

ROES TUTORIAL - CUSTOM COLLAGE AND LAYERED PRINTS

Welcome to Color Inc ROES Tutorial.

Today we will be looking at how to setup a custom multi image layered print template in ROES School & Sports catalogs. This style of print is great for class, team or corporate prints and can be customized and saved in your Favorites. You will also be able to use this method on creating custom ID cards and Package Labels.

Open ROES or ROES Events and navigate to the School and Sports Fuji Pro or Fuji Deep Matte catalog. Select the print size in the single image category that you want to create the collage with. We will be using the 11x14 print for this demonstration.

In the window with the print selected you will see the editing tools in the top left corner of the center window. The hand tool allows you to select a layer, the directional arrow allows you to move nodes around the template, the crosshairs enables you to draw an image node, while the cross hairs with a "T" enables you to draw a text node. The cross hairs with a box is used with Events specifically when setting it up with your QR codes. The next tool is the background which allows you to upload a specific image for the background and lock it into place. This tool is great if you have a graphic that does not need to change. Finally the last two tools will allow you to layer up or layer down your nodes.

If you have a background image you will be using select the background icon and then choose the background image from your files. This will drop in the background and lock it into place. If you are not using a predefined background then you can skip this step and just drop in a background image from your image folder later on.

Select the Draw Tool and then click and drag on the print to create an image node. Now click on the tools tab on the right side of the window and additional editing tools will appear.

So that we can organize the image layout, click on grid and then check the box for Grid, Snap to and adjust the spacing to .25" or as needed for your preference. You can also free hand the image nodes if needed in which case do not check "snap to" box.

Position, size and orientation of the boxes can be changed as needed by click and holding onto the dots around the image node.

Now to add additional boxes you can click on the “Draw tool” icon again or if the boxes will all be the same size, then right click on your first box and select “duplicate”. Drag the duplicated box to another position and then repeat as needed for the number of boxes you want.

Once all of your image nodes are placed you can now add text nodes. This will allow you to put in additional information on the print such as school, class or teacher name. There will also be additional tools to change the font or color of your text.

You can create a border around image or text nodes By one of two methods.

With the node selected that you want to add a border to, select Stroke tool, enter your line size and then select a color from the color wheel or sample a color from one of your images.

Another method is to select the draw tool and draw a box larger than the node you want the border on. Now click on fill section of the tools and check the fill box then pick a color from the color wheel or sample a color from your image. Next click on the edit tool “layer up” or “layer down” as appropriate to move this node to the background.

Adding a drop shadow to your image or text nodes will also help create separation from the node and the background. With the node selected, Select Shadow from the tools menu and check the shadow box. Now you can adjust the lines of the shadow by adjusting the blur, opacity and position with the slider controls below.

Once you have all of your editing and adjustments made, save the custom template to your favorites by clicking on the + heart symbol and name it to save. The template can be edited in your favorites but changes will only be saved if you click the + heart symbol again and save it as a new favorite.

Now with your new template, drag and drop in your images into their image nodes and change the text as appropriate to your order then click to add to cart when ready. Any node that does not have an image or text in it will not print so you do not need to remove nodes if you do not fill all of them up.

This process can also be used to customize your package print labels to add your logo and additional text for that personal touch or to create custom ID cards for your clients.

With ROES Events you can set up ID cards and Package Print Labels to auto fill in the image and text nodes for you.

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