

# Photoshop Using a Mac

## Project – Creating a CD Cover

The purpose of this project is to create a CD cover for a fictitious band. The technique is from an old social media activity, and may use copyrighted material.

This exercise will give you practice in creating a card or custom image using your own photos and the text of your choosing; for example, party invitations, graduation announcements, scrapbooking images, etc.

## Gathering the Image

1. Visit [www.flickr.com/explore/interesting/7days](http://www.flickr.com/explore/interesting/7days)
  - a. This is the “Explore / Interestingness / Last 7 Days” (E/I/L) page
  - b. The third image, regardless of what it may be, is the image for your CD cover
  - c. Click on the image to visit the detail page
  - d. Above the image, click on “Actions” and choose “View all sizes”
  - e. If you are allowed to download the image, “Download the Original size of this image” appears on the page next to “Download” at the top of the image.
    - i. Click the link to save the image to your thumb drive.
  - f. If downloading has been turned off for the image, return to the E/I/L page.
    - i. Click the “Reload” button and repeat the steps above.
2. Open Photoshop and open the image you eventually saved.
  - a. You’ll add the Band Name and Album Title below

## The Band Name

1. Visit [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/special:random](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/special:random)
  - a. This link can also be found by clicking “Random Article” on the left side of nearly any Wikipedia page.
2. This is your Band Name!

## The Album Name

1. Visit [www.quotationspage.com/random.php3](http://www.quotationspage.com/random.php3)
2. The last four words of the last quotation on the page is your Album Name

## Create your album

1. Add text layers, adjustment layers, and whatever you need to create your CD cover!
2. Need inspiration? Visit: Amazon.com and search for your favorite artists.