

Vertical Collage 2

Photoshop Actions help and instructions

Collect your pictures into a single collage with a fancy graphic seam.

- Actions to create collages of 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 images with five different seam designs:



- In 2 sizes:
 - **Small**, seam pattern width = 100 px
 - **Large**, seam pattern width = 200 px
- = 50 total actions
- **Non-destructive**: keeps the original images untouched.
- Easy to install:
 - Load the **Vertical Collage 2 Actions**
 - Load the **Seam Pattern 2 Brushes**
- Works with:
 - Pixel layers
 - Shape layers
 - Smart Objects
 - Grouped layers
- Photoshop versions CS6, CC, CC2014, CC2015, CC2017, CC2018, CC2019+
- Well-organized

Vertical Collage Actions Folder content:

- 10 Action set files containing five different seam type actions each:
 - 5_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 6_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 7_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 8_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 9_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 10_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - 5_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
 - 6_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
 - 7_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
 - 8_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
 - 9_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
 - 10_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
- 1 Brush set file:
 - SEAM_PATTERN_2.abr
- 1 Photoshop File to test the actions
 - VERTICAL_COLLAGE.psd
- 1 PDF Help File

Photoshop Panels:

Go to the **Window Menu** and make visible the following Photoshop Panels:

- Actions Panel
- Tools Panel
- Layers Panel

Installing:

- In order to run the **Photoshop Vertical Collage 2 Actions** the following contents of the *Vertical Collage 2 Actions* folder must be installed in Photoshop:

A - Vertical Collage 2 Actions

B - Seam Pattern 2 Brushes

A - Load the actions:

- Go to the menu **Window > Actions**
- On the **Actions Panel** click the top right menu button to expand it
- Select **Load Actions**
- From the *Vertical Collage 2 Actions* folder, select any or all of the .atn files. The number at the beginning of the name indicates the number of images the collage will have:
 - XX_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_LARGE.atn
 - XX_VERTICAL_COLLAGE_2_SMALL.atn
- Click **Open**

B - Load the brushes

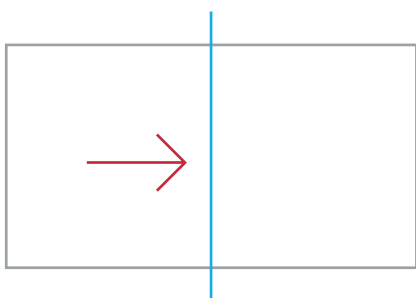
- Go to menu **Edit → Preset Manager** or **Presets → Preset Manager**
- From the **Preset Types** dropdown menu select **Brushes**
- Click the **Load** button
- From the *Vertical Collage* folder select the file:
 - SEAM_PATTERN_2.abr
- Click **Open**
- Click **Done**

How to use the Vertical Collage Actions:

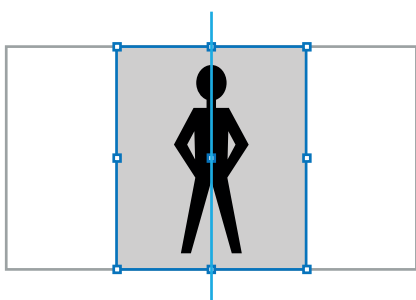
Before using the actions, from the **Tools Panel**, select the **Brush Tool** to see the tool options at the top bar and set from left to right:

- Mode: Normal
- Opacity: 100%
- Tablets Control Opacity icon: unchecked
- Flow: 100%
- Airbrush style mode icon: unchecked
- Pen Pressure Controls Size icon: unchecked

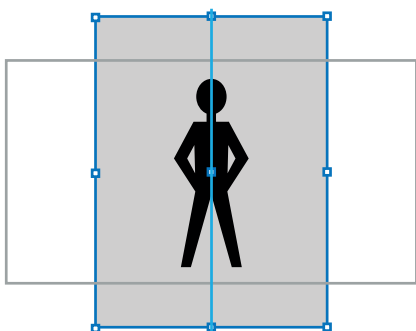
- Make a new file with the final document size.
Minimum recommended height = 800px.
- Go to the menu **View > Rulers** and from the left ruler drag a vertical guide until the document center



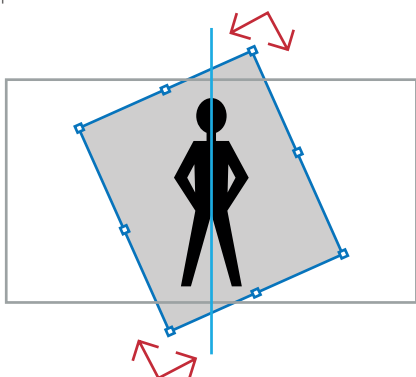
- Distribute the images that will make up the collage in the upper layers by copy-pasting from other open documents or placing them from the menu **File > Place Embedded**.



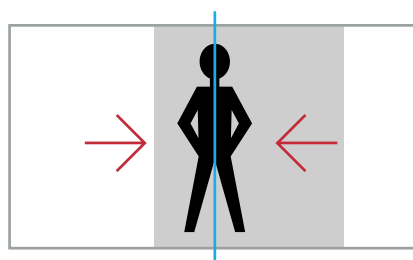
- Transform the layer to adjust the content size and position:
 - The layer content height must be equal or larger than the document height, any width



- The layer content can be rotated if the main object is not vertically aligned or just to adjust its position



- Move the layer until the main object is vertically centered in the document. The action will use the central axis to relocate each image to the corresponding position in the collage.



IMPORTANT

Place the image layers at the top of the **Layers Panel**, the actions run using the **visible layers located at the top**

NOTE: Layer's name are not relevant for the right development of the actions

- From the **Actions Panel** choose the action
- Click the **Play Action** button at the palette bottom
- The action ends with a **New Layer Group** named as the action played containing two other group of layers:
 - TEXT LAYERS
 - IMAGE LAYERS

Custom:

- The images are relocated in the collage along with a layer mask. To transform or move the content of a layer unlock the mask by clicking the **Link to the mask** icon.
 - Click the **Layer Thumbnail** to move or transform the layer content
 - Click the **Mask Thumbnail** to move vertically the seam pattern
- The font of the caption is a system font: **Arial Bold**. Edit the text to change the font and/or the content or hide the Text Layer's Group if it's not necessary to display them.

To run another action using the same images

place the group created in the previous action below the image layers and run the action. These actions use the visible layers located at the top of the layers panel.

- Use the **VERTICAL_COLLAGE.psd** file located at the *Vertical Collage 2 Folder* to test the actions

Video link:

<https://youtu.be/r18hl49vSoE>