

Preparing a Triptych

I have written this to remind myself what I did this time as I usually forget and I'm sure I do it differently every time.

As some of you have found putting the images together and bit of a trial I thought I'd share my method, well, this year's way anyway, in the hope that it might help some of you (and me next year, as well as possibly with the Main Project). It would have to be tweaked to suit.

Obviously most of you have your own tried and tested method that works perfectly well for you which is probably a lot easier than this so this isn't meant for you.

Putting Together a Triptych in Lightroom.

- In Lightroom select the images you want to use. **Example 1**
- Create a Collection (left panel, click +, name it and put the selected images in the collection).
- Click Print - top menu, right
- Click Page Setup (left panel, bottom left) **Example 2**
 - Paper Size A4 - A4 Borderless
 - Orientation - Landscape
 - Leave the rest
 - OK
- Right panel setup
- Layout Style - Custom Package
- Image Settings - all unticked
- Rulers, Grid and Guide
 - Ruler Units - centimetres
 - Grid Snap - Grid
 - Show Guides - tick Rulers and Page Grid
- Cells - depends on cell dimensions and whether you want them all to be the same (usually unticked) **Example 3**
 - Tick - Lock to Aspect Ratio
- Page - tick Page Background Colour
 - Click on rectangle next to that to select page colour **Example 4**
- Print Job - ignore as you're not going to actually print this.

Now the page is setup - drag images individually to the preferred size and position using the corner squares/handles on a selected image to resize.

When you're happy with the layout untick 'Show Guides' click Print to File (right panel, bottom right).

Name and save somewhere you'll easily find it.

Return to Library - top menu right.

Import the file you've just saved.

Go to Develop and crop to suit the overall triptych. **Example 5**

Go back to Library - Export (left panel, bottom)

Save it as a large jpeg (I have set up presets saved in the User Presets on left panel to avoid having to do this every time and so that I have different presets for different purposes).