

## TOPIC: PHOTOSHOP PHOTOMERGE: PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER

### How Do I GET MY OVERSIZED ART DIGITAL?

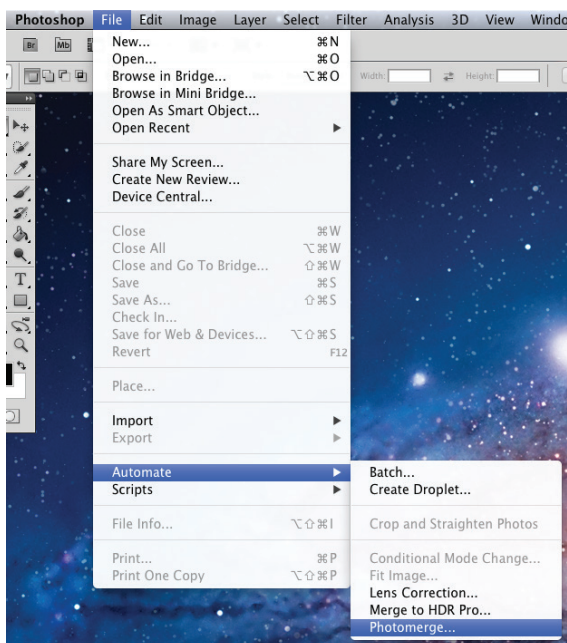
At some point in your work you may choose to do something by hand and larger than 8.5 x 11, but run into a bit of a snag when it comes to getting a digital version of your work. Traditionally this work would be photographed but depending on equipment and photo skills you may not get the best results. The answer? Photomerge.



Photomerge is a process built into photoshop that can take multiple images and stitch them “back” together. It works really well with hand illustrations like the 18” x 24” poster I drew while in grad school, but also works to create panoramas from photos you take.

#### STEP 1

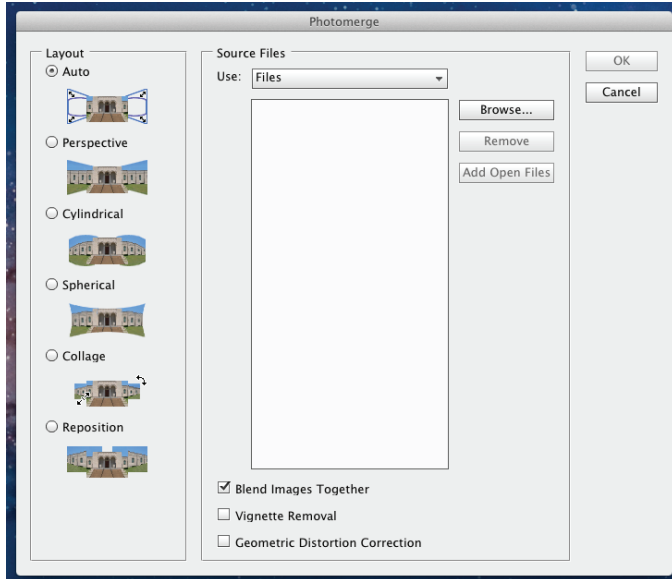
Scan the artwork in sections as in above.



#### STEP 2

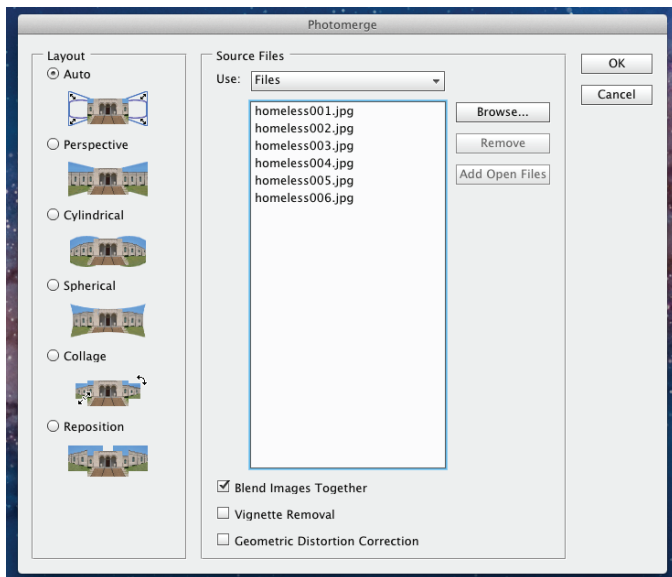
In Photoshop go to File > Automate > Photomerge

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**STEP 3**

Browse for the scans you created. Once you have them hit OK.



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### STEP 4

Once the image is merged you will want to flatten the layers (Layer > Flatten Image) it makes it easier to work with.



### STEP 5

You will most likely need to crop down the image a bit and in this case I also use the Clone tool to fix a bit of extra white in the bottom left corner. After that I suggest saving at 300dpi as well as 72dpi versions for print and web.