



Give It a Tilt

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I am always looking for ways to change up my layouts. That is one of the reason I love Digital Scrapper. With all the tutorials and different styles of kits I receive with my **Premier membership**, my digital scrapping never feels stale and old. So that is what I have for you today—a tutorial that will change up your layouts just a bit.

When I scroll through a layout gallery, layouts that have just a bit of a tilt to them always catch my eye. I don't know why, but I really like how they look. In trying to do this type of layout myself, I found that they can be a bit tricky.

The first bit of advice I would give you before you make this kind of layout, is to create it straight first. Use a design or a template that has a bit of a blocked look to it and try to not have anything touching the edges. Most of the **Scrap It Now Templates** would work great for this technique.

I made a template out of the page that I am featuring in this tutorial. If you would like to play along using one that looks like mine, you can download it [here](#).

You can find instructions on how to use a layered template [here](#).

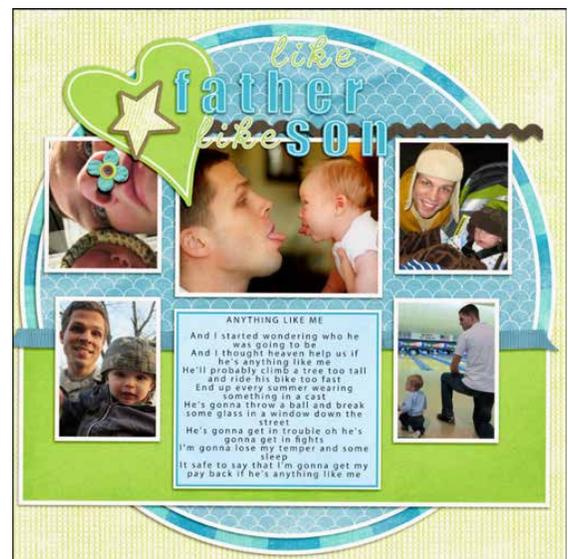
Step One: Open and Use the Template

- Open (File > Open) the template provided with this tutorial or a different one that has a blocked design.
- Save a copy of the template (File > Save As) with a new file name so that you are not working on the original template.
- Create your page, leaving off anything that you don't want tilted.

Step Two: Tilt the Layout

- Get the Move tool.
- In the Layers panel, activate the bottom layer of the layers that you want to tilt.
- While holding down the Shift key, activate the top layer to select all the layers that you want to tilt.

For this template, I activated all the layers but the bottom one. The circles really won't change unless you have patterned paper clipped to them.



- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.
- In the Tool Options, set the Angle to -10. (Photoshop: Set the Rotation to -10.) Click the checkmark to commit the transformation.

Note: You can change the amount of the Angle/Rotation according to what looks good to you.

Step Three: Add Other Elements and Crop

- Add any other elements that you did not want to be tilted.
- Press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to select all.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Image > Crop.
- Press Ctrl D (Mac Cmd D) to deselect.

This will eliminate any pixels that were moved outside of the layout bounds by the rotation.

Layouts that have blocks that touch the edge of the layout are a bit more difficult. Here is a little trick that I use. After you have rotated the layout, if anything appears too short, rotate it back before changing the length. You will find it is much easier than trying to change the length while rotated.

Here is an example of a layout with blocks that touched the edge of the layout. I just had to work back and forth until I got the look I was looking for.

Credits

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Layout 1: Like Father Like Son

Kit: Dad's Day by Digilicious Designs

Font: DJB Mandy, Impact, Geeoh HmkBold

Layout 2: Easter Bonnet

Kit: In My Easter Bonnet by Krystal Hartley

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