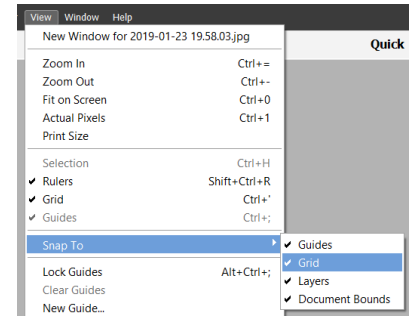
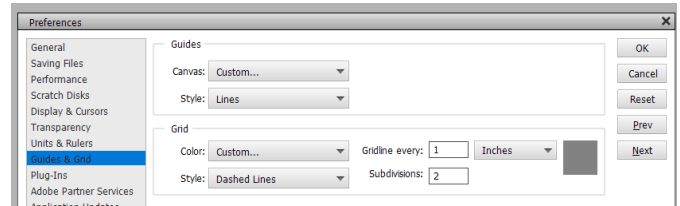


SETTING UP FOR BUILD

1. Open your Preferences and go to Guides & Grid. This is how I set mine up so that the 1 inch grid would have 1/2 inch sections. I also went with dashed lines, but this all depends on what you are going to do. Then click the OK button in upper right corner.
2. Menu Bar > View > have Rulers, Grid & Guides checked.
3. Click Snap To and confirm Grid is checked.
4. Open the blank page you are going to work with. File > New > Blank File > set or choose the size > Open



BUILDING LAYERED TEMPLATE

1. I have decided that I want a 1/2 inch gap between my pictures and that I am going to use squares and rectangles with sharp edges.
2. Looking at my picture I make the determination if they are horizontal, vertical, or square and which ones are the most important to me. Remember you don't have to use all of the picture.
3. Explore options for the Shape Tool in the Tool options. Unconstrained, Square, Fixed Size or Proportional.
4. Sometimes I find it helpful to change the color of each shape.
 - a. Make the shape, click the color box.
 - b. Choose a different color from the palette.
5. Based on your pictures make the shapes for each one.
 - a. Shapes can overlap.
 - b. The shapes can be rotated. (Do that after the pictures have been clipped to shape.)
 - c. The shapes can have styles added. I added to these shapes.
 - d. Changes can be made at any time to the size of the shapes.

