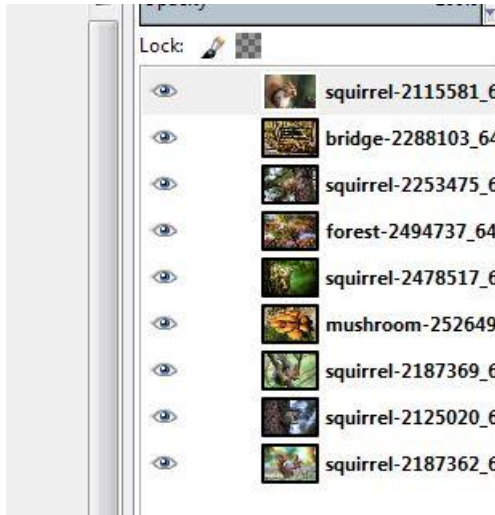


My steps to make a nice collage from Dinasset's MontageOfAllLayers Filter

Look for 6 or 9 photos. They must be in the same size.

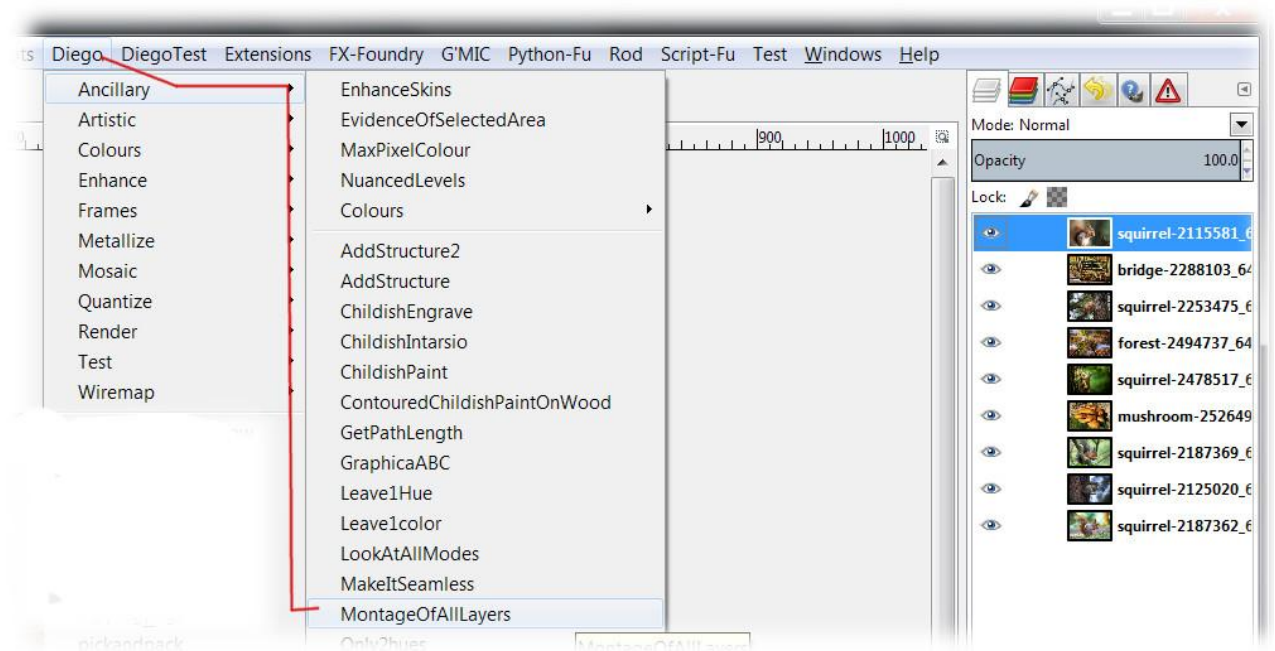
File – Open as Layers- and select the 9 pics. (they can be only pictures or pictures and decorations)



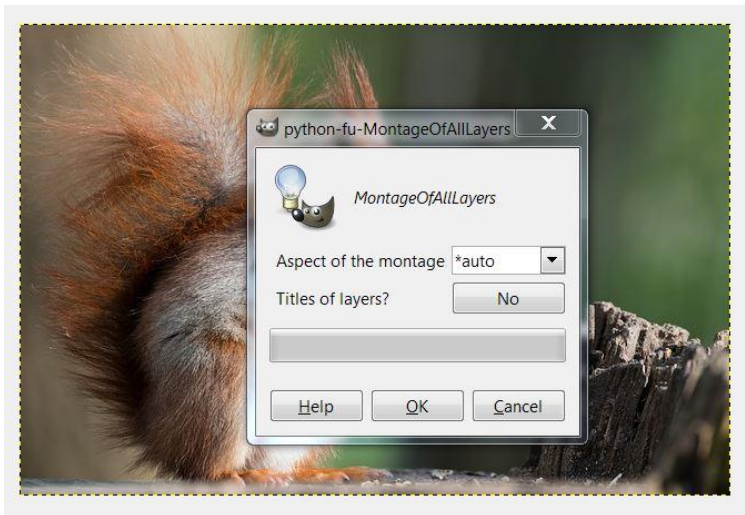
We have chosen the 9 photos and set the right position: 1 stands for photo; 2 stands for decorations

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Go to Diego – Ancillary – MontageOfAllLayers

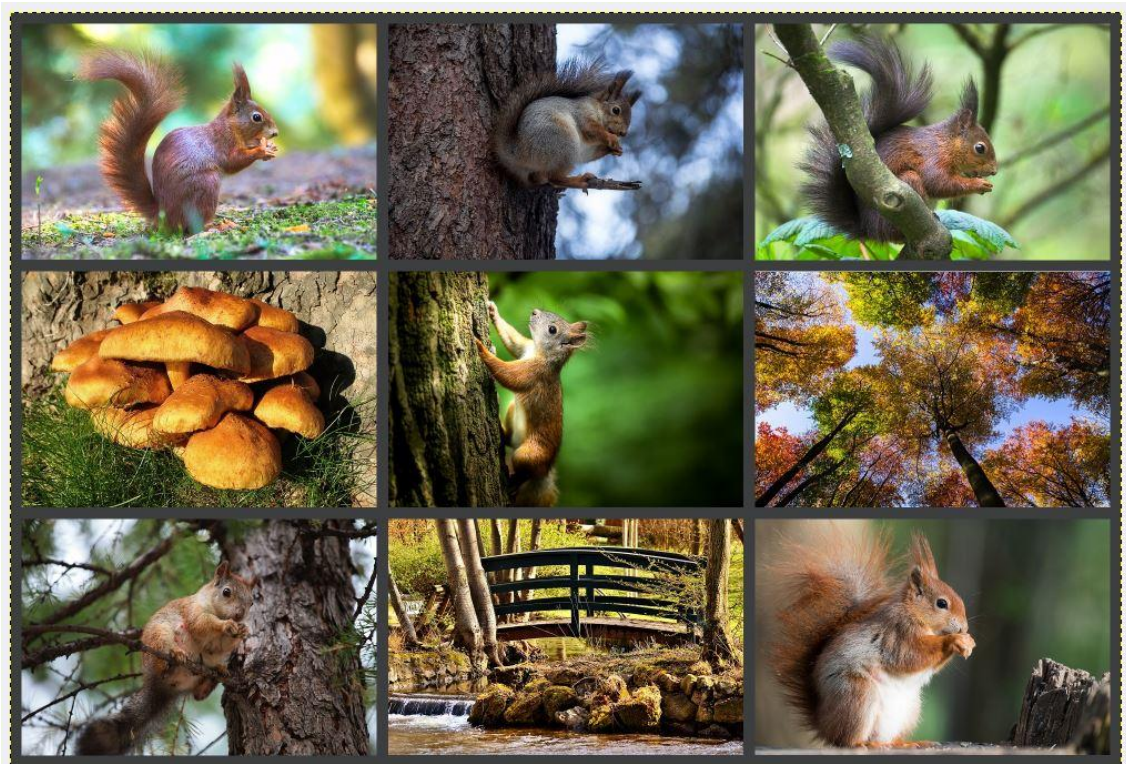


The little windows opens:



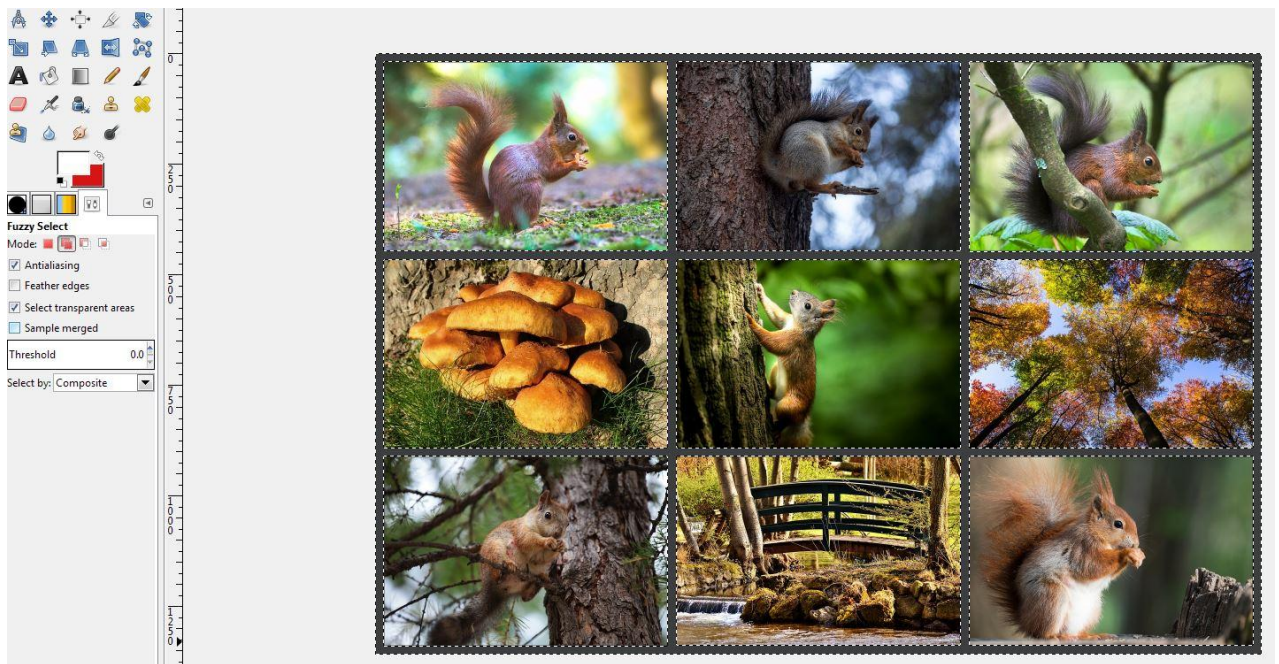
Auto _ No titles of layers. Ok

We get the montage at once.



We add alpha channel to the layer. With Fuzzy Select Tool, pick the gray contour around the pics.

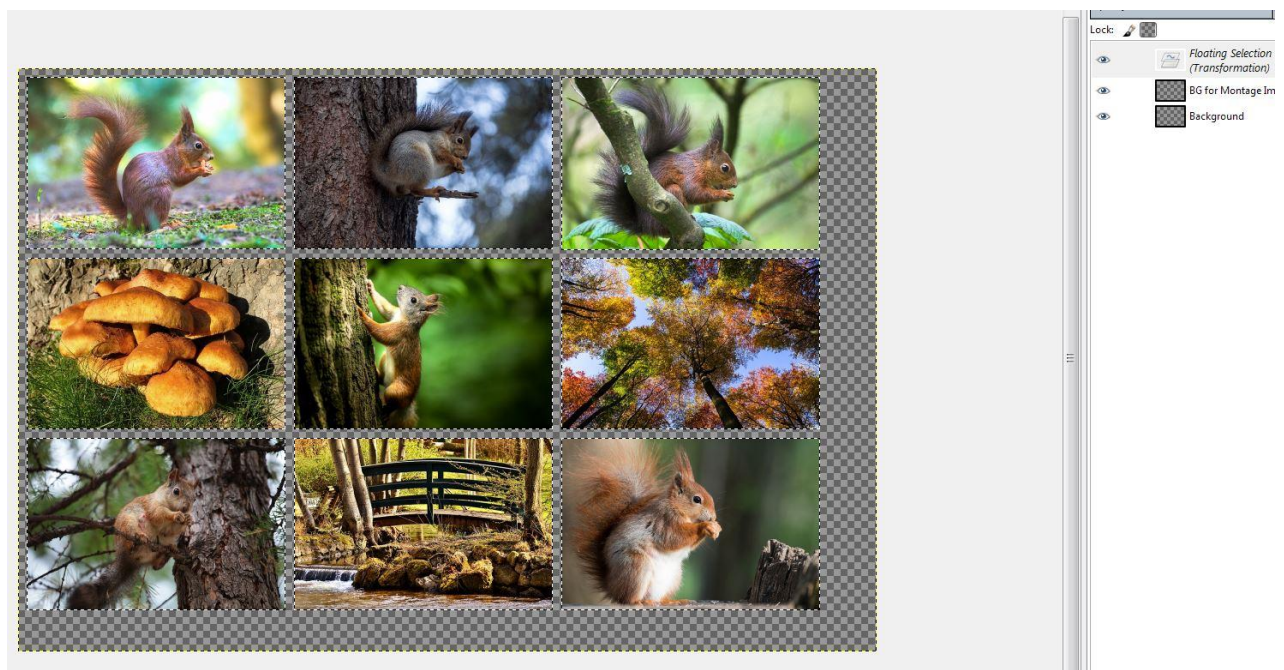
Tip: set Threshold to "0" and select gray colour.



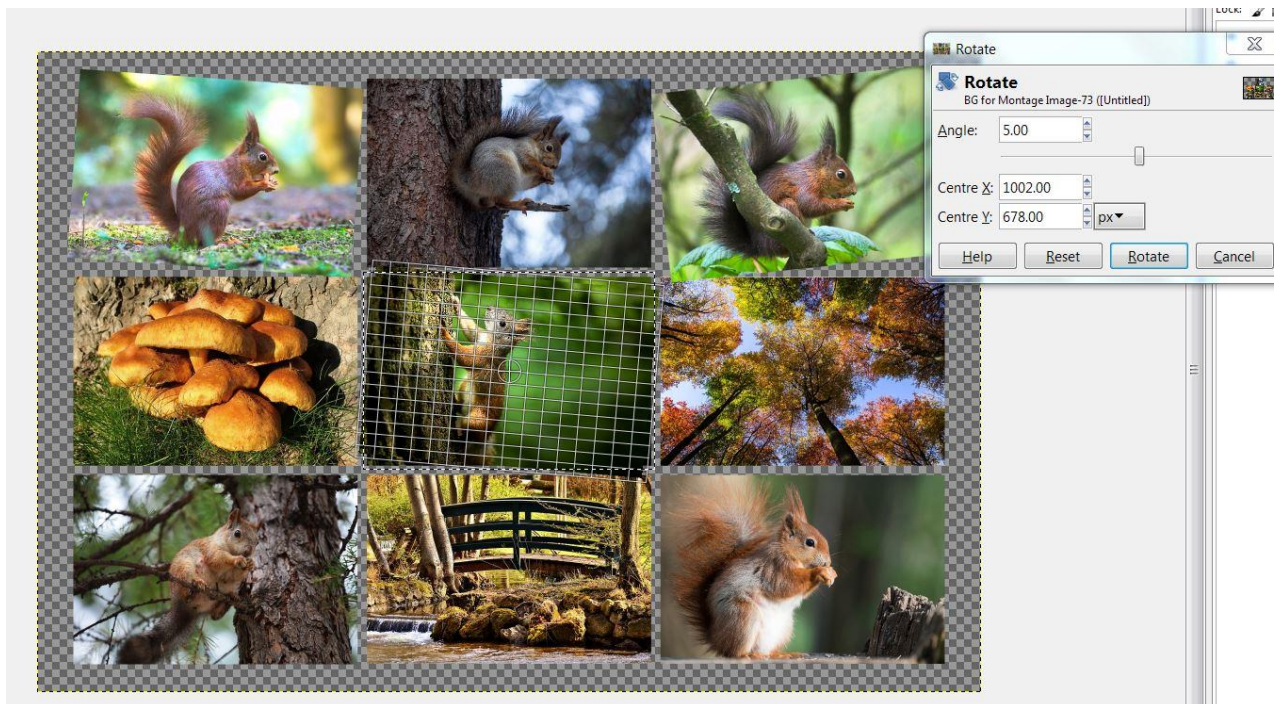
You'll see gray colour selected, so go to Edit – clean. Ok

Your montage is now in alpha channel around. Create a new layer under collage layer. Name it background.

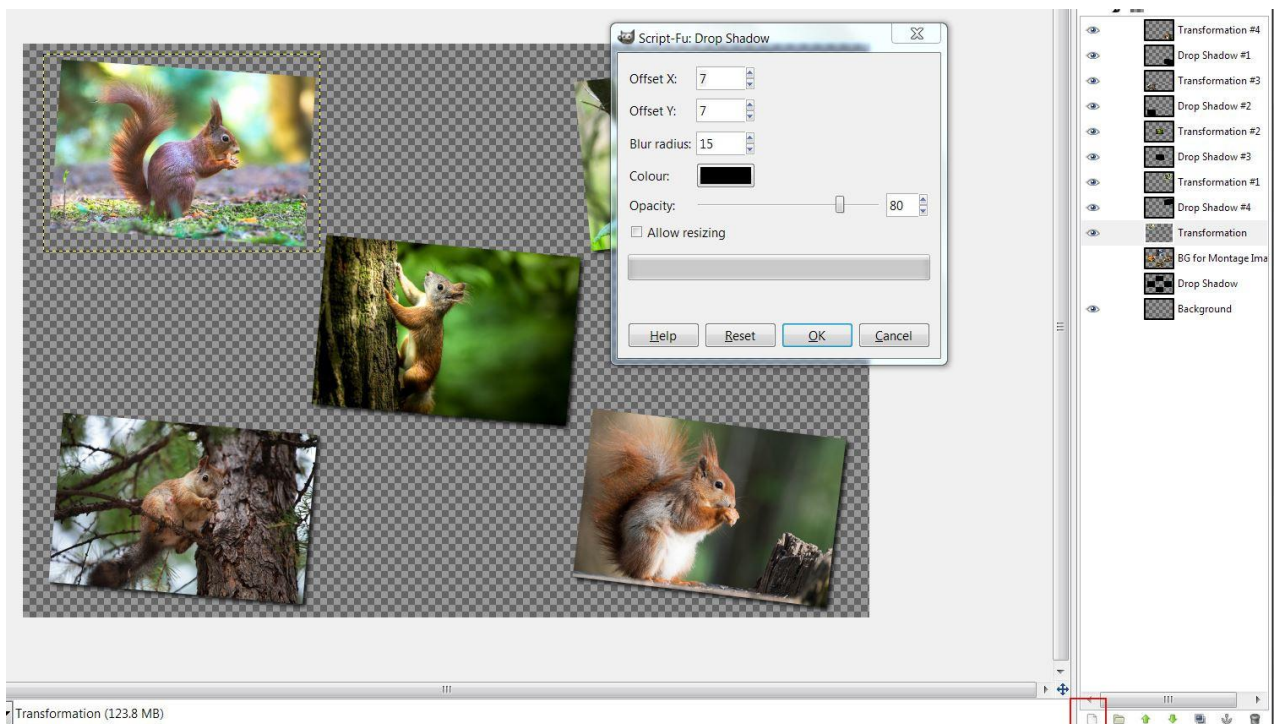
On collage layer Alpha to selection. Go to Scale Tool, and set a new measure for the pics. We reduce the selection until to get about 1850*1245 and centre the images in the layer, again after anchor the floating layer.



Now it is the moment to rotate some of your pictures. Select with Rectangle Select Tool the pics you wish to rotate. It is nice about 5° or 7°. When you like the position, you can pick on the little sheet on the left and it creates a new layer with the photo rotated. This is good to apply shadows.



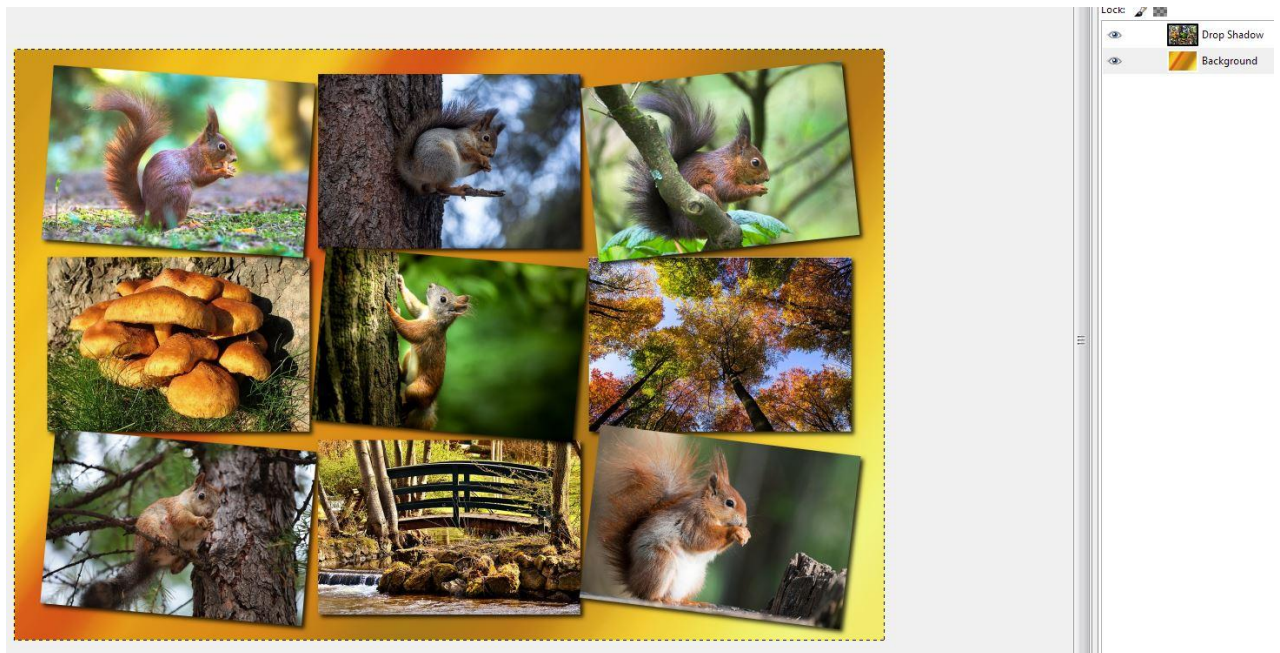
I applied the shadows to 4 pictures at once, and also to the ones rotated individually.



You can now combine the whole layers except the background layer.

So, close the eye to the combined layer and apply a gradient to your background layer. Now open the eye to the layer and look the effect. Also, You can set a nice pattern on your background.

You also can add more decorations or effects.



You are done!

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