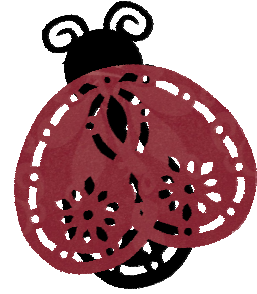


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### **Selected Key Shortcuts**

Single Click – selects item  
Delete – deletes any selected item  
Shift + click – allows you to select multiple items at one time  
Right click – access many menus of options, depending on selected item  
Ctrl C – copy  
Ctrl V – paste  
Ctrl A – select all items on a page

### **Make an Image into an Oil Painting**

Select Photo > Tools Ribbon > More Effects > Oil Painting > High Resolution > Preview & Accept

### **Adjust Color**

Select Photo > Tools Ribbon > Color > Sample Color > Choose desired color using eye dropper > Ok  
Note: You can save the color in “My colors” to create your own color palette for future use

### **Text Boxes**

Adjust size and shape using “click and drag”  
Add fancy text using the Fancy Text – once created letters can be moved individually or in a group (if selected)

### **Mirror a Great Layout**

Select Photo > Layout Ribbon > Rotate > Select Rotation Option (90 degrees, 180, etc.) > Image will rotate > Ok

### **Drop Off Backgrounds**

Eliminate backgrounds in photos (and let your papers show through) using this technique:  
Select Photo > Tools Ribbon > Select Wand Cutter > Agree to turn into a sprite > Layout Ribbon > Flatten selected photo  
Note: Flattening is a permanent function and will create one element out of something. This process cannot be reversed.  
Use the Wand cutter to remove parts of the background (works best if background is generally one color and not busy) > invert the selected area as needed > erase the selected area

### **Cut a Shape**

Use the tools cutter (Select Photo > Tools Ribbon > Cutters > Select Desired Cutter > Cut Image > Invert shaded area as needed > Erase Shaded Area  
Note: once a picture has been cut into a shape, it is no longer eligible to be matted using the Mat function (instead follow instructions below).

### **Mat a Shaped Image**

To mat an image that has previously been cut using a shape maker:  
Paper > Select Shapes > Create Shape > Select Sample Color > Create  
Then expand the size of the new paper shape so it is still in proportion to the cut photo

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### **Mat a shaped image** (continued)

Move Backward to place the mat behind the photo

Once aligned as desired, group the elements so they won't accidentally be shifted while continuing to work on the page

Note: "Move Backward" moves an element back one notch; "Move to Back" moves the selected element behind all other elements on the page

### **Cut apart an element**

Select Element > Tools Ribbon > Straight cutter > Erase Shaded area or cut around shaded area > Move pieces as necessary

### **Add Shadow**

Ctrl + A to select all elements to add a three-dimensional shadow when your page is nearly finished > Tools Ribbon > Shadows > Light or Heavy Shadow

Tip: If there is a lot of text on a page, consider leaving this section without shadow as the shadowing can cause the words to look blurry or fuzzy.

### **Importing a page**

Home Ribbon > Import a page > Browse to desired storybook file or page file

Note: To import a page, the page to import must be of the same size as the page in progress (i.e. 8x8 pages can import into other 8x8 projects, 12x12 can import into other 12x12 projects). To change between sizes, 12x12 pages can be changed into 8x8 pages without distorting quality as the dimension ratios are the same. However, changing 8x8 pages to 12x12 will likely result in distortion due to the stretching that occurs to fill this page.

### **Duplicate/Delete page**

Right click on a page to copy (duplicate) or delete it.

### **Creating an 8x8 StoryBook from a 12x12 StoryBook**

This can be done, but is not an automatic process.

Create a 12x12 StoryBook

Open the 12x12 StoryBook and choose Save As to create a copy

Open the copy and flatten each of your pages (Layout Ribbon)

Create a custom 8x8 to be printed locally

Import the 12x12 StoryBook into the custom 8x8

Create a new 8x8 StoryBook with blank pages and import the custom 8x8 pages into the 8x8 StoryBook

### **View Tip**

Use the View Ribbon to determine how close you are working to the page edge; this is important for determining if the page will be pulled into the "gutter" of a storybook binding. Keep elements a minimum of 3/8" away from the page edge to ensure that your page prints will be as they appear on screen.

Need more help? It is only a phone call away!

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