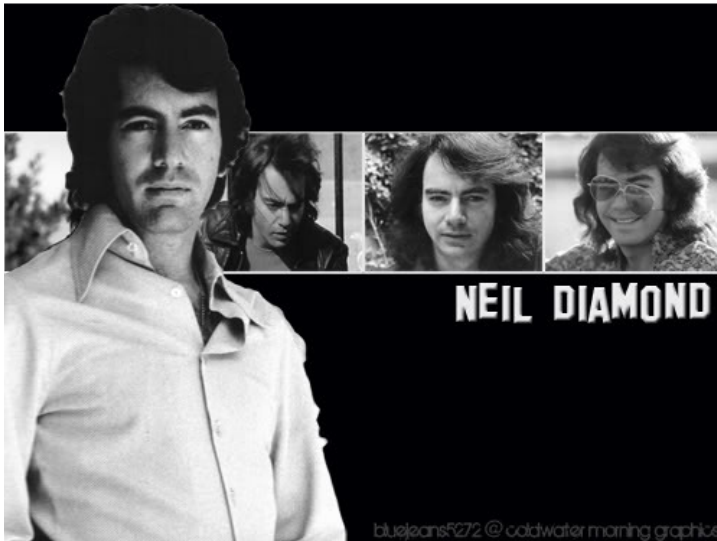




Simple Desktop (Photoshop)

This tutorial will teach you how to make a simple desktop picture using several images of your favourite celebrity. For the purposes of this tutorial we're working on a desktop size of 1024x768 pixels.

This is what we'll be making:



- Load Photoshop and create a new document measuring 1024x768 pixels and set the resolution to 72 pixels per inch.

- Create four more documents measuring 256x200 and again, set the resolution to 72 pixels per inch.

- Flood fill the larger document with a colour of your choice. We have used #000000.
- Open the images you want to use on your desktop. You'll need four images and one of them needs to be of a reasonably high quality as it will be used for the foreground picture.
- We're now going to prepare our images to go in the background. Select the area of the first image you want to use by using the marquee tool and drag it over to one of your smaller sized documents.
- If you need to resize your image then you can do so by using the squares at the corners of the image and click 'Commit Transform' when you are done.
- If you want to convert your colour images to black and white then you should do so at this stage by using the desaturate tool. Image > Adjustments > Desaturate.
- We now need to add a border to our smaller images and the easiest way of doing this is by using the stroke tool on the layer properties. Layer > Layer Style > Stroke
- In the window that appears you will need to select 'Inside' on the position drop down box and set the colour to #ffffff. Once you've done that click OK.

(The stroke tool will not work properly if your image is not the same size as the box and if this is the case, flatten the image and duplicate the layer and apply your stroke to the top layer)
- Drag your smaller image on to your larger image.
- Repeat the last six steps for the other smaller images, placing the new layer next to the previous smaller images. For the image that will appear behind your foreground picture you can use any image you want as the subject matter won't be seen.
- Now it's time to move on to the foreground image. Select the area of the image you're going to be using with the magnetic lasso tool. Once you have your marching ants around your selection you can move it across to the larger image, placing it above your smaller images.
- To add the text, click on the 'Text' button and if it's not already selected, right click and select the horizontal type tool.
- Select your font size, style and colour. We have used [HollywoodHills](#) which is available from [DaFont](#) and we've set the text size to 72pt.
- Click on the image and type your text. You can move it around until you find a place you like from the text tool, just lookout for the cursor changing into a multi-directional arrow. When you're happy click commit.
- Now we've got our text we're going to apply a bevel effect to it. Go to Layers > Layer Styles > Bevel and Emboss.
- From the layer styles screen select the following values:
Style: Inner Bevel
Technique: Smooth
Depth: 100px
Size: 5px
Once you've done that click OK.

- Save your image and you're done

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