Change Background and Layer Colors in a Scrapbooking Template

One of the greatest benefits of digital scrapbooking is the ability to change colors to match other elements in your layout with just a few clicks — no more last minute jaunts to the supply store! Using Paint Shop Pro you can easily change the color of any scrapbooking template from the Paint Shop Xtras - Scrapbooking Edition.

What you'll need:

- Digital photos
- Jasc® Paint Shop™ Pro®
- FREE sample scrapbook page or page created in *Rotate Photos within a Scrapbook Layout*

When you complete this tutorial you'll be able to:

- Change the color of your embellishments
- Change the color of your background paper

The Digital Scrapbooking Basics series includes:

Tutorial 1: Insert Photos into Scrapbooking Templates

Tutorial 2: Organize Your Scrapbook Layout

Tutorial 3: Reposition Photo Layers in a Scrapbook Layout

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Tutorial 9: Add Drop Shadows to Text or Embellishments in a Scrapbook Layout
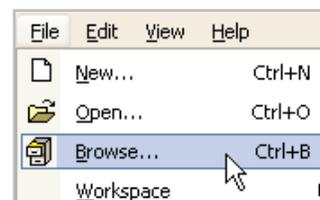
Tutorial 10: Resize a Scrapbook Template to Fit Your Album

Open the Template & Add Photos

1. Choose **Start > Programs > Jasc Software > Jasc Paint Shop Pro** or double click the Paint Shop Pro icon on your desktop.
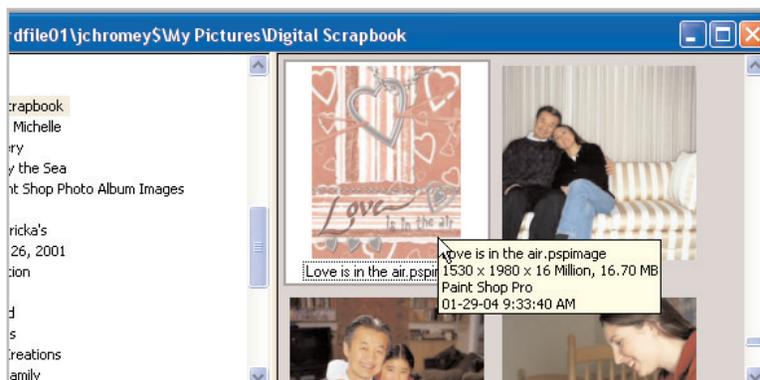
> **Note:** Once you have downloaded the scrapbook page from the Jasc.com Learning Center, make sure to unzip the file and save the template to your hard drive.

2. Choose **File > Browse**, to open the Paint Shop Pro Browser. Use the Browser to navigate to your desktop, or the folder where you stored your scrapbooking template.

3. Once you locate the template, double-click it to open in Paint Shop Pro.

4. Add a photo to the template, by following the instructions in *Insert Photos into Scrapbooking Templates.*

Reposition Photos

5. Make sure your photos are in the correct position, lying below the photo mats. If you need more help on arranging layer please read *Reposition Photo Layers in a Scrapbook Layout.*

> **Note:** Make sure you've renamed your layers to something you can easily recognize and that your layer palette is displayed. You can learn more about this by reading the *Organize Your Scrapbook Layout* tutorial.
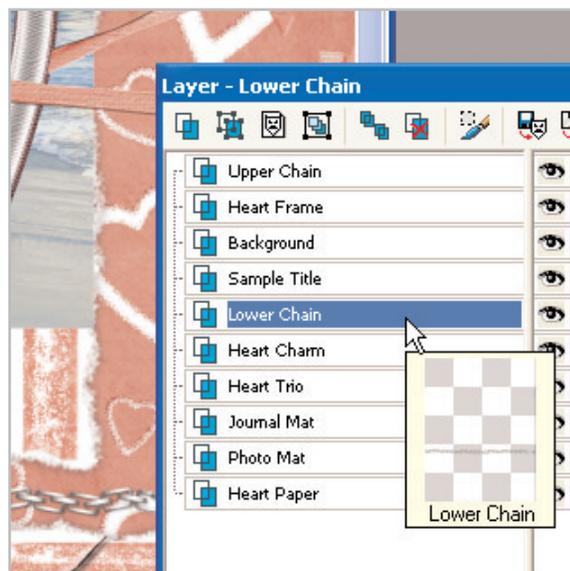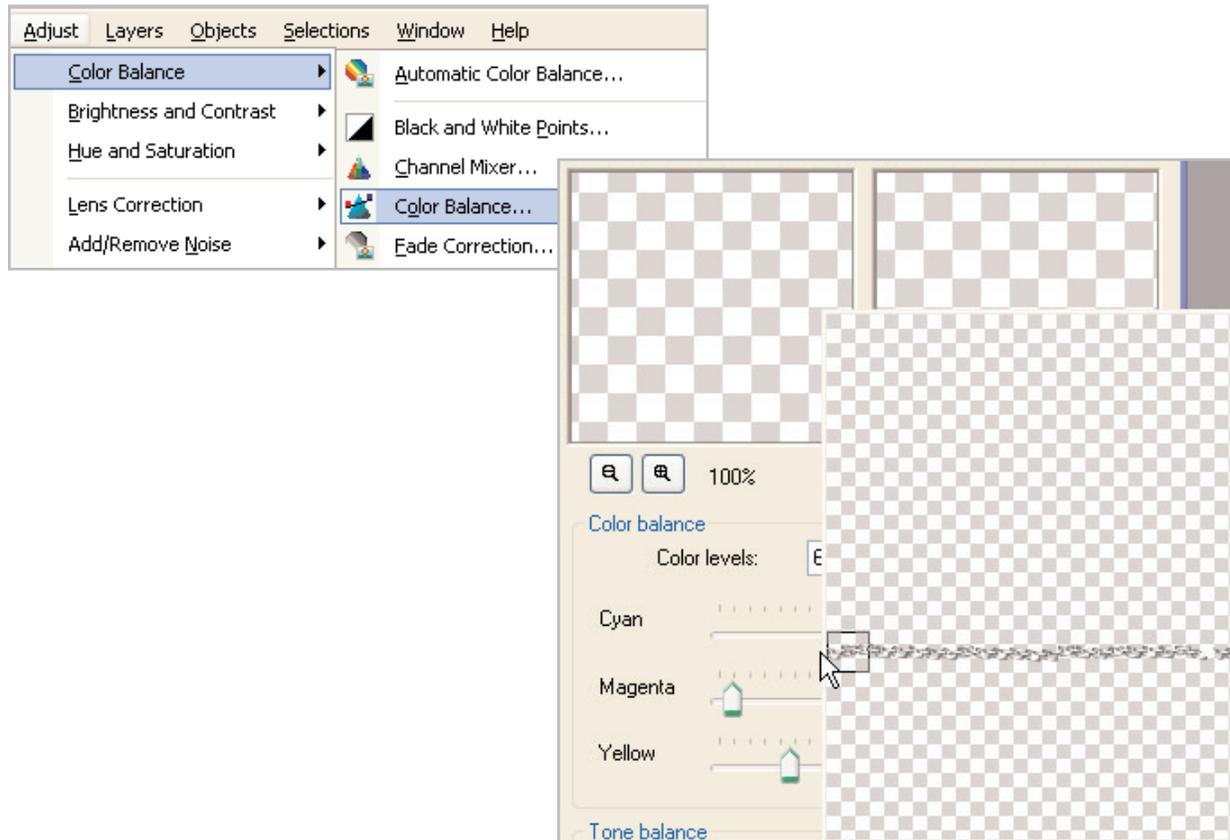
Move Your Photo

6. Select the **Move** Tool. Click your photo and drag it so it's inside the heart frame. If you need more information on moving your photos read Resize Photos within a Scrapbook Layout.
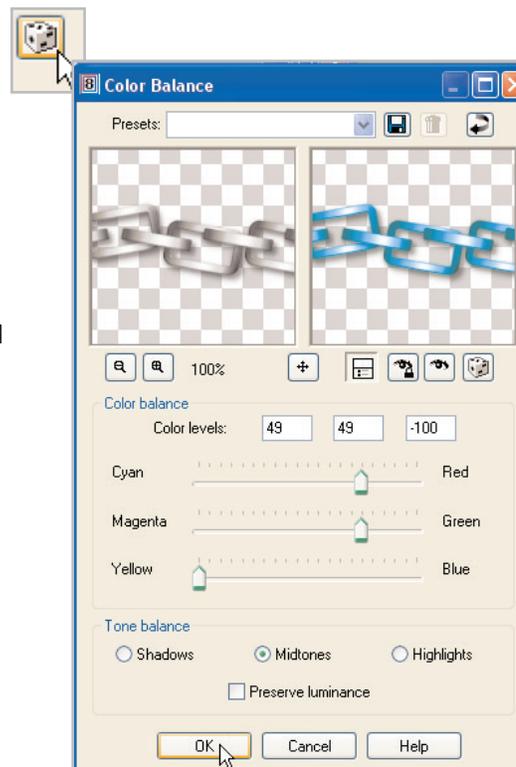
Change the Color of an Embellishment

7. You can easily change the color of your embellishments so they match your photo. On the Layer palette, select the layer **Lower Chain** layer to make it the active layer.

8. From the menu choose **Adjust > Color Balance > Color Balance**.

9. In the Color Balance dialog you'll have to adjust the preview so you can actually see what you're doing. Click the **Navigate** button and in the window that opens, drag the square to an area of your lower chain. When you release the mouse you'll see the chain in the preview boxes at the top of the dialog.

10. Now you can change the colors of the chain by adjusting the sliders in the Color Balance group box. Just move the sliders around until you get a color that compliments your photo. You can also click the **Randomize** button under the preview window to see what Paint Shop Pro comes up with. To get a sea-colored chain to match our photos we set the Color levels to **49**, **49**, and **100**. Once you find a color you like click **OK**.
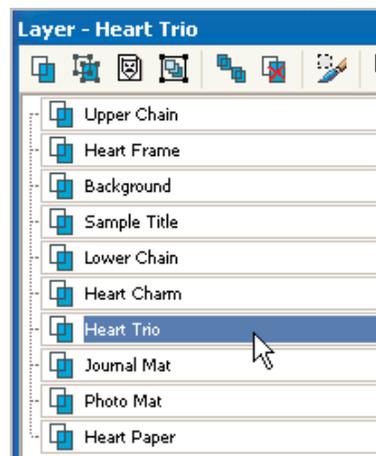

11. If you look at your layout now, you should see that the lower chain has instantly changed color. Notice that the color change hasn't effected any of the other elements of your layout.
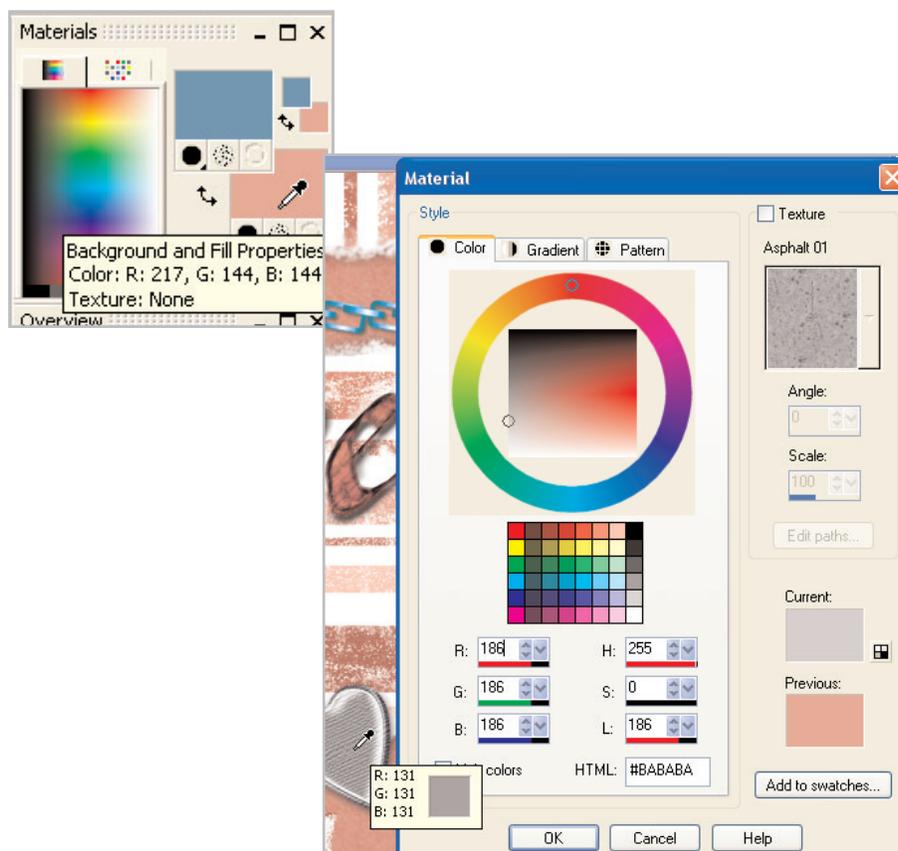
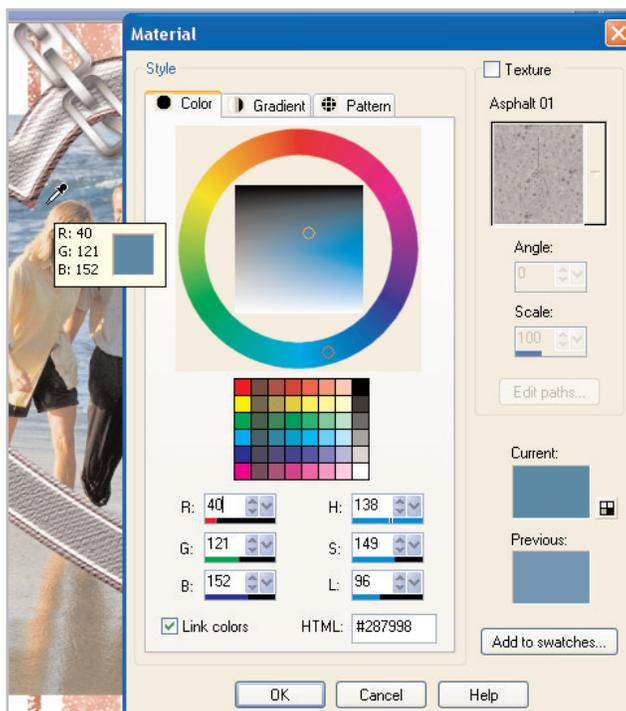## Replace the Color of an Embellishment

12. Another quick method of color change involves replacing the color of your embellishment with another. On the Layer palette select the **Heart Trio** layer.

13. Click the **Background** swatch on the Materials palette. Once the Material dialog opens, use the eyedropper to select a shade of gray from the heart charms on the Heart Trio Layer, and then click **OK**.

14. Now, click the **Foreground** swatch on the Materials palette. We're going to repeat Step 13, only this time instead of selecting a color from the heart charms, we're going to select a color from our photo.
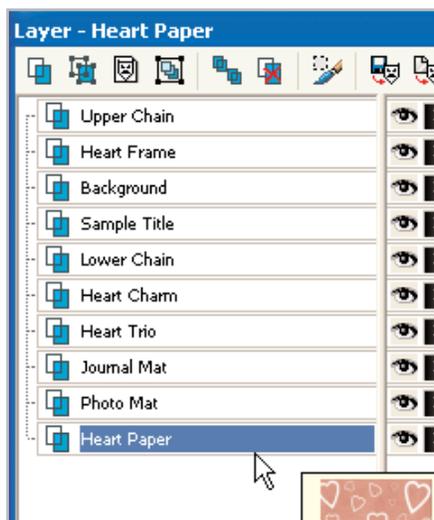
15. On the Tools toolbar, select the **Color Replacer** Tool. Now, double click your layout and you'll see the gray replaced with the color you choose from your photo (in our case blue). You can repeat the process for any of the embellishments in your layout. For our example, we also replaced the color of the Heart Charm.
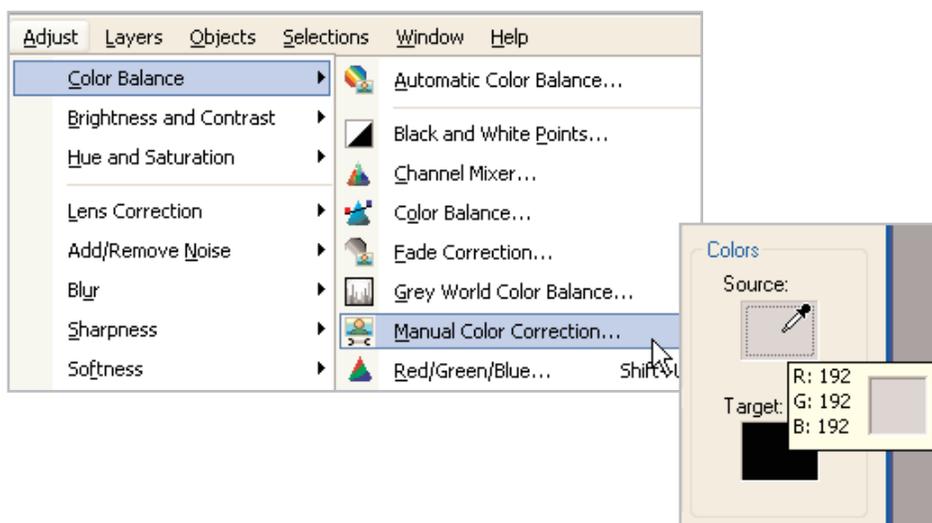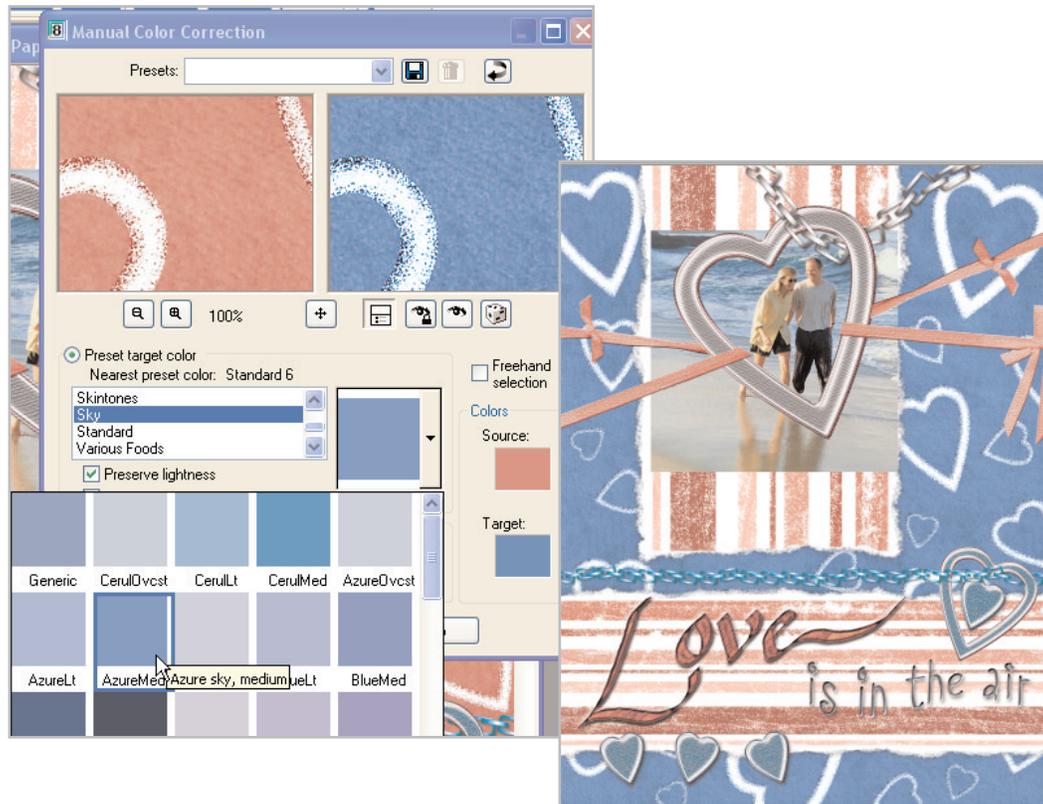
Change the Color of Your Background Paper

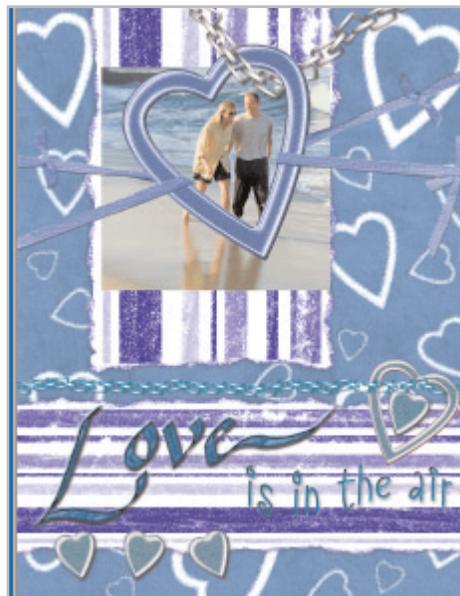**16.** On the Layer palette, select the **Heart Paper** layer, to make it the active layer.

17. Choose **Adjust > Color Balance > Manual Color Correction**. In the Manual Color Correction dialog, you'll need to set your Source color. Click the **Source** box on the right side of the dialog. The Color dialog will open, and just like in Step 13 you can select a color from your layout. For this example, select a color from the background paper.

18. Now select the **Preset Target Colo**r option, and from the list select **Sky**. Now, click the arrow next to the color box and choose the fruit that's most suitable to your photo. For this example we selected **AzureMed**. Experiment with the other options until you find the color that's right for your photo and layout. Once you find the right color click **OK**.

19. You can use any of the methods from this tutorial to change the colors of the photo mats, the heart frame, and even the sample journaling.

Next Steps:

Now that you see how easy it is to make a scrapbooking template perfectly match your photos, you can create all kinds of layouts that are uniquely you.

For more in-depth information on creating a digital scrapbook, you can read *Capture Memories with Digital Scrapbook Pages* or read the rest of the tutorials in the Digital Scrapbooking Basics series.