

THREE of a THEME Guidance

Quick overview - A 'theme' is not the same as a 'kind'. A 'kind' would be for example a Flower. So, 3 images of the same or similar roses would be 3 of a kind.

A theme shows a topic such as flowers. So, 3 images of different flowers like a daisy, a dahlia and a rose could be a 'theme' because they are not all the same.

Your 3 images should try to tell a story and they need to work together. For best results they should be a similar colour palette and contrast so that no single image stands out from the other two.

Here is an example of how three images of roses could be put together to produce a 'Three of a Theme' entry.

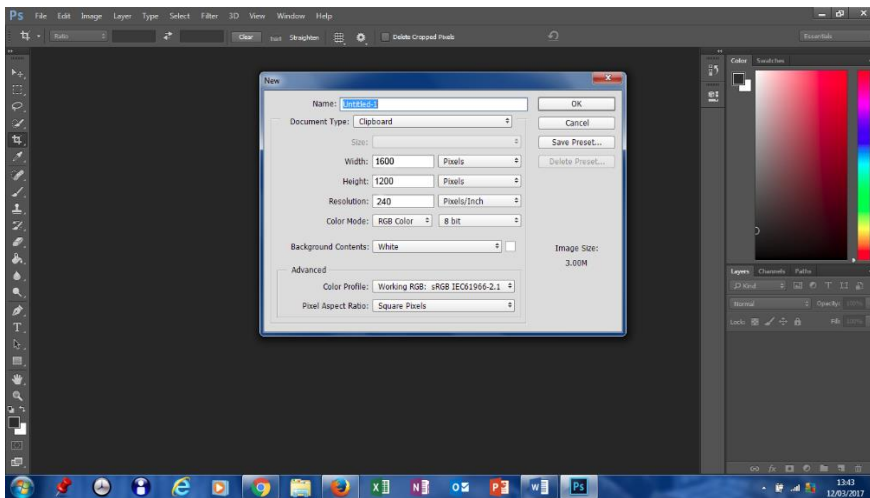


Here is another example of a PDI entry called Neon Signs:



How to prepare your PDI Entry: Using Photoshop inc Elements (Picasa is on the last page). Assuming you have chosen and edited your three images (suggest the files are each set to the PDI 1600px for Landscape or 1200px for Portrait).

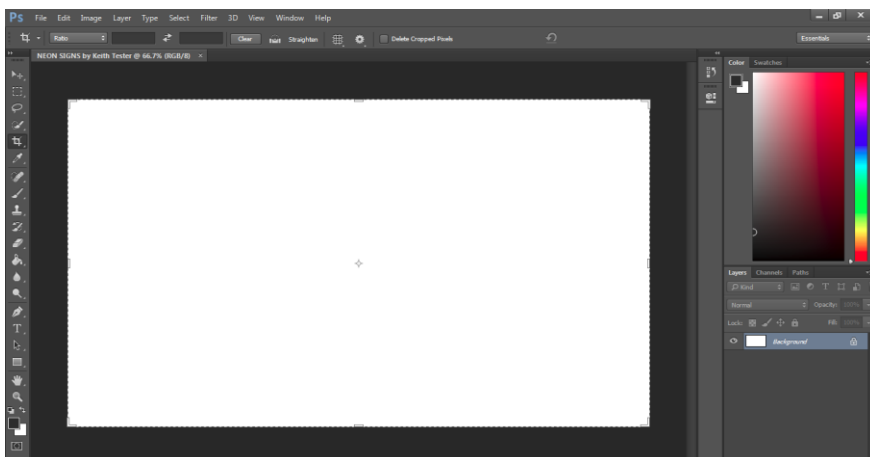
In the main screen of Photoshop at the top of screen click File > New >



Give the document a 'Title'. For the current Club PDI entry use e.g. Neon Signs.

IMPORTANT -Set the Width to **1600 Pixels** and Height to **1200 Pixels** and change the Resolution to 240 Pixels/Inch and Background Contents to White (or colour of your choice).

Then click 'OK' and the screen should look something like this:

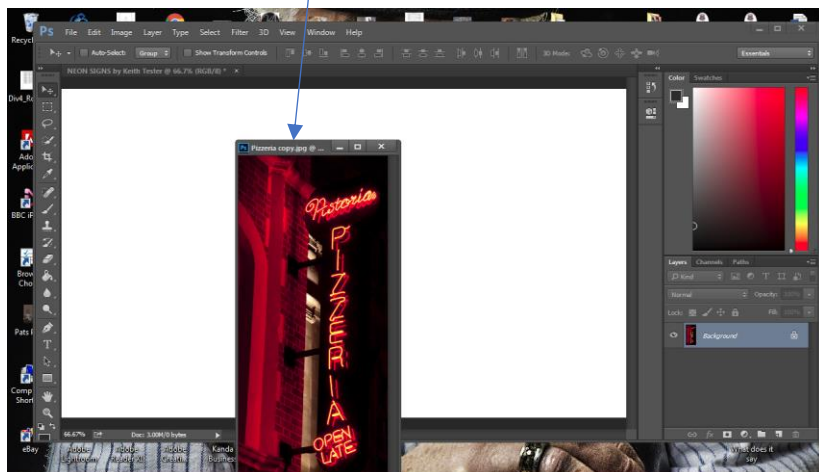


With this screen still open, now open your first image File > Open > choose from your file and click to open. Once that image is open then click on the original document (NEON SIGNS in this instance) and on the keyboard type 'V'.

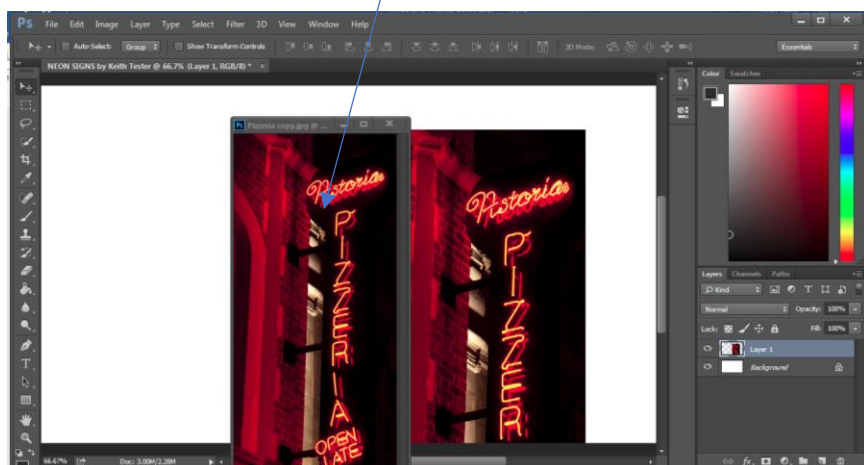


This opens the 'Move' tool which looks like this:

Click & Hold on the name part of the image file and drag to your open white page.

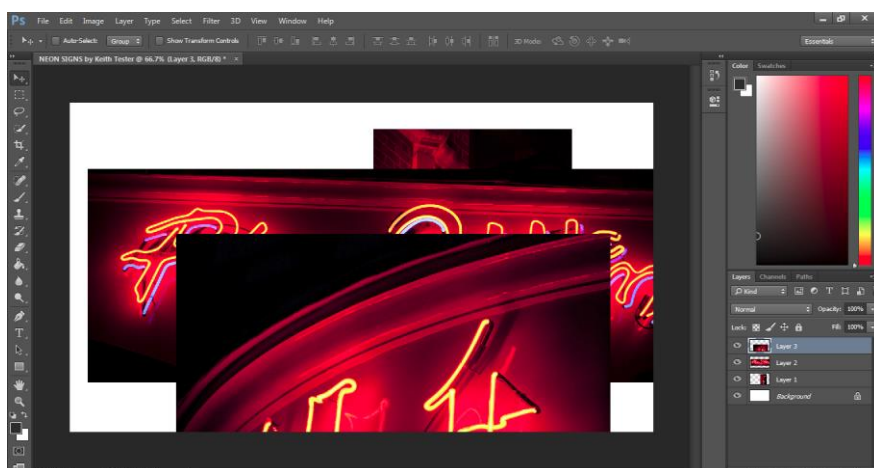


You will then need to click in the middle of the picture and drag again across to the page and it should then be on the white background like this:



Click on the 'X' to close this image only.

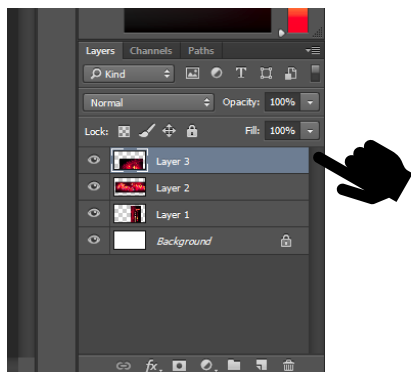
Now repeat the process until all 3 images are on the page like this:



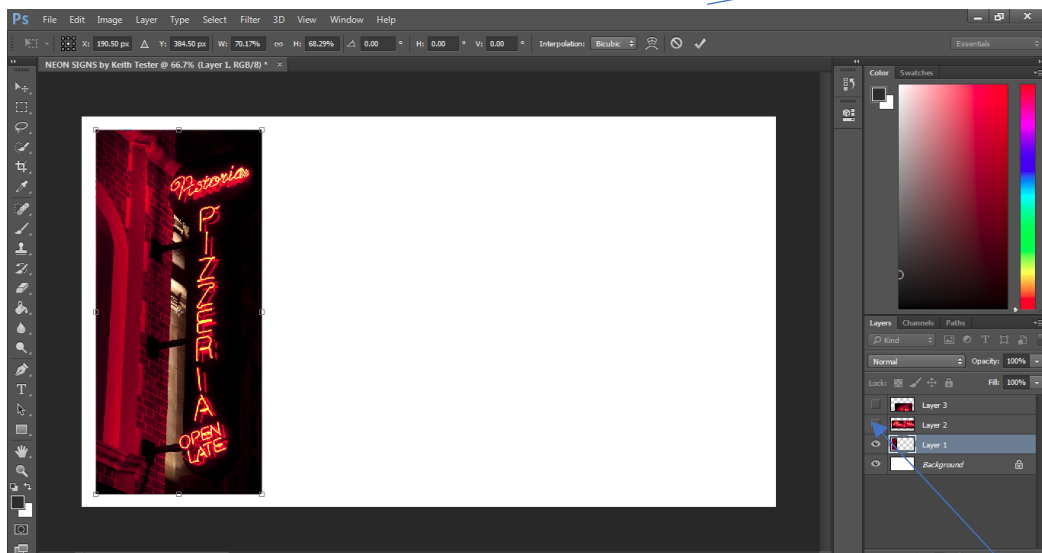
You will now see all 3 images on the top of the white paper and they are a bit messy!

On the bottom right of the screen you should see some little icons of your photos and the white page in a list. These are the 'Layers'. So if you imagine a jazz band with of a drummer, guitarist and bass player, each of those is the layer of musical sound that makes up the band. The more instruments, the more layers of sound are added. This time it is in pictures. So depending on your preferred layout we need to set about changing and arranging the picture layers into something that looks right.

In this instance we will use Layer 1 – the long Pizzeria sign, we need to click on Layer to the resize the image:

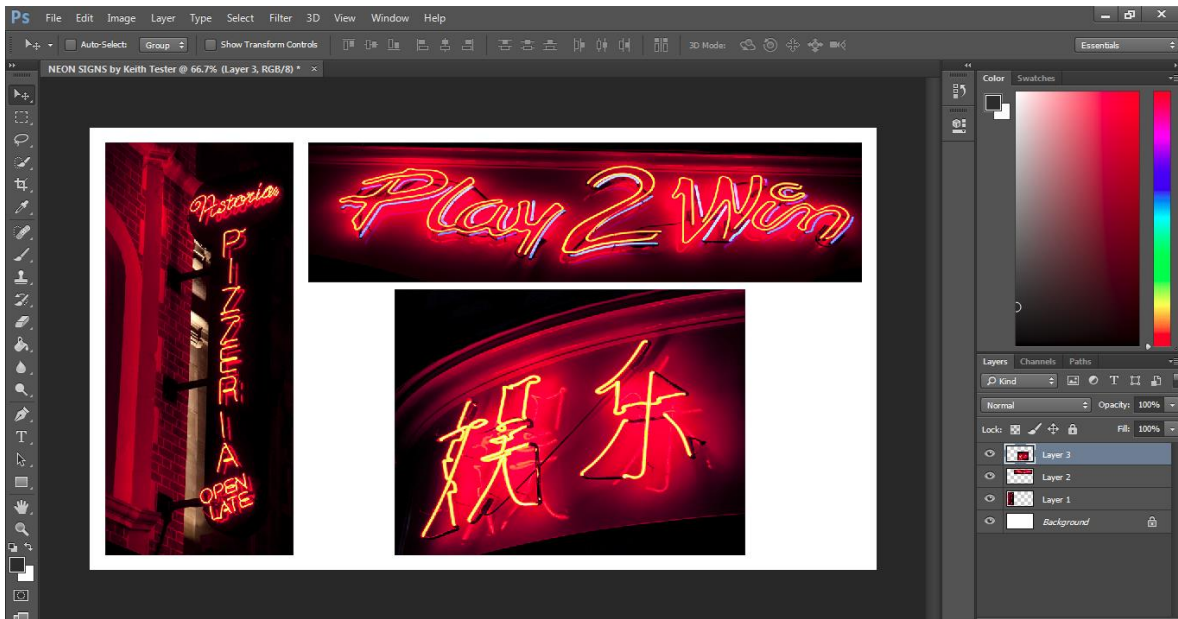


If you click on the 'eye' on Layers 3 and 2 you will close the Layers for now and we can work on Layer 1. Hold down the Ctrl key and press T on the keyboard. This allows you to change the size of the image so you can place it where you want to on the white page. And then click on the ✓

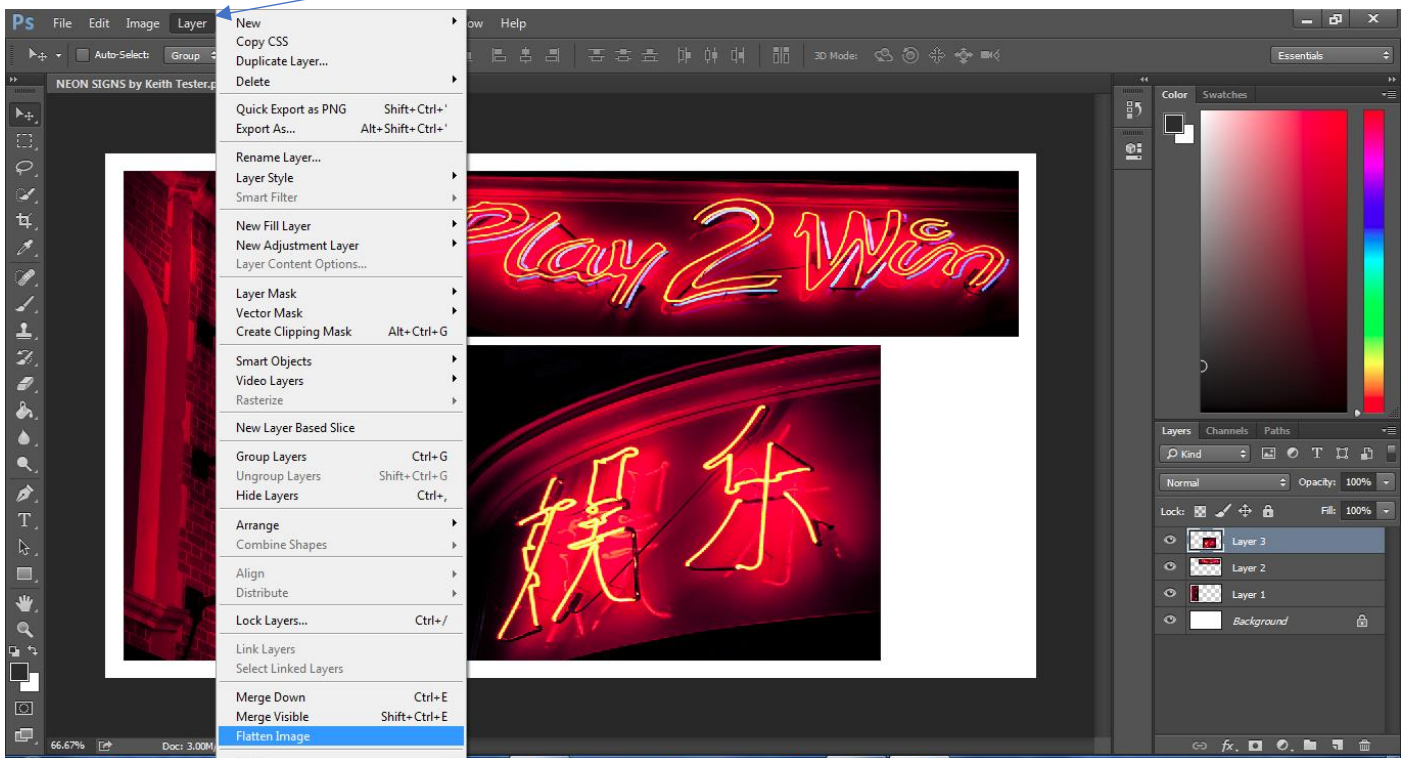


Your image is now in place so click on the eye for Layer 2 and click where it says Layer 2 which will highlight the box and repeat until all 3 images in your 'jazz band' are in place.

So here's all 3 images in place. This layout is just an example.



So now you need to ensure all this 'sticks'. At the top of the screen on the tab 'Layer' allow the drop down menu and click on 'Flatten Image'



Click File - Save As ensuring you use the .jpeg for saving. To submit PDI remember to name as per *this* example:
Neon Signs



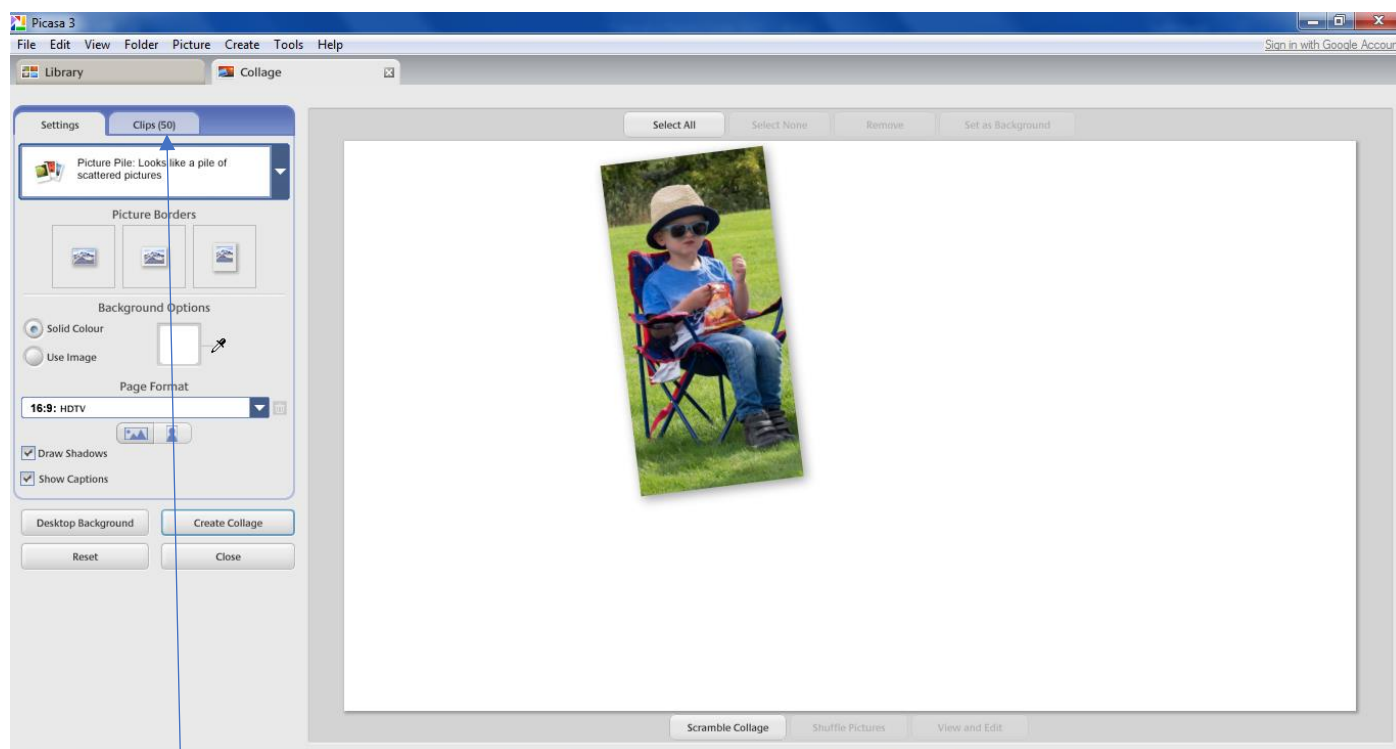
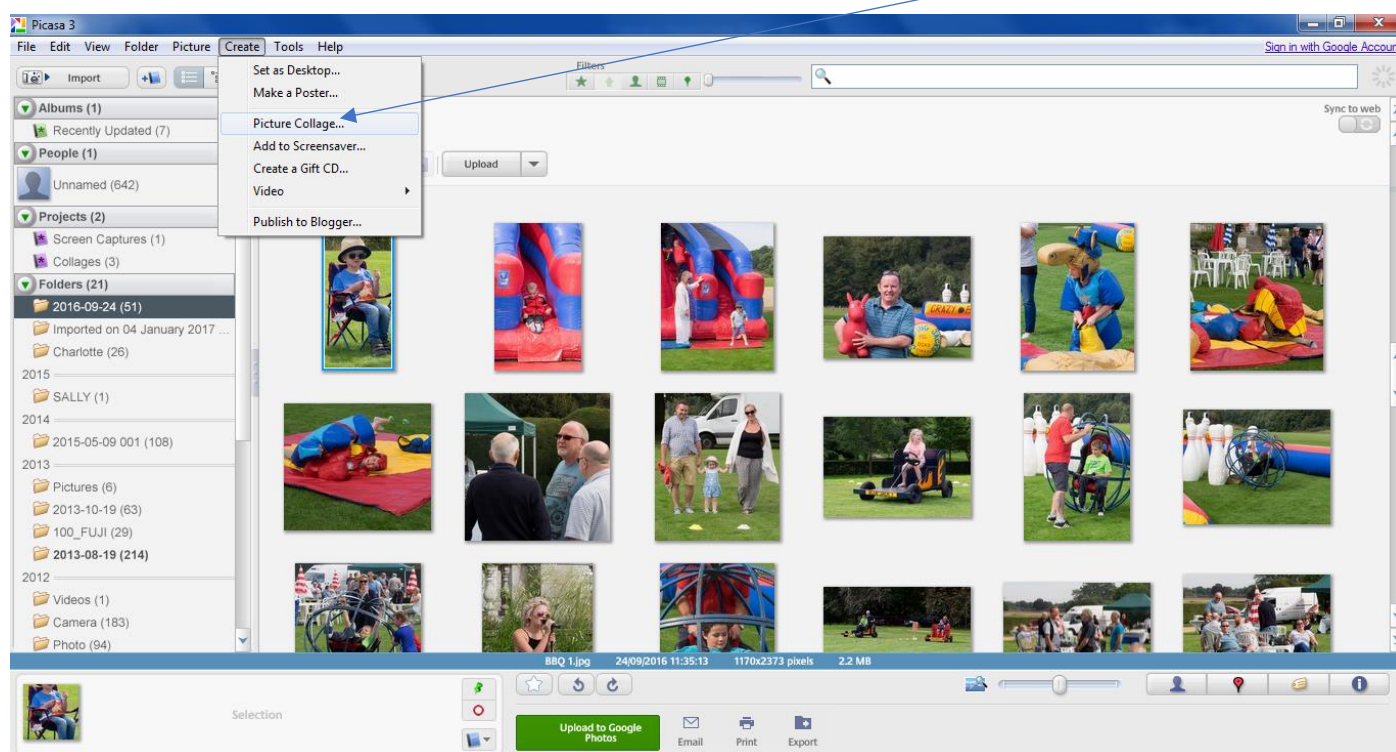
Ta dah!

Your 'Three of a Theme' image should now be ready for competition entry.

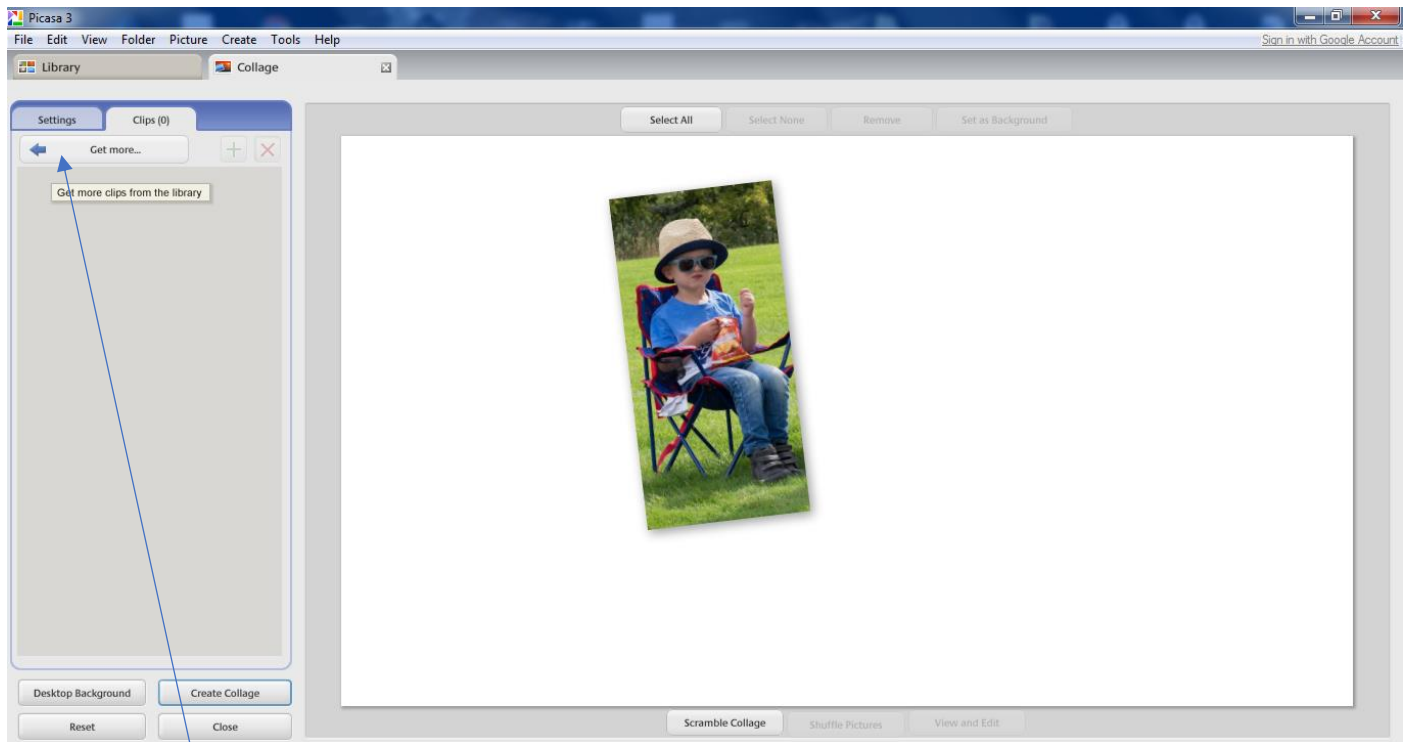
You can use other Photoshop techniques and effects to further improve the look of your entry should you desire.

PICASA

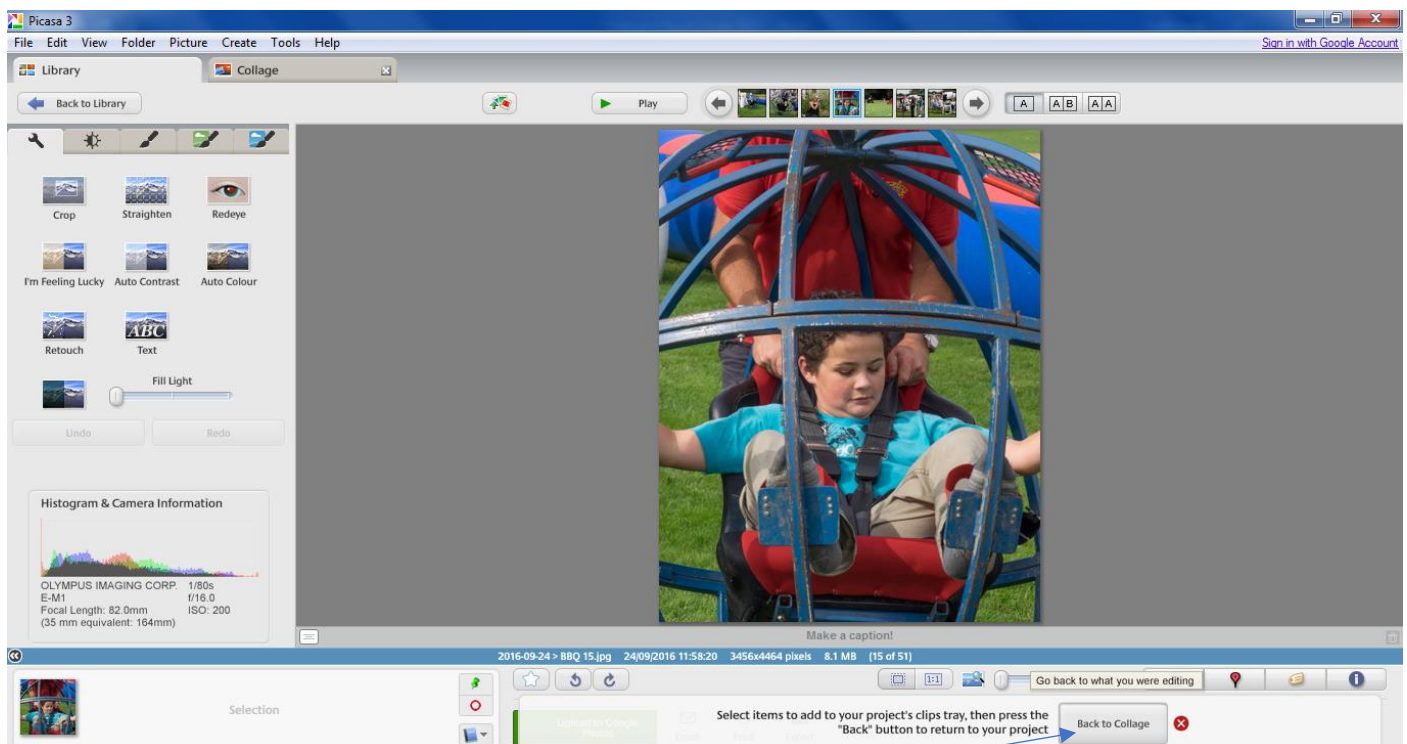
Step1. From the opening page, select the folder and click on the first image wanted, Click on Create > Picture Collage



Step 2. Click on 'Clips' and then click on the red 'X' to clear the tray.

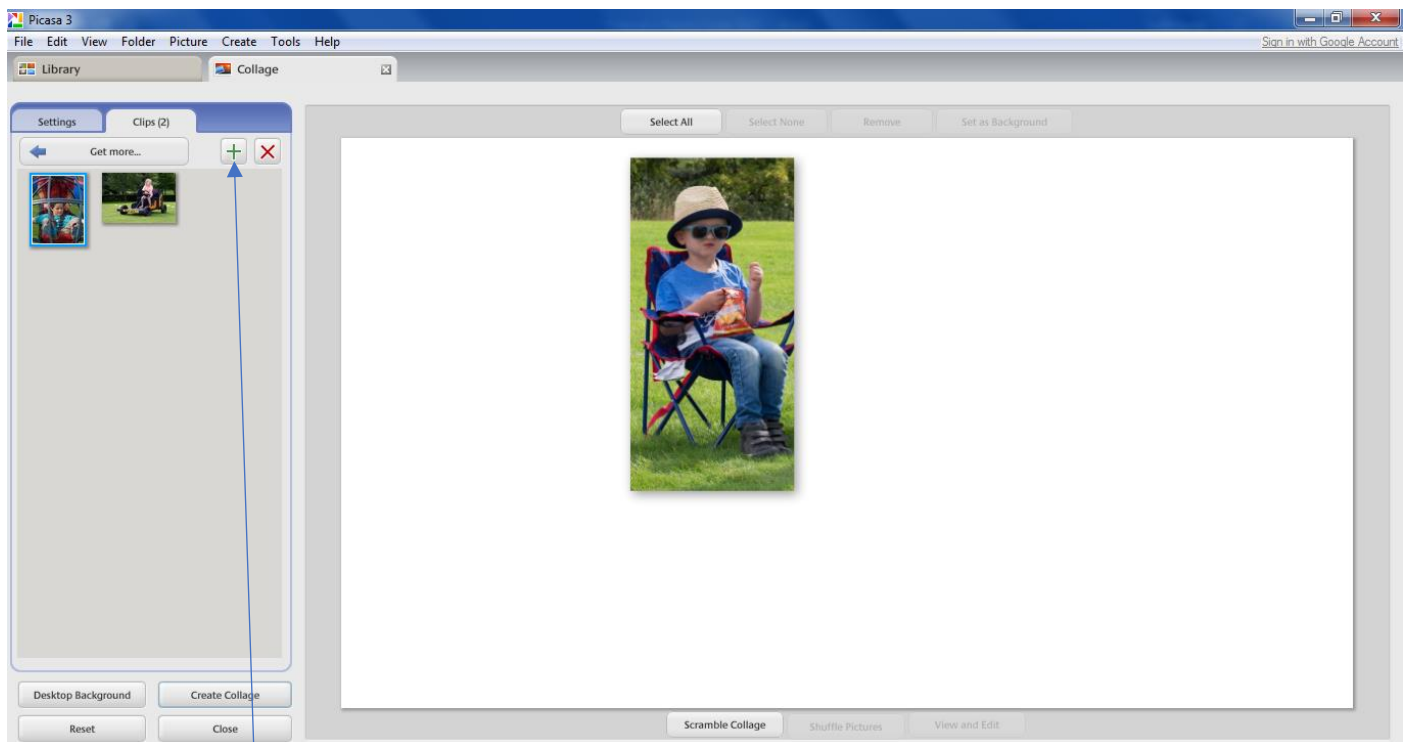


Step 3. Click on 'Get more..'



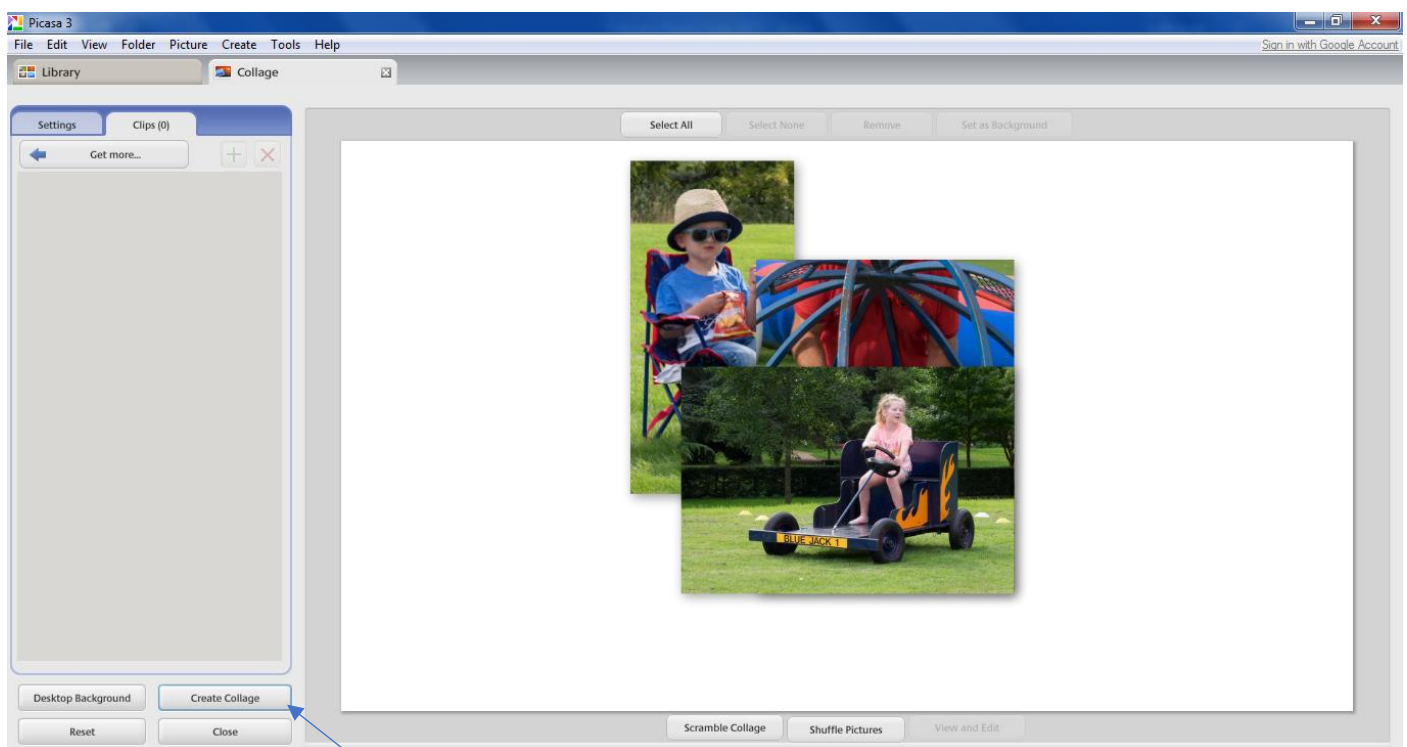
Step 4. Click on the next image and then click on 'Back to Collage'. Repeat from Step 3 for the next image.

You should now have 1 on the page and 2 in the 'Clips' tray.



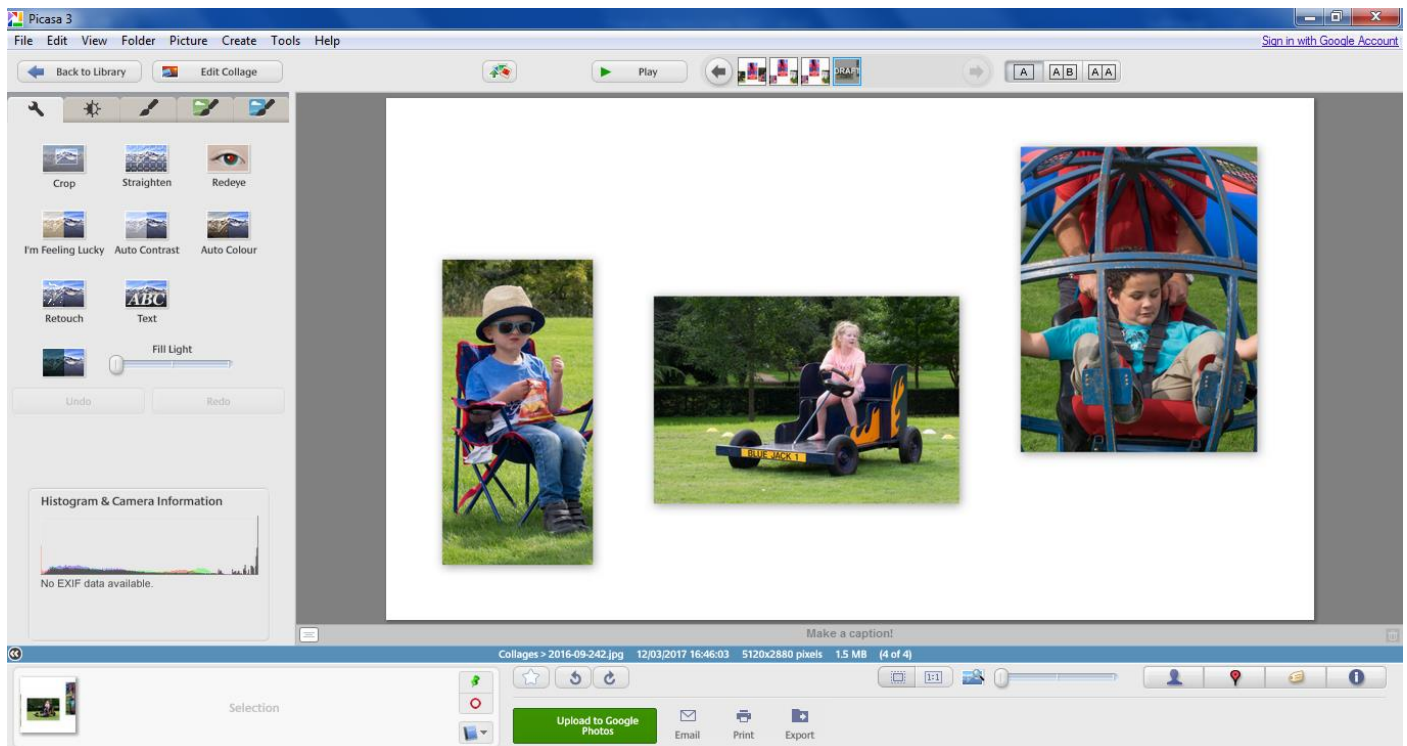
Step 5. Click the green + which will add the next image which has the blue outline. Click on the final image in the 'Clips' tray and click the green + again.

Step 6. All images are now on the page but not organised. All images need to be spread out so click on each picture and drag into position.

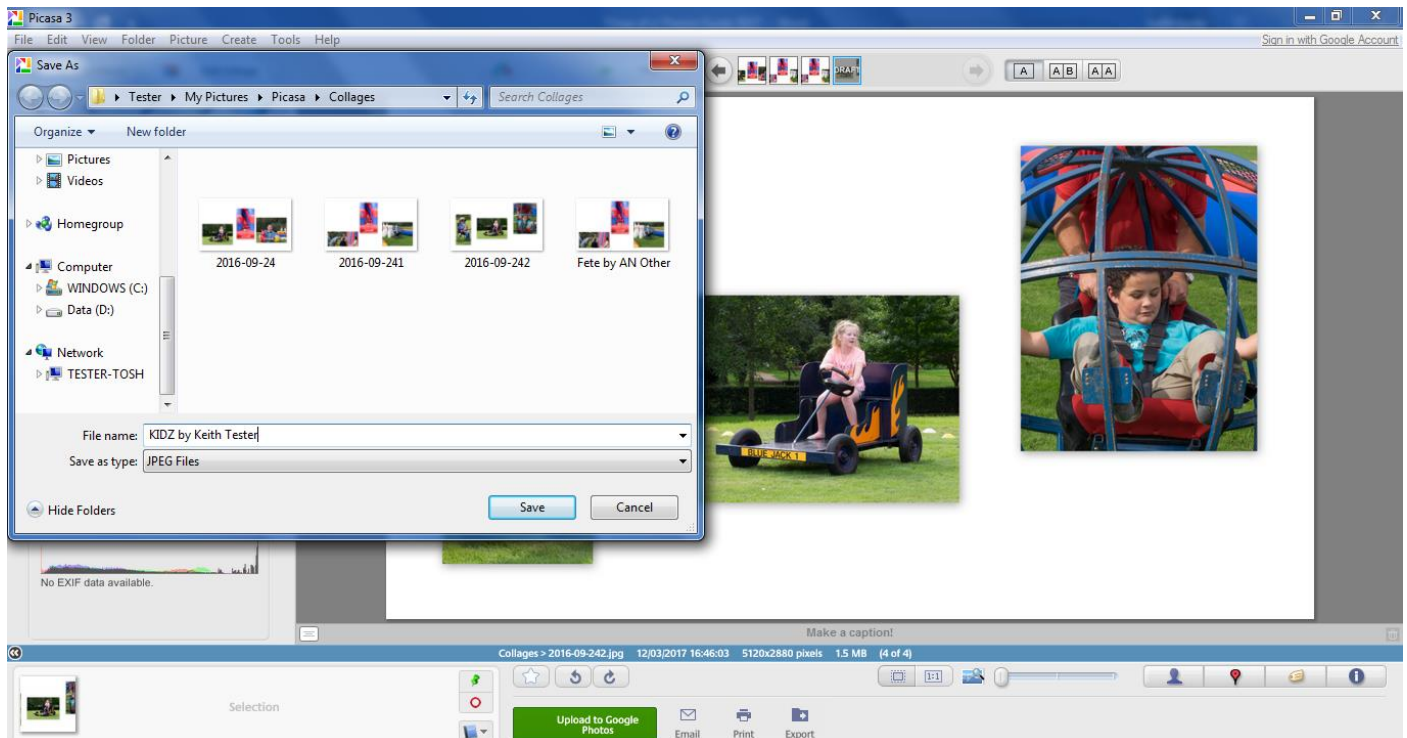


Step 7. When you are happy click on the 'Create Collage' button

Your image should look something like this:



Step 8. File > Save As and name the file:



Ta Dah!

Please remember to name your PDI entry for the competition as per *this* example: Kidz