

Quick and Easy Calendars from Templates

by Rick LePage | Calendars are great ways to share your photos, and at this time of year, they make a fun and personal gift. There are many ways to create lovely, professional-looking calendars with Elements and your photos. The most direct way is to use a photo service, such as Shutterfly or Kodak, and interactively build a calendar online. You can get calendars starting at about \$20, but those options won't let you create a calendar that you can save on your computer for printing or sharing.

If you want to create your own calendar inside Photoshop Elements, the hardest part is getting the templates for the months and the days. Elements doesn't support tables or other large blocks of text very well, so the best way is to use template files with the months created in other programs—such as Microsoft Word or Apple's Pages—that you can then place into Elements and enter for your own purposes. There are a few places on the Web where you can find free calendar templates, but for 2010, we've come up with six different calendar designs, saved as PDF files, that you can use freely in your own creations. We also asked a few friends to come up with some sample pages, to give you some ideas for creating your own calendar with a personal touch.



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