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Get Creative This Christmas With Corel

Tips on creating the perfect gift this Christmas including Photo Books, home video greetings or even your personal Christmas movie with Corel's digital media software

Maidenhead – 03 November 2009; With the days getting shorter, darker evenings looming and Christmas fast approaching it's a great time to think about the perfect personal creative Christmas gift. What about editing those over-due holiday photos from the summer or finally creating that wedding video everyone is waiting for. With Corel's Christmas tips you'll be able to create those creative projects that offer inspiration for personal Christmas gifts, ranging from photo books and Christmas cards to your personal season greetings video for family and friends.

With Corel® Digital Studio™ 2010, Corel VideoStudio® Pro X2 Ultimate and Corel Paint Shop Pro® Photo X2 Ultimate, Corel offers a wide array of easy to use, intuitive software for the beginner to the enthusiasts. With Corel's Christmas tips you can make the most out of your photos and videos using powerful tools that give you professional looking results.

Christmas Tip 1:

Give a photo book this Christmas - With Corel Digital Studio 2010 it couldn't be easier:

1. Download the free 30-day trial version of Corel Digital Studio 2010 at www.corel.co.uk/digitalstudio and install it.
2. On the Action Bar, click **Create** and choose **Photo Book**.
3. On the Create Photo Book page, type a name for the project in the Project Name box, select a photo book style, click **Select photos**.
4. Drag your favourite photos to the Media Tray then click **Go to Photo Book.** The photo book is complete. A counter at the top of the Media Tray indicates how many photos you've chosen and how many are required for the photo book.

5. Feel free to customise your photo book, page-by page by clicking the Styles, Layout, or Background tabs and choosing from a variety of options. You can reposition a photo within its frame by clicking the photo to display a toolbar, clicking the Pan Photo button, and dragging. You can expand a photo by dragging the Zoom slider. You can view the entire photo book and swap photos from page to page by clicking the View all pages button and dragging images.

6. Click **Output Photo Book** and **Order Online**.

7. Choose a colour material for the photo book cover, and click **Start Upload**.

8. Click **Check out** to complete the order and the printed photo book will be delivered to your doorstep.

Christmas Tip 2:

Send even more than a Christmas card - Create a season greetings video with Corel Digital Studio 2010 and upload it directly to YouTube.

1. Record your video:

- To perform your season greetings write down a script and practice several times or memorize it. Cater for enough light, festive surrounding and if possible use a tripod.

- You can add your Christmas carol as a soundtrack later in the software.

- You can also use pictures only instead of a video clip and create a slide show.

2. Download the free 30-day trial version of Corel Digital Studio 2010 at www.corel.co.uk/digitalstudio and install it.

3. Open VideoStudio Express 2010 and double-click on your previously recorded clip to go to Express Edit mode where you can trim and cut your clip easily by clicking on Trim Video and dragging the markers to the desired positions. Use the **More Tools** Fly-out to adjust the brightness, white balance or reduce noise to further enhance the quality of your video.

4. On the Action Bar, click **Create** and choose **Movie**.

5. On the Create Movie page, select a screen format, and type a name for the movie in the project name box then click **Select photos and videos**.

6. Drag your video clips and images to the Media Tray, and click **Go to Movie**.

7. The movie is complete, but feel free to customize it by:

- Clicking the **Styles** tab to change the movie style.

- Clicking the **Titles** tab to add custom titles by dragging the play head on the QuickCut Timeline to where you would like to add the title. Select a title style, double-click the title box and type a title. Even adjust how long the title displays by dragging the handle on the caption box.

- Clicking the **Soundtrack** tab to change the soundtrack. Either select the audio file thumbnail, and click the delete button or add another audio file by clicking Browse my music, selecting the file, and clicking Add.

- Clicking the **Voice-over** tab to add a voiceover track. Just drag the play head on the QuickCut Timeline to the spot in the video where you want to start the voice-over. Click Start recording, record the voiceover, and click Stop recording.

8. Click **Output Movie**. You can export the movie to a mobile device; save it as a file; upload it to YouTube™, Facebook™, or Flickr™; e-mail it to friends and family; or burn it to DVD. To upload your finished movie directly to YouTube, click on the YouTube button. You will have to be a user and have your YouTube login data at hand. Digital Studio can save not only your login data for you, it even saves your upload preferences so you can upload with just one click .

Christmas Tip 3:

Film your family's Christmas and create a professional looking Christmas movie on a DVD with VideoStudio Pro X2 Ultimate and its VideoStudio Movie Wizard

1. Film your Christmas celebrations as usual with your video camera or compact camera in normal or in High Definition.

2. Download the free 30-day trial version of Corel VideoStudio Pro X2 from www.corel.co.uk/videostudio and install it on your computer.

3. Start the VideoStudio Movie Wizard from the splash screen or from the Tools menu.

4. Import the clips and images directly from your camera by using Capture or use Insert Video to pick up from disc or drive or use the Library to use existing clips. Select the clips you would like to use and change the sequence if desired. Feel free to change the running order, then click **Next**.

5. Add an Intro and a Lead-out from the list of templates. Add your favourite Christmas tunes and click **Next**.

6. The Movie Wizard will create your movie including titles, intro, lead-out, music, overlays and transition effects. You can either save this out as a file, a disc or open in the Corel VideoStudio Editor so you can now see your entire video project including a preview of your movie. Here you can adjust the movie to your taste with the full editing power of VideoStudio Pro X2.

7. To burn the finished film onto a DVD, click Share, Create Disc and choose DVD or Blu-ray if you are using High Definition material and have a Blu-ray burner. Corel VideoStudio will open a new window that will guide you through the disc creation process.

8. Tick the box to Create menu if you wish to have a fully functioning menu on your disc and click **Next**.

9. Choose a menu template from the sample gallery and feel free to customize any element. Click Next to open the burn assistant and burn your disc.

Prices and availability:

Corel Digital Studio 2010 is available in English, German, French, Italian, Dutch and Spanish at a SRP of £59 incl. VAT at leading retailers across Europe. For more information, to purchase or to download a free, fully featured 30-day trial, please visit www.corel.co.uk/digitalstudio

The individual photo and video components of Corel Digital Studio 2010 can also be purchased as standalone products. Corel® PaintShop Photo™ Express 2010 is available at a SRP of £29 incl. VAT and Corel® VideoStudio® Express 2010 £39 incl. VAT.

Corel VideoStudio Pro X2 Ultimate is available in English, German, French, Italian Dutch and Spanish at a SRP of £77 incl. VAT at leading retailers across Europe. For more information, to purchase or to download a free, fully featured 30-day trial, please visit www.corel.co.uk/videostudio

Corel Paint Shop Pro Photo X2 Ultimate is available in English, German, French, Italian, Dutch and Spanish at a SRP of £77 incl. VAT at leading retailers across Europe. For more information, to purchase or to download a free, fully featured 30-day trial, please visit www.corel.co.uk/paintshoppro

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to learn and use, helping people achieve new levels of productivity. The industry has responded with hundreds of awards for software innovation, design and value.

Our award-winning product portfolio includes some of the world's most widely recognized and popular software brands, including CorelDRAW® Graphics Suite, Corel® Painter™, Corel DESIGNER® Technical Suite, Corel® Paint Shop Pro® Photo, VideoStudio®, WinDVD®, Corel® WordPerfect® Office and WinZip®. Our global headquarters are in Ottawa, Canada, with major offices in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, China, Taiwan and Japan.

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