

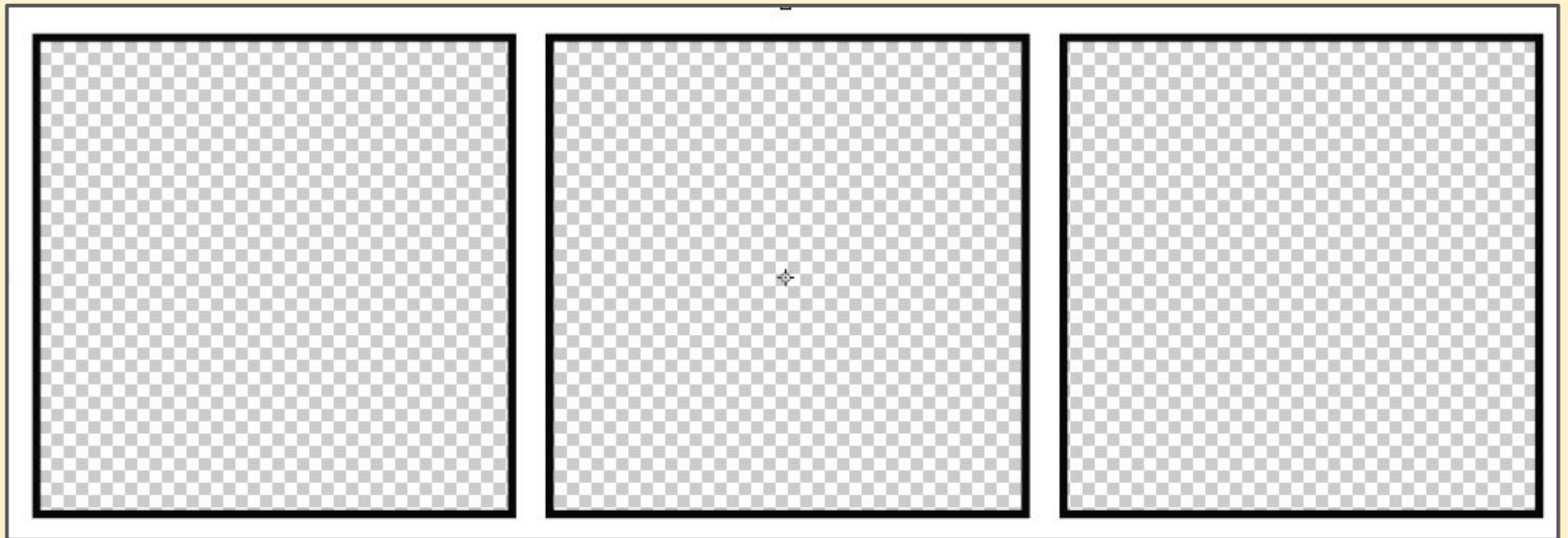
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1. Download your frames template
2. Find, download and save the images you need
- 3. Square crop the background image**
4. Remove backgrounds from other images if necessary
5. Combine the images
6. Add speech balloons and other text
- 7. Flatten the image and save as a JPEG**
8. Bring the image in to your frames template

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Step 1 - frames template

Decide what template you want to use, download it and save it. You'll need to use Photoshop to put the comic together.



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Step 2 - save images

Save the images you'll need. Make sure they're big enough.

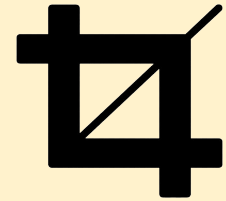


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Step 3 - square crop the background



1. Use the **crop tool** on the left toolbar



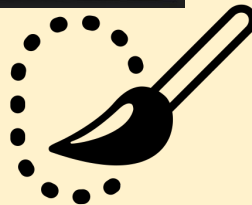
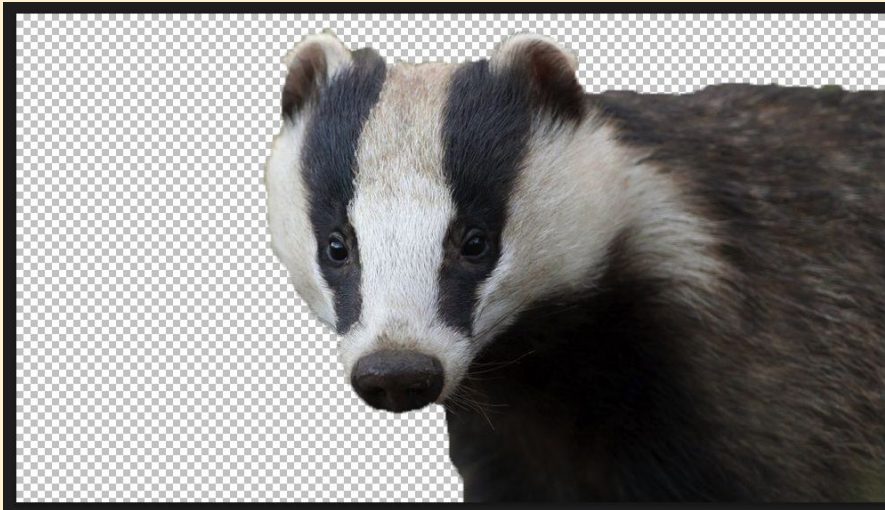
2. At the top left, set the **Unconstrained** box to **1 x 1 (Square)**



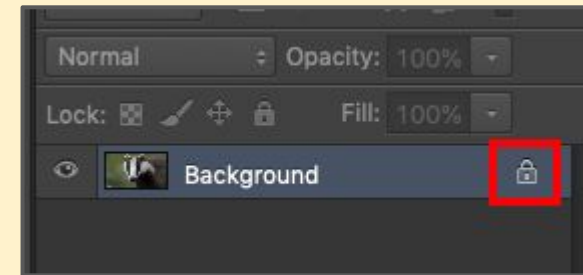
3. **Crop**
4. **File > Save as** - with a new name

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Step 4 - remove backgrounds



1. **IMPORTANT: Double click** the lock on the layer stack > click **OK**



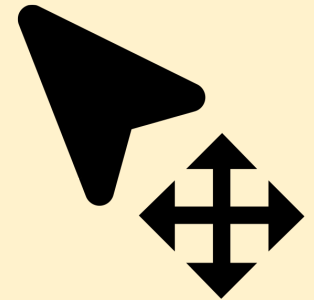
2. Use the **quick selection tool** to select the background
3. Use the - (minus) brush to tidy any selection up



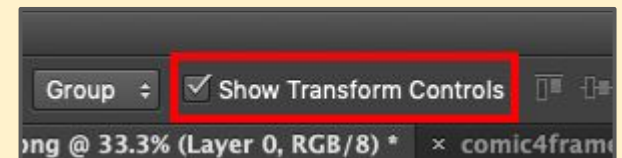
4. Press **delete** - the background should go

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Step 5 - combine images



1. Use the **Move tool** to bring the images on to the background
2. Make sure **Show Transform Controls** is ticked at the top



3. **Resize** images as needed - tick at the top to set each size

If your background image is super large you might need to resize it (Image > Image size). Aim for 1000 pixels square

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Step 6 - speech balloons



1. Use the instructions to add speech balloons and other text elements
 - Comic lettering is usually **ALL IN CAPITALS**
 - Use a font like **Comic Sans**
 - You might find that **Bold text** works better

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Step 7 - flatten the image and save

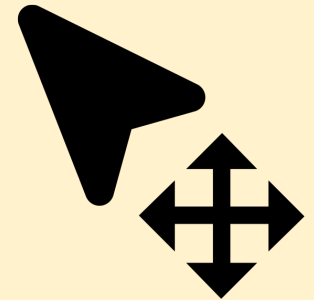


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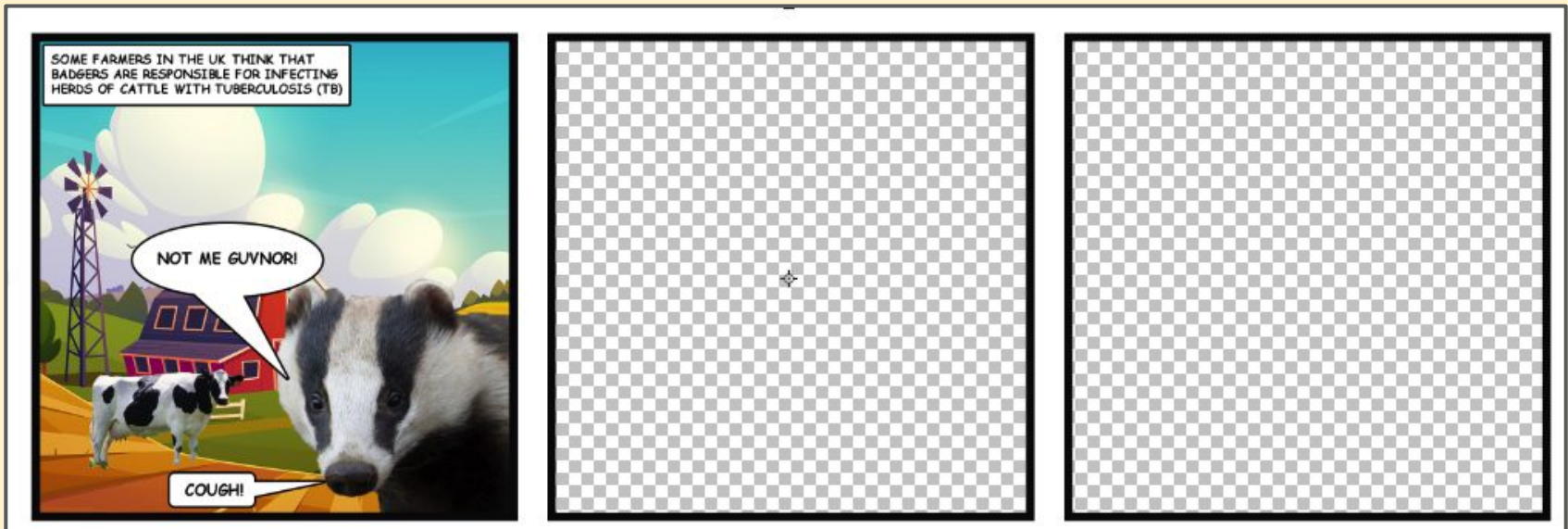
1. **Save** the image first as a Photoshop file
2. Click **Layer > Flatten image**. This will get rid of all your layers
3. **File > Save As** and save the file as a **JPEG**

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Step 8 - bring into the frames



1. Use the **Move Tool** to bring your finished comic frame into the template
2. Move the **frames layer** (Layer 0) to the **top** of the layer stack by **dragging** it up the stack



If your image is far too large, think about resizing it first - **Image > Image Size** and aim for **1000 pixels square**