

How to Create A 3-D Image

- File > open (choose your photo).
- Make a duplicate of your original
- Increase your canvas size - go to Image>Canvas. In our example of a book increase width more than height in inches
- Open a new layer and use the Rectangular Ellipse tool and create a proportional size rectangle next to your image that will become the spine of your book
- Use your “stopper” tool to select a color for your spine
- Use text tool to create a title for your spine cover (you will need to align your text to be vertical).
- Combine the “text” and “spine layer” so that when you manipulate the spine your text moves with it.
- Select your spine layer - go to Image>Transform-Perspective. Grab the top left corner of your spine image and pull up.
- Next select your book layer - go to Image>Transform-Perspective. Grab the top right corner of your book image and pull up.
- Combine your spine and book layers
- Now to make the area where the spine meets the book look more real. Choose a solid brush tool, with white as your brush color. Adjust the brush size so that it will just create a tiny line down the spine. Start at top of spine, press Shift, and pull down the brush to bottom of the spine. This creates a slight reflection and makes the image look more real.
- Go to File>Save As and save as a JPEG file. Remember the default is a Photoshop file so you have to manually select JPEG.

This technique is especially good for creating a 3-D “book” image. But try it on other things. Don’t be afraid to experiment.

Remember - You are the artist so you are only limited by your imagination

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