

# LAYOUT

## Magazine Cover

### Assignment

#### Activity Preparation and Assignment

As an advanced assignment in desktop publishing, you will create a magazine cover with you as the principal character. Create a magazine cover with the title of the publication containing words that are descriptive of you. Be creative and make the finished product look as professional as possible.

Use the following requirements to complete your magazine cover:

1. Sketch your magazine cover and get a peer evaluation with at least two positive comments and at least two suggestions for improvement.
2. Submit the sketch with the peer evaluation for the instructor to show approval by initialing and dating.
3. Create a project folder entitled [*insert your name*] *Magazine Cover* to hold all files.
4. Create an effective focal point for the magazine cover with a layout that is 8 x 10 (width x length), 200 ppi resolution, RGB color mode, and transparent background.
5. Show rules and drag guides to 1/8 inch inside all borders. Use these guides as the edge of your image area. Use appropriate margins and balance white space.
6. Place the title in an attractive location. The title should be readable, as well as display character and pizzazz.
7. Use a picture of yourself that is appropriate for the theme in an appropriate size, neatly cropped, scaled, and rotated for best effect.
8. Use at least two small pictures of other topics to be included in the magazine on the cover. Pictures can be scanned, taken with a digital camera, or captured from the Internet. All images are to be appropriately sized, neatly cropped, scaled, and rotated for best effect.
9. Use at least four article teasers about your life.
10. Use text boxes, text objects, and associated features to create an effective layout. Use appropriate font and font measurements.
11. Apply appropriate layering techniques.
12. Include barcode, price, issue information, and date on the cover.
13. Proofread and correct all errors. Review the cover and evaluate its professional look and appeal.
14. Have a peer evaluate the copy using the evaluation form. Edit as needed considering the peer's suggestions and comments.

15. Print a color copy of your finished magazine cover on card stock. Laminate the printed copy and trim as needed.
16. Submit the cover, sketch, peer evaluation with comments and suggestions, and instructor's approval (initials and date).
17. Submit a print screen of folder in Details view with all files showing.

## Resources

### **Web sites (and/or key words to use for search):**

[www.netmagazines.com](http://www.netmagazines.com)

[www.discount-magazine-subscriptions-online.com](http://www.discount-magazine-subscriptions-online.com)

Examples of magazine covers