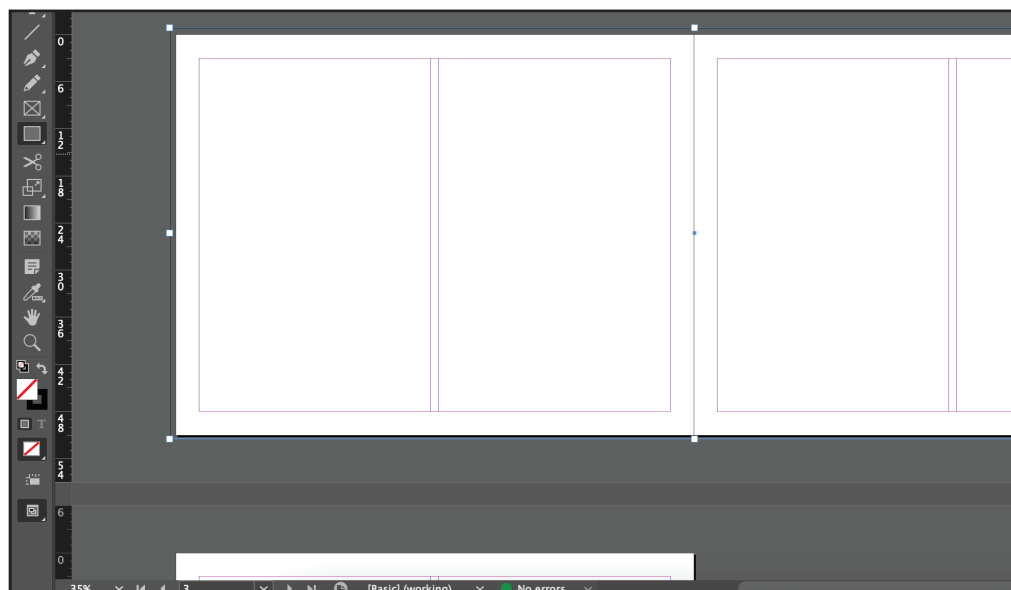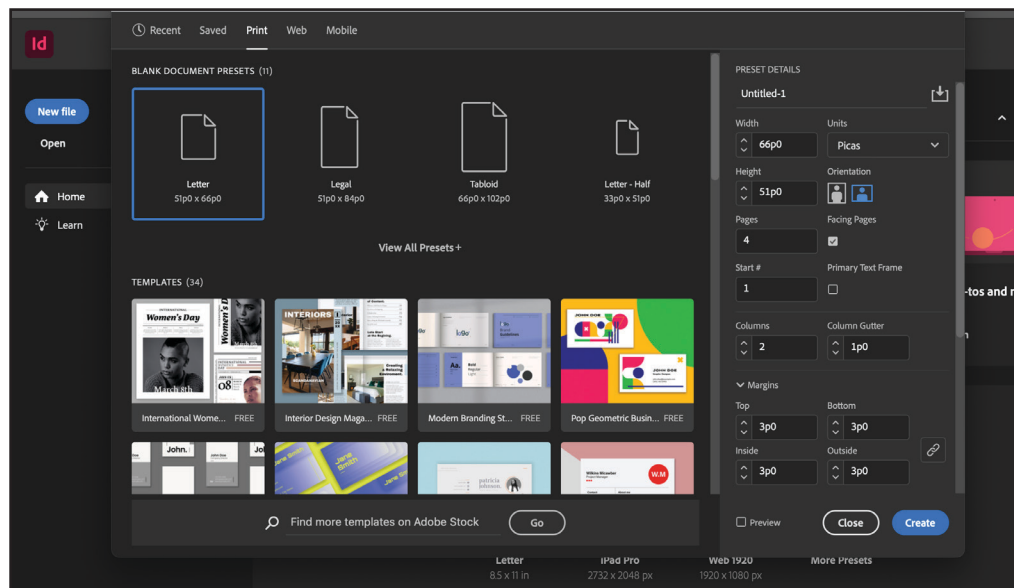# Photo Art Projct Guide - Part 3: The Book

**Step 1 – Create an InDesign File.**

Open InDesign and create a new file. Choose the Print Pre-sets from the top of Pop-Up Window.

Use Letter and customize your settings. I set my pages to be landscape with 2 columns. I also started with 4 pages – you can more pages later.

Think about the photos you have – *would they look better in Portrait or Landscape Style?*

**Step 2 – Page Set-Up.**

Don't worry about the cover - we will get to that later.

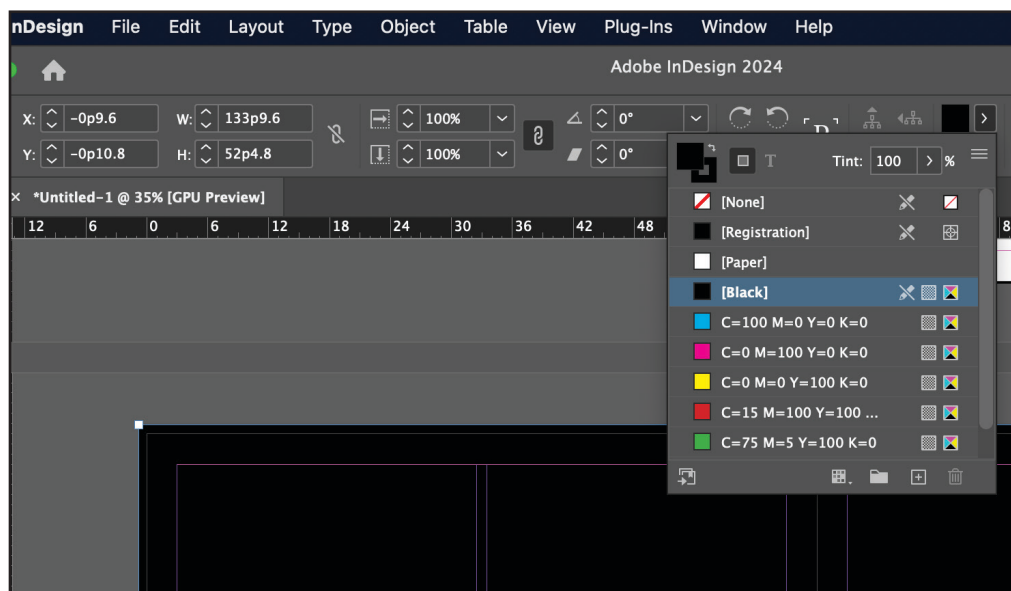You can use the Pages window to quickly see all your pages and to move to a specific one.

Start on Page 2 (or the first Spread) of your file. First, we will create the background for your page(s)
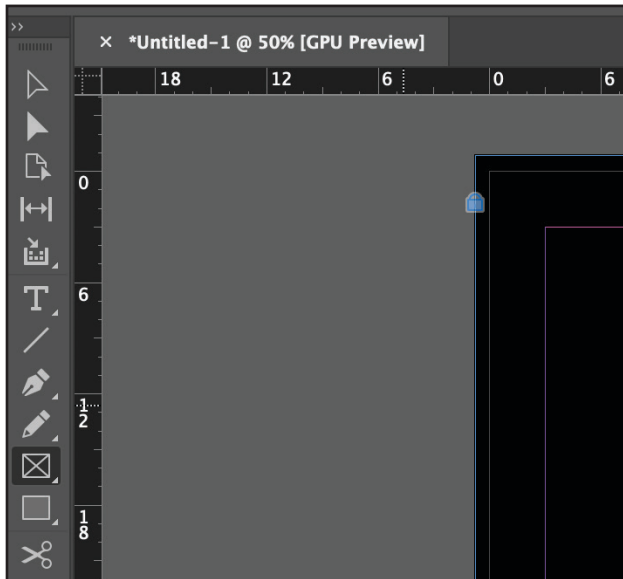
Select the Rectangle Tool from the left toolbar and hold/drag across the page or spread.

Next, go to the Fill Square at the top of the window. Select Black as the colour.

ALL YOUR PAGES MUST BE BLACK - YOUR COVER CAN BE A DIFFERENT COLOUR.

Now, Lock your background... Object -> Lock (Command + L)

## Step 3 – Frame Your Pictures.

Select the Frame Tool from the Left Panel. You can use different Frame shapes depending on the style of your photos.

Trace out the frames on your page - these can be adjusted as you go, too.

REMINDERS...

Only 2 - 4 photos per page.

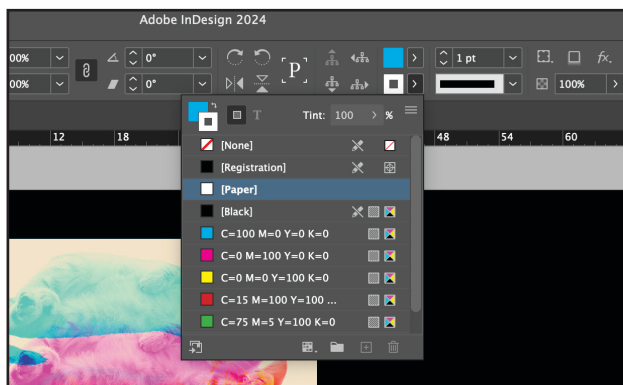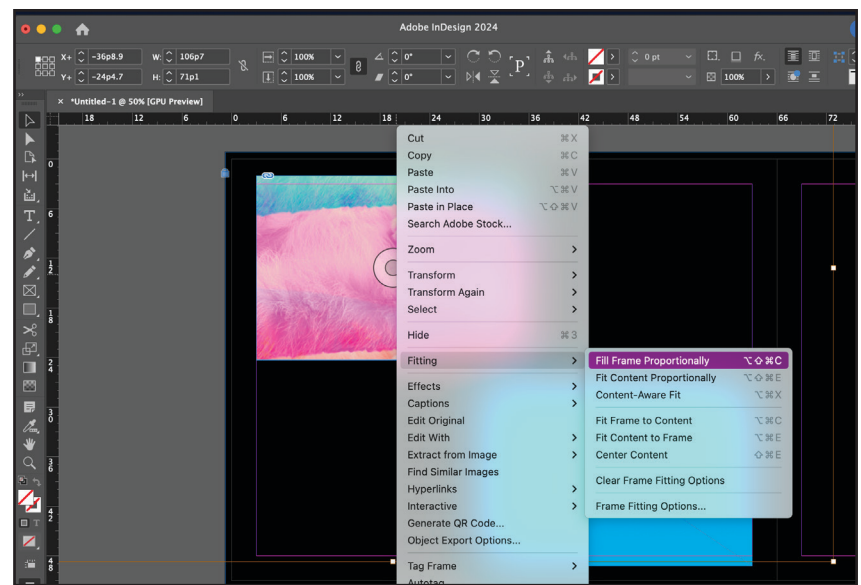Each page needs a FEATURE PHOTO - 1 photo that is larger than the others.

## Step 3 – Frame Your Pictures Continued...

Place your photos into the frames - you drag and drop or press Command + D to do this.

If the sizing doesn't look right, your can right click on the photo and choose Fitting -> Fill Fram Proportionally to auto-adjust.

Make a plan with your photos...

Do they can a theme on the page? Are they using similar art styles? Think about how someone else would feel ast they were looking through this book!
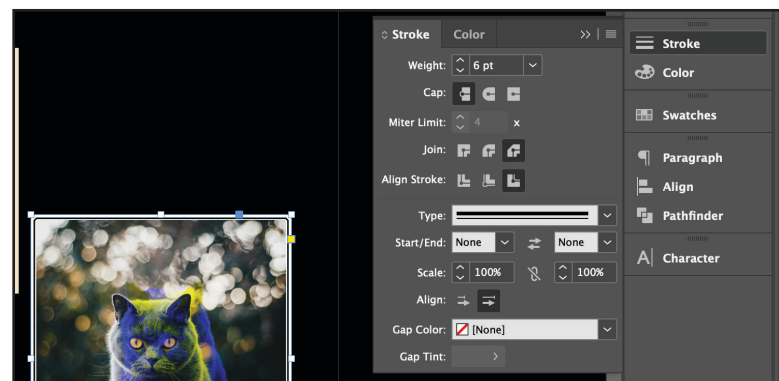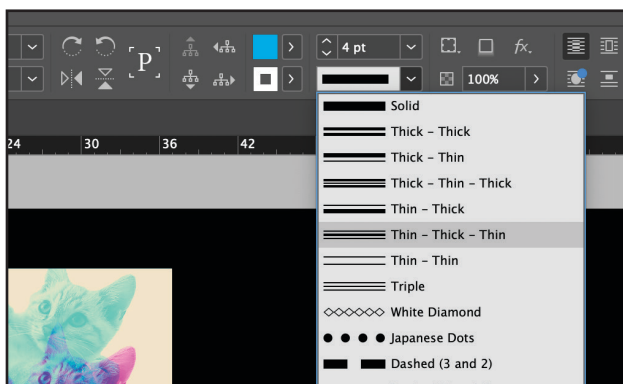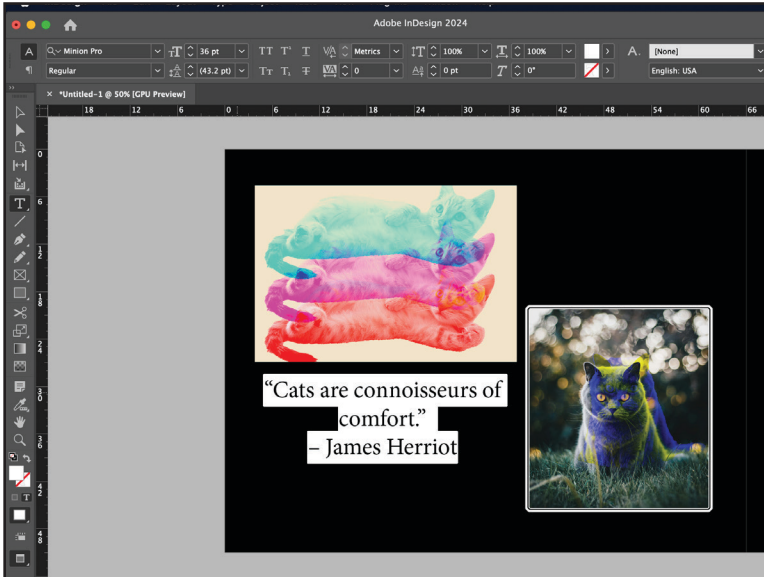




## Step 3 – Frame Your Pictures Continued...

Add a border to your frame! This is a really small detail that creates a lot more depth and interest in your photos and design.

Use the Stroke Window on the right side of the screen and the Stroke Settings at the top of the window.

Play around with these and see how they look with your photos and frame shapes.
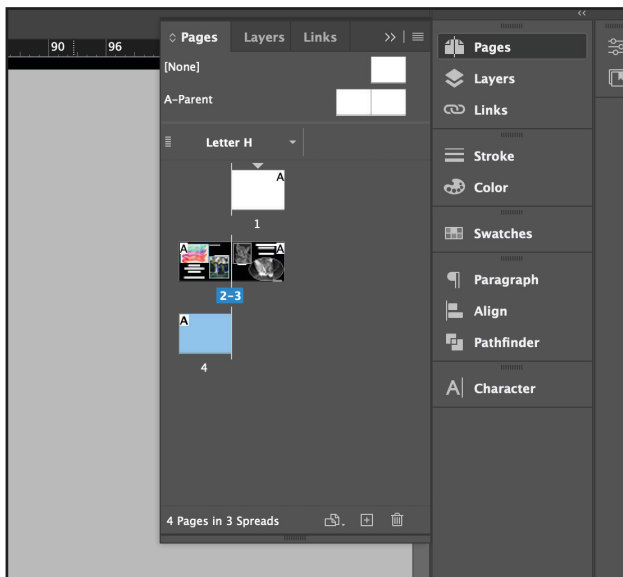
## Step 4 – Captions.

You will need to add captions to your book - both titles for each photo and larger quotes to help tie the theme of the layouts.

You can use quotes from online, music lyrics, your own writing, etc.

To add text, select the Type Tool on the left side of the window and drag out a box for your writing.
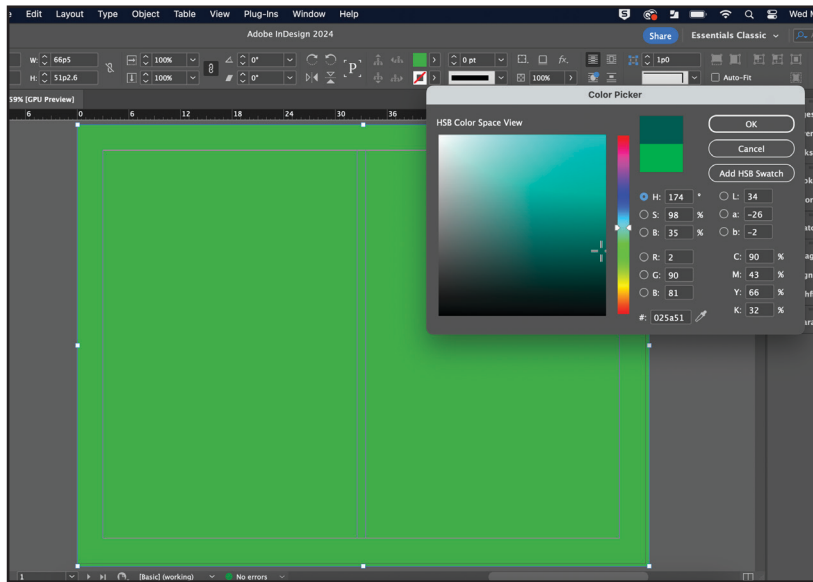
To make adjustments, use the settings on the top of the window when the Type Tool is active.



## Need More Pages?

The project asks for 12 photos and you can only use 2 - 4 photos per page. If you need to add more pages to your document, open the Pages Window on the right of the screen.

At the very bottom are 3 icons - the one in the middle [+] will add more pages and the Trash Can will delete pages.
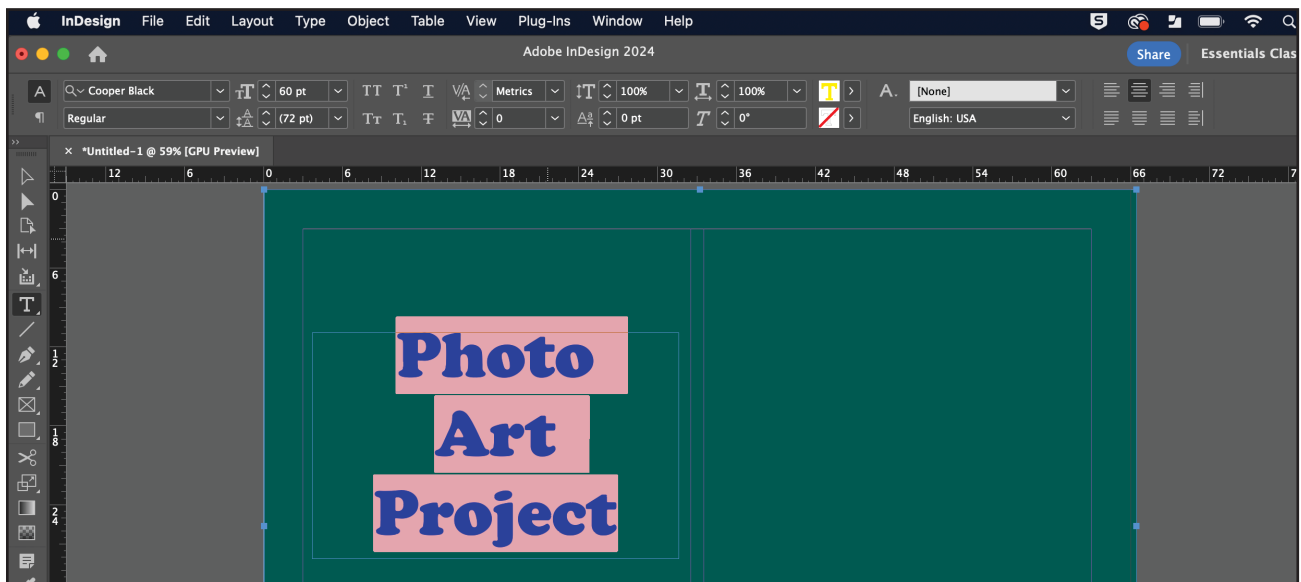
## Step 5 – The Cover.

The cover will give a bit of the style and theme of the book, without giving too much away. You will probably find that the cover will be easiest to make at the end of this project.

To create the cover, start on Page 1 and draw a rectangle over the whole page. To change the colour, click on the Fill Square at the top of the window.

You can also double click this square and use the Mixer to pick a cusotm colour. In the Mixer, press the H bubble to bring up the full colour options.
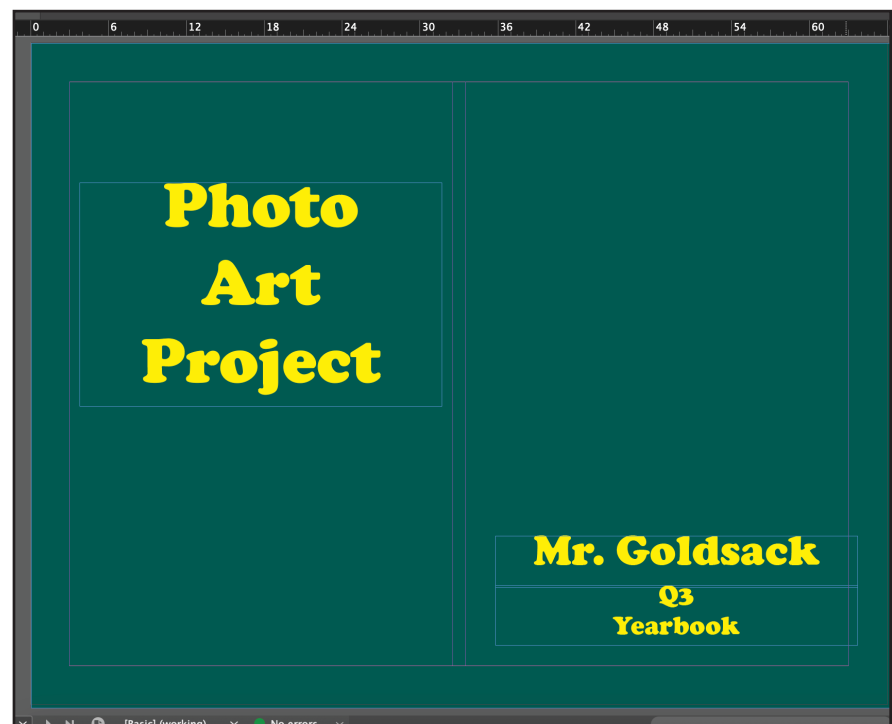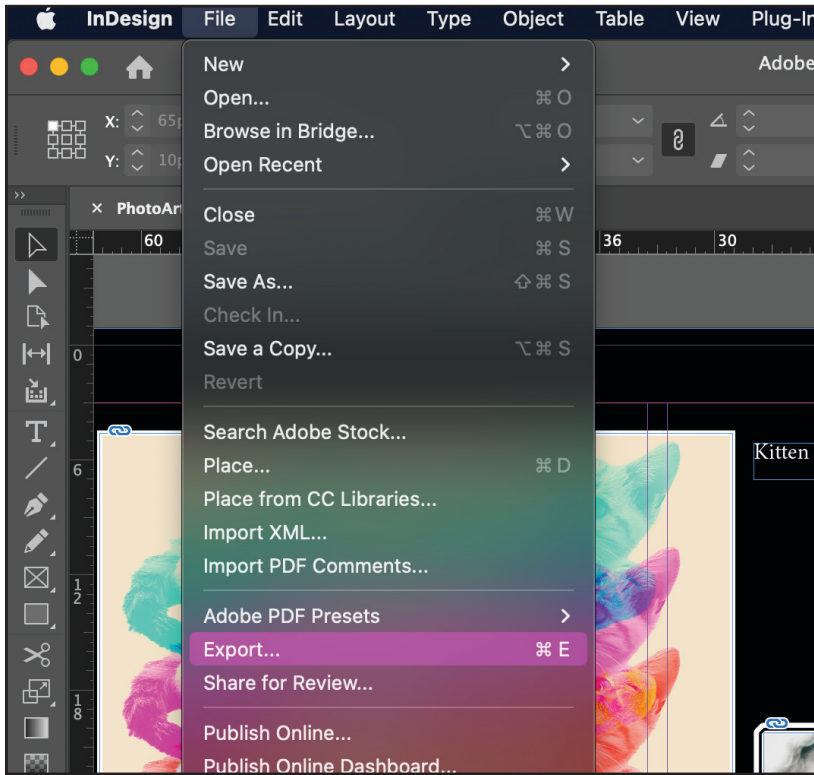


## Step 6 – The Cover Text.

Use the Type Tool on the left side of the window to add text. You can change the size, typeface, and other options using the menus at the top of the window.

The cover needs:

The Title - Photo Art Project
Your Name - You probably know this one!
Q3 Yearbook

You can add a photo if you wish - maybe your favourite from the 12 you used?
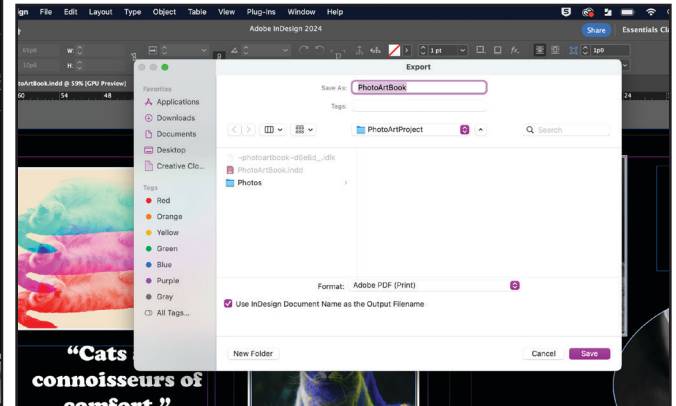
**Step 7 – Exporting Your Work.**

Once you have finished, make sure to save your work. But I don't want an InDesign file.

Go to File -> Export and follow the instructions on the pop up windows.

Make sure to remember where your PDF saves.



**That's it!**

Hopefully you found something fun or interesting out of this project :)