

Stepping Out With InDesign



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BY day, I work in the financial industry, which I have done for the past 30 years. In spite of the that, I have always had creative inspirations.

I am a Certified Aromatherapist in which I use all natural, organic essential oils to make synthetic free body oils, salves, soaps, natural perfumes etc.

Calligraphy is one of my passions. My favorite calligraphy scripts are copperplate and uncials, but truthfully, I just love the entire art. I also indulge myself in handmade card-making. Adobe programs have become my latest passion.

I love to travel with my husband, eat good food and drink red wine. I also love true life mystery and crime shows such as Dateline and 48 hours.



Featured Skills

- Master Pages
- Gradients
- Stroke
- Fill
- Text Frame Options
- Paragraph Styles
- Character Styles
- Grouping
- Drop Cap
- Kuler Colors
- Mini Bridge
- Effects
- Type on Path
- Text Wrapping

WHAT IS INDESIGN



Adobe InDesign is a dynamic desktop publishing software program. InDesign has powerful tools used to design documents for both print and the web. It seamlessly integrates with Adobe's other graphic programs, *Illustrator and Photoshop*.

What Can You Make?

InDesign users are able to design a vast number of media products such as newsletters, brochures, slide presentations, E-Books, letterhead, business cards, product labels, postcards and more.

Workflow Sample

In beginning a typical InDesign session, one should decide the intent of their document. For

example, will the document be used for print or for the web. Next, it is helpful if you establish an end document plan. Having an idea in the beginning of what you desire your document to be at the end, will help you to save time and frustration. It also helps you to plan your document setup such as how many pages will exist in your document, page sizes, will master pages be needed, setting up margins and deciding if your document requires facing pages, which are useful when creating media such as books. Once your document has been setup, be prepared to spend hours looking for the perfect graphics, formatting, designing and having fun!

My Favorite Feature

It is difficult to pick just one favorite feature, however, although it has been tough to master, I think that paragraph and character styles is the feature that I like best. Using the Styles features, makes working with text very efficient and time saving.

This is Tricky

For me, mastering paragraph and characters styles has been the most difficult. I seem to have a love - hate relationship with it. I love how efficient it makes working with text. I hate it when I can't make it do what I want. However, for me, the more I practice the better understanding I gain.

New to InDesign?

The best advice that I can give to new InDesign users is to try to have a sense of humor. InDesign is a very complex program and there is A LOT to learn. If you can keep yourself from getting frustrated and have patience, skills will come. As it is with anything that is important, you must spend time with the program and make sure to practice!

Here's My Story

I purchased the Adobe Master Collection with very little Adobe experience. My goal was to learn Photoshop. From there, my goal became to learn every software program in the Master Collection. A friend told me that Santa Rosa Junior College had an excellent online computer studies program so that started things.

I was confident when the semester began, that I would learn something, but I had no idea that I would learn so much! I started the semester with baby steps, but as the semester ends, I feel very proud of how much I have learned and how much I can do.

