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Today I will teach you how you can create your own professional ebook cover in 10 easy steps.

Each step is illustrated at
<http://www.affiliatecovers.com/10steps>

I work with Adobe Photoshop (PS) so you have to adjust my indications to match your graphic software commands.

So, this being said, let's get started:

STEP 1

Create a blank document with the following characteristics:

Width: 283 px
Height: 340 px
Resolution: 72 dpi

STEP 2

Add a new vertical guideline at 40 px
(You can do this easily in PS by pressing ALT+V and then E)

This line will be the border between the front cover and the spine

STEP 3

This step is the most creative and time-consuming step. You'll have to actually do the layout of your cover.

When you're finished, your image should look like a plain 2 dimensional cover with the spine aligned to the front cover.

When you're happy with what you have designed, hit ALT+F. This will flatten the image so the layers will be no longer available.

STEP 4

Now you'll have to select the actual front cover. Click on the rectangular selection tool and click and drag from the lower-left corner of the image up to the upper margin and to the guide you've set before.

Copy the selection to clipboard (CTRL+C)

STEP 5

Save the following template to your hard disk and open it in PS.

Get it from:

<http://www.affiliatecovers.com/10steps/4.jpg>

You can get more templates like this for FREE from <http://www.absolutecovers.com/link.pl?1=magic2001>

STEP 6

Paste the clipboard content into the new document. Pressing CTRL+V should create a new layer

STEP 7

With the new layer active click on Edit - Transform - Distort (ALT+E A D)

This should let you to move each corner of the layer independently.

Drag each corner on the corresponding corner of

the template. When you're done, hit ENTER.

STEP 8

Repeat steps 4, 6 and 7 with the spine side of the image.

STEP 9

While the spine layer is selected, click on Image - Adjustments - Brightness and Contrast (ALT+I A C) and set the brightness to -50 so it will look like the spine is shadowed.

STEP 10

Add a new layer, on top of all layers, set it's opacity to 50% select the 5px round blurred brush, select the white foreground color and draw a line over the edge between the front cover and the spine so it will look like there is a reflection of light on it.

Now, just save the image in .jpg or .gif format and you're done.

Let me know how your cover turned out at ovi@NOSPAMaffiliatecovers.com (remove NOSPAM to email me)

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