

## Bamboo Fun: Each Moment

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I love photography, and I especially love taking pictures of flowers when I don't have any moving subjects. Before the invention of digital cameras though, I didn't indulge in this to much, I was pretty frugal because of developing and film costs. Getting just the right photo can sometimes be difficult and with film I tended to get a lot of shots that didn't come out that great. With a digital camera I can take as many pictures as I want, and often do! This picture of some beautiful flowers alongside the road was taken during one of those marathon photo sessions while on a recent trip to Nebraska. I just love that the field and farmhouse in the background were there, and blurred the perfect amount so you can tell what they are. And the yellow flowers, be still my heart – I love them. When I first saw this photo I knew I wanted to create a page that had a vintage feel to it and what better way to get that than to use my [Bamboo Fun Tablet](#) to add some vintage effects to my photo.



To start the transformation of this photo I found a scanned image of an old ledger page and sized it to the same general size as my photograph. Working with the Magic Eraser Tool (found in the options bar under the Eraser Toolbox) I changed the options to: **Tolerance: 254** **Opacity: 43%**. I used the Pen

Tool to erase the background of the ledger paper leaving the text and a very transparent version of my original. I saved this as a new file to preserve my original left it open while I started working on the border.

For the border I opened the flower photograph and saved it as a new file that I called border.psd. The first thing I wanted to do was make a funky vintage border that was a combination of the original ledger and the original flower. To do this I used the Bamboo Fun Pen Tool to select the portion of the photograph that I did NOT want to edit, leaving a border of ¼" all around – I copied this and pasted it into a new file. To do this use the **Rectangular Marquee Tool > Edit > Copy > File > New Image from Clipboard**. *Just leave this in the photo bin while you work on the border, you'll paste it back in later.* Now you should have an image that has a white box in the center and flower border all around. The next step is to open your original ledger file, copy it and paste it into a new layer. To make this border, delete the center of the ledger to match the flower photo layer. To do this, choose the Rectangular Marquee Tool and the Pen Tool to select the portion to delete then **Edit > Delete**. The next process is to use the **Magic Eraser Tool** again to erase the edges. I changed the settings to: **Tolerance: 5** **Opacity: 91%** and used the Pen Tool gently around the edges until I was satisfied with the grungy results.

Now that I was happy with these results I copied the photo that I had cut out and pasted it back into the center of this file. The next step is to add the Ledger file that we worked on first. To do this, create a new layer: **Layer > New > Layer**. Switch over to the flower photograph and select all. A shortcut for this step is: **CTRL + A**, now copy **CTRL + C**

and switch back to your working file and paste it in, **CTRL + P**. Send the photo back one layer by **Layer > Arrange > Send Backwards**. This will bring the ledger that you pasted in

previously to the front and send the flower photo backwards. Now you can use the **Background Eraser Tool** with the Pen Tool to erase the portions of the ledger you don't want covering the flowers. Adjust the size of the brush depending on the area you are working in. Once you are satisfied with this step you are done with this photo!

For the second photo on this page, the one in the background, **make a copy** of the previous file, simple switch to the flower layer and delete it. Add a new layer and paste your photo into it. Arrange the layers, **Layer > Arrange > Send Backwards** and you're ready to print on photo paper.

To create the quote block, **make a copy** one of the photo files and crop it to to approximately 3" x 5", **Image > Resize > Image Size**. To allow the text to stand out in front of the photo I adjusted the brightness/contrast levels, to do this **Enhance > Adjust Lighting > Brightness/Contrast**. Use the pen tool to move the sliders to reveal the perfect background for your quote. Next, find a perfect quote and type it in. Use the **Horizontal Type Tool** and add your journaling or quote. When you are happy with the placement of the text, save your file and print this on white cardstock.

### **Materials for the Hybrid Page:**

- Brown Bazzill Cardstock
- Scenic Route Background with Blue Grid Worn
- K & Co. Wild Saffron Brown Pixies
- Prima Waterford from the Eire Collection
- Chatterbox Fine Flocked Paper in Chocolate
- KI Memories: Pop Culture Flower Child Lace Cardstock
- Tattered Angels Glimmer Mist: Autumn Leaves
- Prima Floral Embellishment and Swirl Bling
- 7 Gypsies 97% Complete Tag
- EK Success 1 ¼" Scallop Circle Punch
- Sulky Gold thread
- Vintage Items: Ribbon, button, tickets, flower page from Nature Encyclopedia



1. Print edited photos on photo paper and quote on white cardstock. Set aside to dry and trim when ready.
2. Lay lace cardstock over Scenic Route background paper and mist edges with Tattered Angels Glimmer Mist. Mist vintage tickets to match! Allow to dry. Use an edge distresser tool to distress edges of this and adhere to brown cardstock.
3. Add vintage encyclopedia page and the strips of 3 patterned papers to page as shown in the example.
4. Add photographs to page, moving them around until you are happy with the placement. Add quote, ribbon, vintage tags and 7 Gypsies 97% Complete tag. Stitch entire page with gold thread.
5. Add swirlie bling as shown. I rolled a brayer over the crystals a couple of times to make sure they stuck to the photo paper.
6. To make flower, use scallop punch to punch a circle from the embossed paper and glue to the center of the flower. Cut out a small flower from the lace cardstock and glue to top of embossed paper. Add button and tie with yarn. Adhere this embellishment to page and you're done with this page!