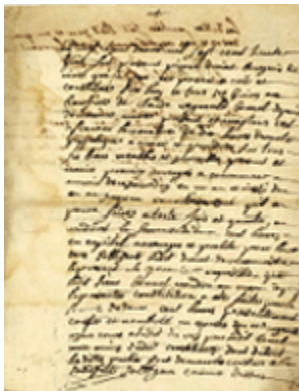




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**Whats New...
Digital Collage Sheets**



Authentic French Letter - Circa 1730



The Queen



Dear Michelle,

We had a great response to our "How would you like to get your Freebie" poll question last month. A whopping 56% of the voters told us you would prefer my simple *click here, click now* method, while a paltry 44% of you that voted for Bill's mystery question. Not that he's a sore loser, but now he's convinced that the Florida voters may have been to blame and is calling for a recount. Last time I saw him, he was mumbling something about hanging chad's. I'm sure he will get over it...

Temperatures may be cooling down just a bit here in Atlanta, but Artists from all over the world are really starting to heat up in anticipation of the upcoming holidays. With Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, our [holiday theme'd collage sheets](#) are quickly becoming the most popular products on our virtual shelves! If you haven't started on your holiday projects yet, what are you waiting for!

Where are my Collage Sheets?

What to do when "Instant Gratification" takes longer than an instant!

We've experienced a few more "Instant Delivery" problems over the past few weeks than we normally see and I thought this might be a good place to not only apologize for the inconvenience, but also tell you a little about how our instant delivery service is supposed to work.

What's most important for you to know is this... If you don't receive a download letter from us within 10-15 minutes of your completed payment, here's a few things we want you to do...

1. Be sure to check the email address that you originally registered with PayPal. That's where we sent your download links. If you don't see the letter there...

2. Check your junk email/spam folder (if you have one) to see if your download letter ended up there. If it is, be sure to right click

The Queen...



Shades of White



Vintage Women #6



Little Fairies #4



Image Collection #19

on the email and click "Add to Safe Senders List" to be sure that future issues of our newsletter go to directly into your inbox. If it's not there...

3. Don't wait another moment! Send us an email with the details of your order and I'll be sure you receive your files ASAP! Bill and I value your business and want to be sure that even if you're not *Instantly Gratified*, you'll eventually walk away a raving fan of our digital collage sheets!

[Click Here](#) to learn more...

Featured Artist...

Tammy Kushnir

Tammy is an accomplished artist and author with a long list of publishing credits to her name. Her newest book, titled "[Wedding Journals & Keepsake Gifts, Creative Projects to Make and Share](#)" is scheduled for release on October 1, 2008.



Following our call for you to "**Get Published**" in last month's newsletter, Tammy was one of several artists we discovered that had already done just that. By crediting us as her image source in both the June/July and Aug/Sept 2008 issues of Somerset Memories, Tammy was rewarded with a handful of free collages sheets.



Website:

<http://www.itsmysite.com/tammykushnir/>

"When I create a piece of work, I like to know that it speaks to people in a way that requires them to think about the world around them. My goal as an artist is to create change whether big or small and make an impact on society through social conscious/self awareness art. Using found objects and often my own personal photographs and drawings, I seek to give the example of connection: without one, the other can not exist."

Tammy Kushnir

Tips & Techniques

How it's done...

Contributed by:

Virginia Valdez, Graphic Designer
Stampington & Company

Textures

Instead of downloading textures from the Internet I like to scan fabrics, old books, cardboard, masking tape etc. to use as background layers for projects. The texture of old paper and fabric work well when contrasted with crisp graphics and photography.

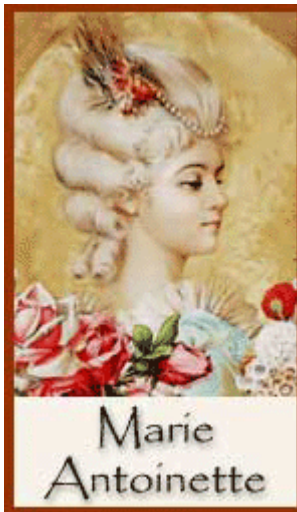


Scraps #8

Top 10 Downloads August, 2008

- 1 - ATC Collections #6
- 2 - Shades of White
- 3 - ATC Collections #4
- 4 - Image Collection #17
- 5 - ATC Collection #5
- 6 - ATC Mini's #20
- 7 - Measure This!
- 8 - Marie Antoinette #2
- 9 - The Color Brown #2
- 10 - Inchies #4

Check out our newest Category...



Here's a few examples of what you'll find in our Marie Antoinette Collection...

Start by creating a Textures folder so you can archive your scans for use on future projects. If you can't find the texture you're looking for, you can always create your own.

Here's how to create a wood texture in PhotoShop (CS2 & above):

Begin by creating a new file. (Control-N)



Using your colors pallet, select two shades of brown; Light Brown (foreground) and Dark Brown(background).

Next Click:

1) Filter > Render > Fibers (Variance: 27.0 Strength: 4.0)

2) Draw an ellipse or circle using Elliptical Marquee Tool.

3) Filter > Distort > Twirl (angle 176)

Tip... You can make more knots in other locations using the same technique.

Finally, tweak your background's color to suit your taste by clicking: Image > Adjustments > Auto Color

[Click Here](#) to see full size graphics along with the Virginia's instructions...



Thank You Virginia!

Get Published

In our continuing effort to get your work published...

Here's a few calls for theme specific artwork from our friends at Stampington & Co.

Marie Antoinette (Tentative Release: April 1, 2009)

This brand new special publication from Stampington & Co. will feature the extraordinary collaborative efforts of two artists driven by their fascination with Marie Antoinette. Now, Stampington & Co is inviting you to send them your "Marie Antoinette inspired piece and show us exactly what draws you to this decadent character..."

Submissions are due by November 15, 2009 and should be forwarded to:

Marie Antoinette
22992 Mill Creek, Ste. B
Laguna Hills, CA 92653.



[Click Here](#) for a little digital inspiration...

With One Image

Using just one image, see how many unique & different works of art you can create... Results will be published in the April/May 2009 issue of Somerset Memories. Submissions must be received by November 15, 2008

Sisterhood (Newsstand Date: July 1, 2009)

"Roars of laughter, heartfelt tears, and late night conversations are just some of the fond memories that sisters collect through the years. Somerset Studio invites you to create works that honor these very special relationships."

"Beyond familial sisters, you may have a circle of art-swap sisters, a mixed-media sister, and any number of "sisterly" friendships that bond you together with someone who is always there for you and "gets you." We welcome mixed-media projects in all sizes, colors and shapes that help pay tribute to sisterhood." Artwork must be received by February 15, 2009.

[Click Here](#) for submission guidelines and a complete list of calls & challenges from Stampington & Co...

Announcements
Paper Collage Sheets

Obviously, Digital Collage Sheets are a huge part of our business, but we still receive a surprising number of requests for printed sheets too.

And we're ok with that... After all, we were creating printed collage sheets long before we discovered the benefits of going digital.

Even though we greatly appreciate the additional income from our printed collage sheets, we've also found it a bit curious that those customers didn't choose the matching digital product. And then it occurred to us that not everyone has ready access to profession grade laser printers; And for others, their comfort level with digital files left them preferring the old fashioned printed sheets. Whatever the reason, we know that there's still a huge demand for printed collage sheets.

To accommodate those who still prefer paper collage sheets in place of digital, we are pleased to announce that we're just weeks away from opening our 2nd web store, devoted entirely to printed/paper products. We still have some technical and design issues to deal with so the site isn't live just yet, but it will be soon. We'll make a formal announcement next month with additional details.

Thanks again for subscribing to our newsletter! I hope you'll take advantage of the opportunities listed above to get your work published...



Our pages are full of inspiration for each of these challenges. The new [Marie Antoinette](#) category was created specifically for this purpose. [Single Image Collections](#) and the [Vintage Photo's](#) categories are a great place to find inspiration for the **With One Image** and **Sisterhood** challenges.

For this months Freebie, [Click Here...](#)

See you next month...

Sincerely,

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