Welcome to this tutorial using CorelDRAW®. Here, we will look at how you can customize your Facebook page with your personality not just your picture!

What you will Learn

- How to specify a custom page size.
- How to create a gradient fill.
- How to bring guidelines onto the page.
- How to create artist text and apply a drop shadow to it.
- How to import Clip Art into a project.
Now that Facebook has moved to the Timeline format, there are two key places where you can get to express yourself or create your own “Brand”. The first is your usual profile picture, but the second, the timeline banner, can be a challenge. A banner can be an ideal place to create your own design. While your profile picture can show off what you look like; your banner can show people who you are.

Creating a banner doesn’t have to be intimidating. In this tutorial you learn some very simple steps to creating your own graphic design using CorelDRAW.

1. Select File ▶ New to create a new document. In the dialog box, set the page Width and Height to the Facebook banner size: 851 × 315 pixels. Next, set RGB as the Primary color mode.
2. Double click on the Rectangle tool to create a border around the page.

3. To compensate for the facebook profile picture overlap, create guidelines that can be used to indicate the area where this picture will be located on your banner once you have uploaded the final image.

Using the **Rectangle** tool, create a rectangle that is **170 X 105** pixels and place it roughly 23 pixels from the left side of your banner and touching the bottom, as shown in the example below. Drag a guideline by holding down the left mouse button over the ruler on the left side of your screen and then move the cursor onto one of the vertical sides of the rectangle. Repeat this for the other vertical side of the rectangle. Then drag a guideline down from the top ruler on your screen until it touches the top of the rectangle.

Now that the guidelines have been created you can delete the rectangle from the image and the guidelines will provide you with a reference as to where the image will be covered by the profile picture once it has been uploaded.
4. The next step is to add some color to the banner. Select the Fill tool from the toolbar and then click on Fountain Fill.

When the Fountain Fill dialogue box opens you can select which colors you wish to use and the options for the fill. In this example we set the Type to Radial and the Color Blend From: blue To: pink.
5. Add a name by selecting the **Text** tool and then click on the screen where you want the name to begin. After typing in the name you will be able to highlight the text to change the font, color, thickness and size.

6. To add some depth to the text you can create a shadow by selecting on the **Drop Shadow** tool from the toolbar, clicking on the text and then dragging the shadow below the text.
7. Add Clip Art, objects, photos and another graphics using the File ▶ Import to personalize your banner.

8. When the banner is complete, the final step is to save it as a facebook compatible filetype such as Jpef. First select File ▶ Export. In the dialog box specify a file name, such as Sophie Banner and the specify the Save as type: to be JPG. Then click on the Export button. This will bring up another dialog box where you can specify additional parameters. For the best results select Highest from the Quality: options. Finish by clicking the OK button.
In this example, Sophie is an avid gymnast, plays the piano and loves nature so we have incorporated these things into the banner to show off her hobbies and interests to her friends. The butterflies and thistles on the left serve as a frame for the profile picture.

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