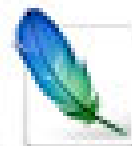


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PUSH BUTTON COVER DESIGNS

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

**DESIGN INSTANT HIGH QUALITY 3D
COVERS WITH THE PUSH OF THE BUTTON!**

Push Button Cover Designs

“Create Instant 3D Covers with the Push of the Button!”

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Push Button Cover Designs

Instruction Book

Introduction

Dear Aspiring Cover Designer,

Thank you for your investment in the Push Button Cover Designs package! Not only do you save a lot in engaging professional help from graphic designers in creating your covers for you, you can also start your own self-employed business online by designing 3D covers for your clients!

The market is far and wide as digital products are being constantly created around the clock – and you know it too well that their product authors need a “face” for each product if they want to increase their chances of selling online.

And this is true for you, too, if you are an avid product creator. Since digital products cannot be felt, smelled, or touched, the one shot you get at creating a good impression is to offer a good visual via your cover design.

Normally, one pays anywhere from \$50.00 to \$99.00 per decent cover made by a professional designer. If you have 10 products that need a cover each, that’s \$500.00 to \$990.00 out of your pocket – not good for business especially if you spend a lot when a product is sold at \$20.00 per pop.

Well, that can come to an end with this amazing cover design breakthrough you’re about to discover! Because for the first time ever, you can design your 3D covers with the push of the button – no fancy graphic design knowledge needed! As long as you can click the mouse and type, you save at least \$50.00 per cover design.

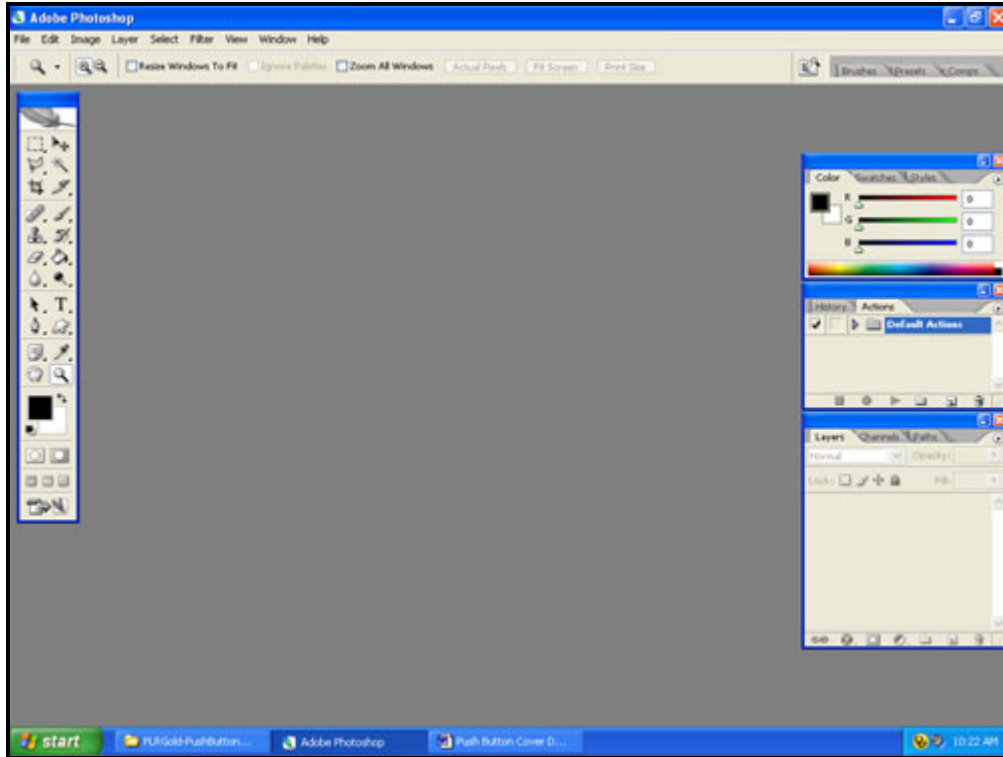
And this nifty handbook will show you how – in layman terms. I guarantee that as long as you follow me closely, you can have your own cover designed in less than an hour – possibly 30 minutes or so.

Interesting, isn’t it? 😊

Let’s get started.

PART 1: GETTING STARTED

Using Adobe Photoshop



Firstly, you need to have Adobe Photoshop program installed in your hard drive in order to use the script and design your covers, flat or 3D. If you don't have Adobe Photoshop just yet, go to <http://www.adobe.com/> and order your copy. Alternatively, you can visit the nearest computer store and purchase the CD program.

Note: Throughout this manual, screenshots and diagrams are taken from Adobe Photoshop CS2 (which is the latest version of Adobe Photoshop at this time of writing). Therefore, you are recommended to use or this version (or upgrade to this version if you're currently using an older one) to achieve desired results. No guarantee is made as to whether older versions of Adobe Photoshop can support the usage of the scripts.

If you already have Adobe Photoshop program installed in your hard drive, open the program in your computer interface and you should see the program visible like in the screenshot above.

Loading the Action Scripts

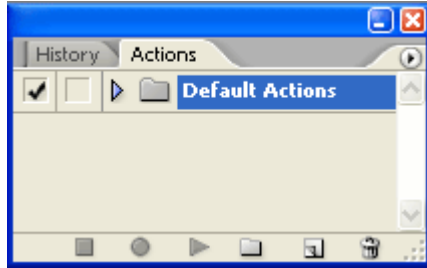
Unzip the entire Push Button Cover Designs ZIP package into your hard drive. The files should be allocated into their own respective directories (X:/.../Push Button Cover Designs) so just remember where you extract the files to.

You will be prompt to have all of the following files unzipped:

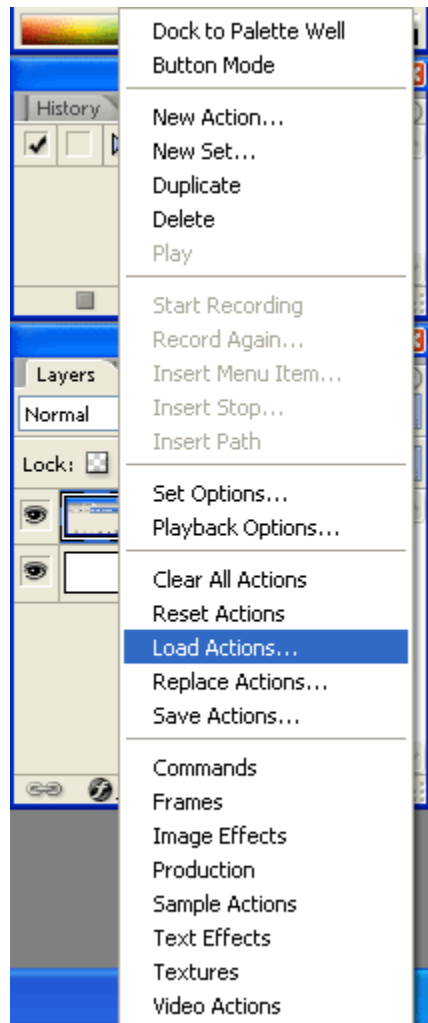
- **Push Button Cover Designs Instruction Book** – you’re reading it right now!
- **PS Action Scripts** – these scripts are found in the /PS Action Scripts folder. There should be 4 scripts altogether, namely E-book, Box, CD, and Membership Pass.
- **PSDTemplates** – these are 20 pre-made templates for the E-book, Box, CD, and Membership Pass. You can find them in the /PSDTemplates folder.
- **Fonts** – these fonts (found in /Fonts folder) are freeware fonts that I have found and collected throughout the Internet. They are fancy fonts, free for you to use in your cover designs. That should help save you time in sourcing or buying fonts online, which also adds more variety to your work other than using default fonts installed in your computer.

Now, in your Adobe Photoshop environment, you need to **load the action scripts**. We will load the E-book action script for starters so here’s how to do it:

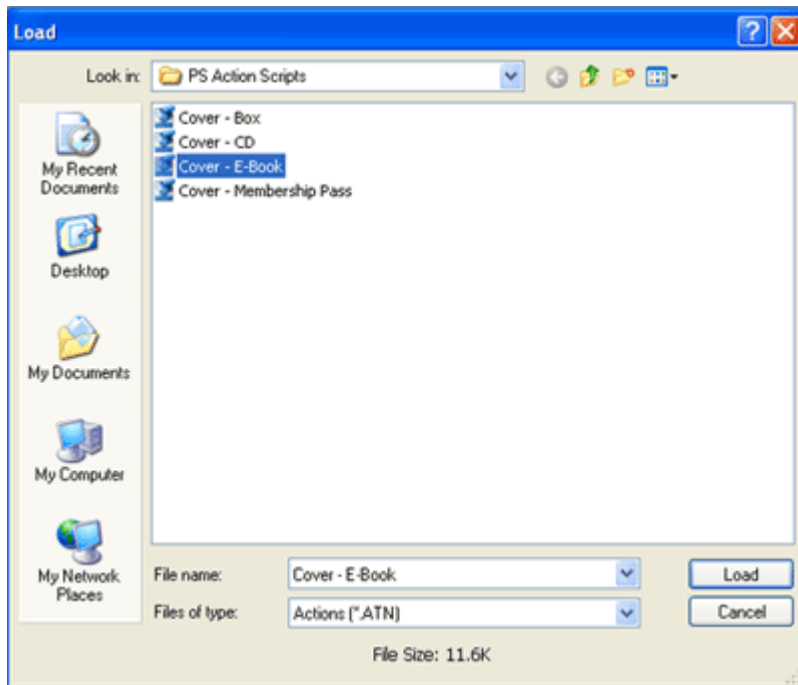
1. Go to the “Actions” tab. You can see it on your right hand side in Adobe Photoshop program.



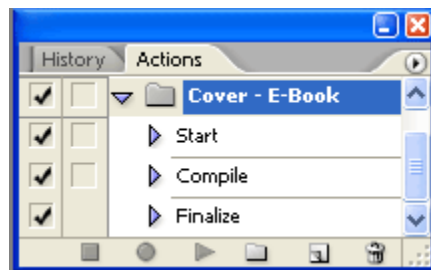
2. Click on the “triangle” icon and a list of options will appear. Select “Load Actions...”



3. The “Load” screen will appear. Go to your PS Action Scripts directory that you have unzipped earlier (X:/.../Push Button Cover Designs/PS Action Scripts). Select “Cover – E-Book.atn” and then click “Load”.

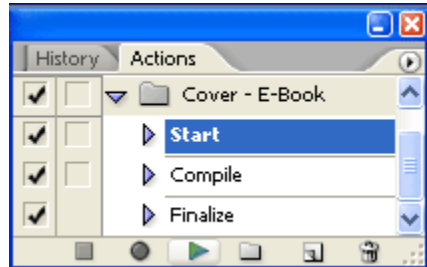


4. The E-book cover action script will be loaded and now, it is visible in your “Actions” tab!



PART 2: DESIGNING YOUR COVER

Starting Your Action Script

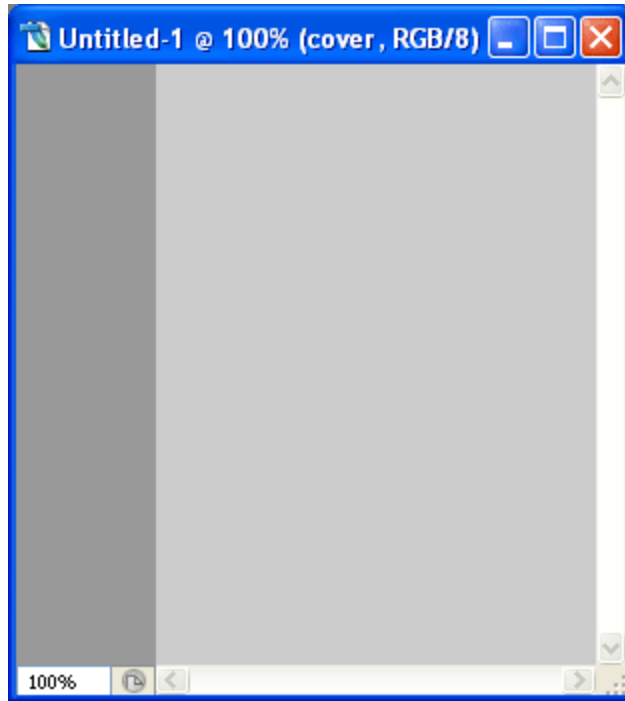


To get started, pull down the list of actions under the “Cover – E-Book” action script. Again, you can find this under the “Actions” tab on your right hand of the Adobe Photoshop interface.

You’ll be prompt to see 3 sequences, namely:

- Start
- Compile
- Finalize

Highlight “Start”, and then click on the “Play” icon. A blank cover will be pre-made for you, like in the screen shot below:



This is the flat surface of an E-book, with the right gray area indicating the book's binder and the lighter gray area being the front cover. When compiled, the final result will look something like this:



Inserting Text on Your Cover

While it's a given that this blank template produces just that – a blank 3D cover – after compilation, it's up to you to decorate and add words to the flat cover before compiling it into a 3D E-book cover.

I cannot be covering the details on graphic designing using Adobe Photoshop program, but here are some ideas you can use in decorating your book cover:

- **Add text to the cover** – put in your product title, description, sub title, author name, and/or website URL.
- **Change the color** of the cover's background.
- **Put in images** from other sources.

Tip: in order to use Adobe Photoshop at its fullest potential for designing your graphic cover, I recommend you can check out the tutorials that come with the program itself.

Using Pre-made Templates

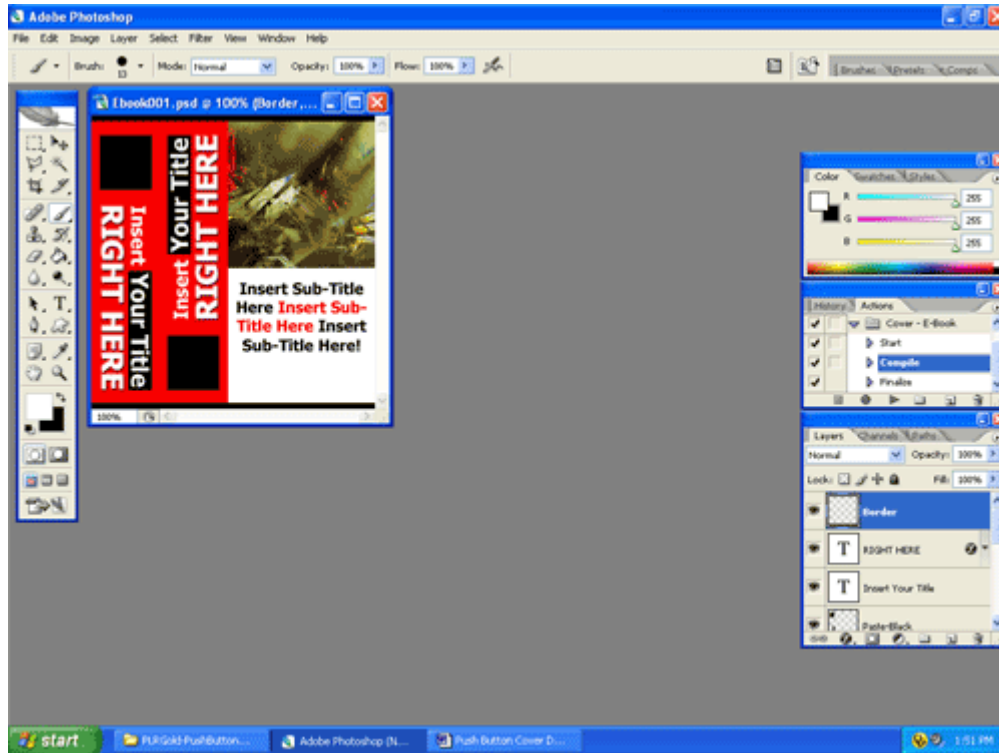
If you don't intend to create your own cover from scratch, the alternative is that you can use pre-made templates that come with this package.

As in the case example of designing your E-book cover and compiling it into 3D, you can choose to use a pre-made E-book (flat) cover to work on rather than create from scratch. I recommend this if you're not fully proficient with Adobe Photoshop.

Together with this package come 20 pre-made templates you can conveniently use and edit for your own. There are 5 templates per cover script (4). All the templates can be found in your Push Button Cover Designs folder (X:/.../Push Button Cover Designs/PSDTemplates).

Firstly, open a PSD template (E-book) in Adobe Photoshop.

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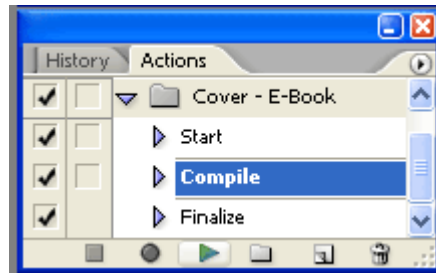


Notice the texts like “Insert Your Title Here” that call for editing? Edit those words to your own preference using the “Type Tool” (you can see it available on your left menu; click on the T icon).

Edit the texts until you’re happy with it. And then, go to **Layer - > Flatten Image** (you can see this option at the top menu).

PART 3: FINALIZING YOUR WORK

Compiling Your Cover



Once done, click on the “Compile” option in your “Actions” tab (see your right of the Adobe Photoshop program). And then, click on the “play” icon. The book will automatically compile itself (which you don’t have to do anything!).

When the sequence is finished, click “Finalize” and then the “play” icon. The layers will flatten, and your final result should look something like the following:



Congratulations! You’ve just designed your first 3D cover! This sequence can be repeated for the box script.

Special Instructions for CD & Membership Pass

When creating your own CD or Membership Pass 3D cover, note that the sequence is slightly different. Taking the CD cover script (Cover – CD.atn) for example, the sequences are:

- Flat CD
- Compile
- Finish

Start with running the “Flat CD” action first. You will be prompted to see an “Open” window appear on your screen. You will need to open the “Template – CD.psd” file, which can be found in X:/.../Push Button Cover Designs/PS Action Scripts.



The template will appear like above. Do your own editing on the flat surface of the cover, and like the case with the E-book cover script, run the “Compile” action and then “Finish”. Your end result should look something like the following:



The sequence holds true when you’re running the Membership Pass script. The only difference is that when asked to open a file at the beginning, you need to open the “Template - Membership Pass.psd” file, found in the same directory.

Summary

There you go! Easy, wasn't it? ☺ No tough nuts to crack and superb graphic designing knowledge needed.

As you've learned by now, the scripts take care of all the 3D compiling work for you at the push of the button! All you really need to do is decide how your flat cover should be, and the scripts will "3D" your work – professionally and instantly!

Now the thought of engaging time- and money-consuming graphic designers is something best not thought and perhaps the idea of designing covers for cash is welcoming. ☺

Whatever your decisions may be, I'm glad it helped you with your cover design needs!

So all the best in your undertakings and have fun churning out limitless professional covers!

Enjoy!

Recommended Resources

[**Photoshop Indepth**](#) – where professional Adobe Photoshoppers hang out. There is a friendly, helpful forum you can go to seek out for help with using Adobe Photoshop as savvy graphic designers heavily frequent the forum. Photoshop tutorials and goodies included.

[**ProjectStormDesigner.com**](#) – how you start your own graphic design business online and make money doing what you do best with your graphic design tools!