Building a Web Site with Rapid Weaver 7 - Part 05c – Preparing images for a gallery.

Most all photography web sites will have some form of photo gallery page and this tutorial is going to show you how I built the one on my own website, you can see the finished gallery page here – ronniewestphotography.com

I use a program called RapidWeaver to build my web site and, this program requires that you have a ‘Stack’ that is able to create the structure of a gallery page. There are many stacks that you can use, some are basic and some are much more detailed but I like to keep things as simple as possible (the KISS principle) and decided to use a stack called ProGallery that I found on the Stacks4Stacks web site.

Before you can begin creating a Photo Gallery in RapidWeaver, there is some preliminary work that you must do to the images that you want to include in the gallery.

1. What you need to do:

(i) Decide on the images that you want to use in the gallery that you are making.

   It is best to use a large high definition image to begin with because you can then crop this down to a suitable size without unduly reducing the final quality of the image. Obviously, if you chose to use a small jpeg image and then wanted to upsize it, the quality of the final image will be drastically reduced.

   So, start with a good RAW or PSD image that is a larger size than that needed for your gallery.

(ii) Choose the images for the gallery and open them in Photoshop, I am using Photoshop CC but, any recent version of Photoshop will do the same job.

   For this tutorial, I will open just three images,
(iii) Open the image that you want to work on, I chose the third one (G9Q0295) Note that this is a .psd image,

![Image](image1.png)

(iv) Re-size each image to your chosen dimensions, for my web site, I chose to set the Crop Tool dimensions to 1500x1000x72 but, you can make them smaller or larger if you wish.

![Image](image2.png)

Crop the image and then select the ‘Zoom’ tool, in the side bar on the left, then click on ‘Fit Screen’ in the top menu bar,
(v) Do any preparatory work on the image e.g. levels, highlights & Shadows, selective colour and sharpening.

(vi) Stroke a 1px white (or black) line around the image,

Double Click on the 'Background' layer (in the Layers Palette) and accept the name of 'Layer 0' then click on the OK button,