GETTING YOUR PHOTOS OFF YOUR COMPUTER

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Getting your images off your computer

- Remember when we used to share photos through photo albums.... or when we could sift through and reminisce about trips or family events through the pictures stored in shoeboxes? These days we may post images on social media, but they seem temporary and rarely are ever re-visited... and never seem to take on the iconic status of the old shoebox photos. And how many of us have thousands and thousands of images hiding somewhere on a computer hard drive, rarely or never to be seen by others?
- This presentation explores several ways by which we can share our photography with others, with a particular emphasis on the creation of photobooks as a means of preserving memories and sharing our creativity with wider audiences.
- The focus of this presentation is a guided tutorial on how to create a photobook.

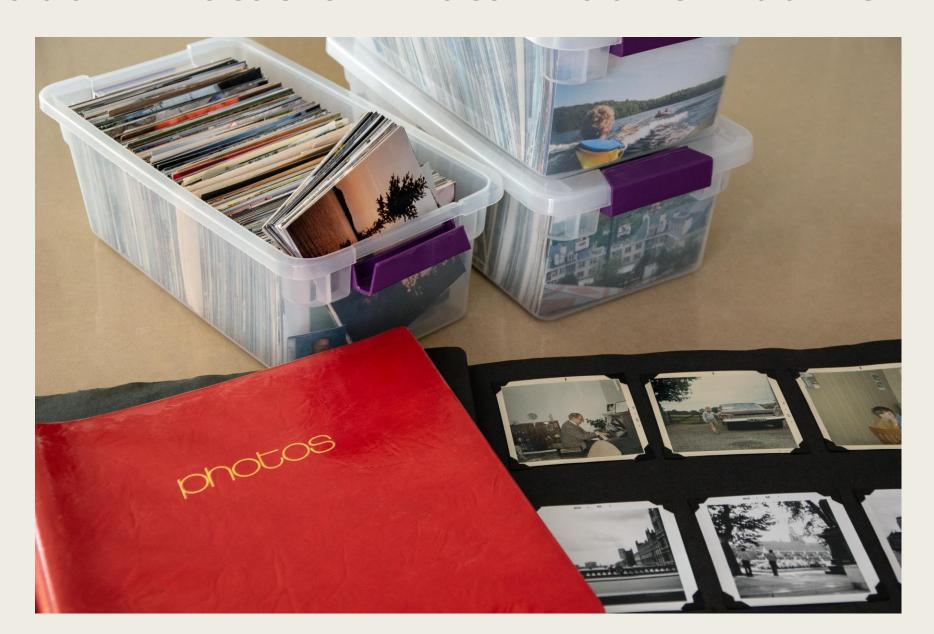
Photo Clubs: non-competitive and competitive

Examples of entries to the KSCCC December 2021 Monthly Challenge - Landscapes:





Shoebox Photos & Photo Mount Albums



Sharing photos is not a new issue



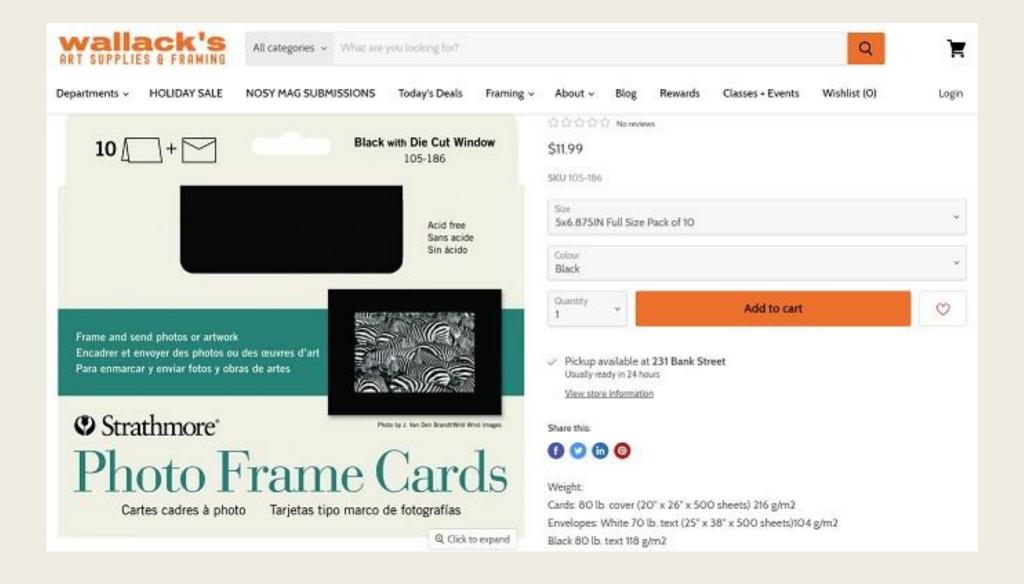
Déjà vu: Rediscover prints from film



Photo Mount/Frame Cards



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Déjà vu: Polaroids/Fujifilm



Calendars



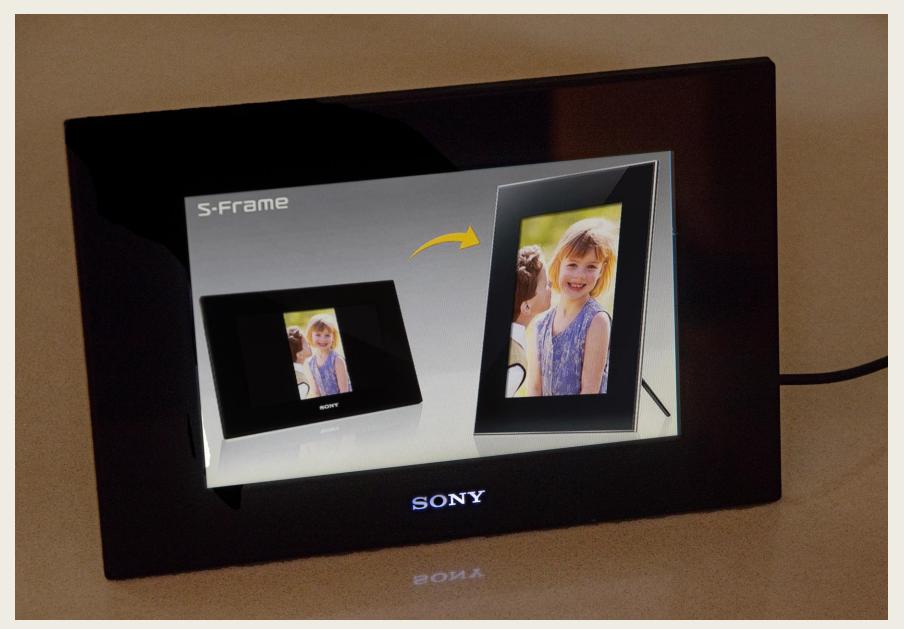
Framed images on the wall



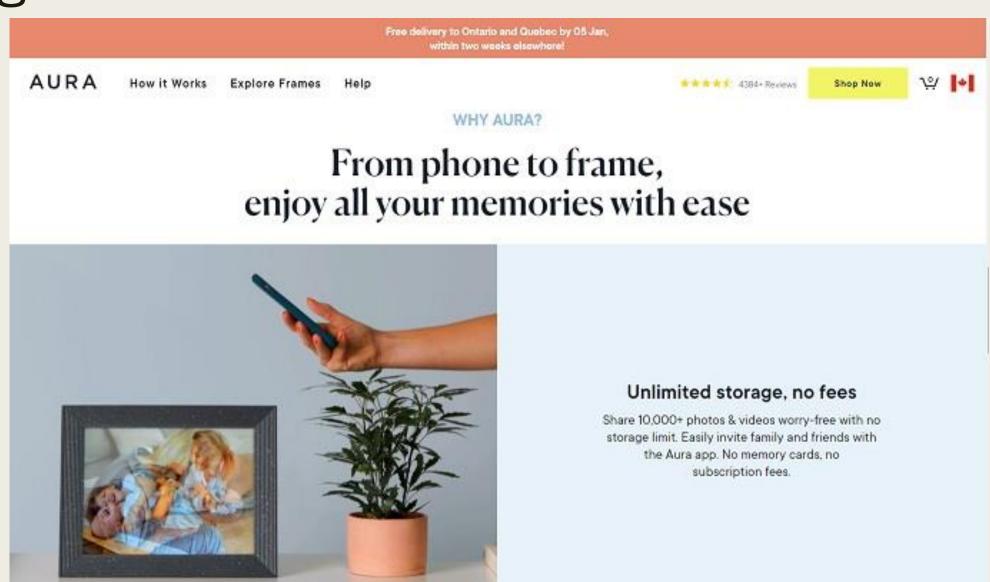
Slide shows: Laptop connected to a TV screen or projector



Digital Photo Frames



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Collages



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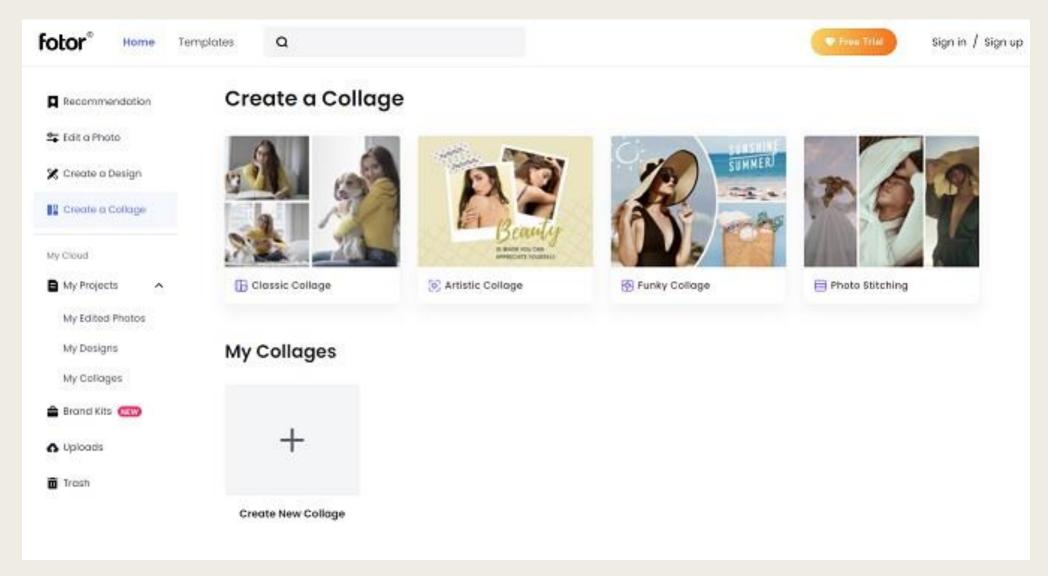


Photo websites: Adobe Portfolio and others

(i.e., getting images off your computer and sharing on someone else's device)

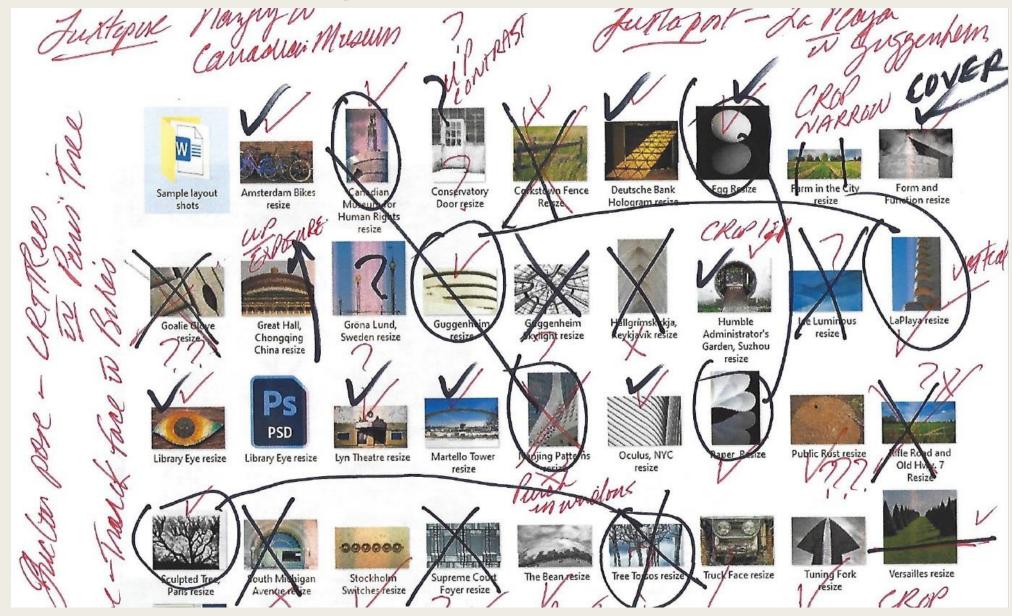
- Adobe Portfolio is available through Adobe Creative Cloud
- Adobe subscribers can setup up to 5 separate photo websites

- The following link provides a comprehensive list and review of 10 top websites (including subscription rates) for photographers, which includes information on the following website building programs: Format, Zenfolio, Squarespace, Wix, SmugMug, Weebly, Adobere Portfolio, Photoshelter, Pixpa, and GoDaddy:
- https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/buying-guides/best-websitebuilders-for-photographers

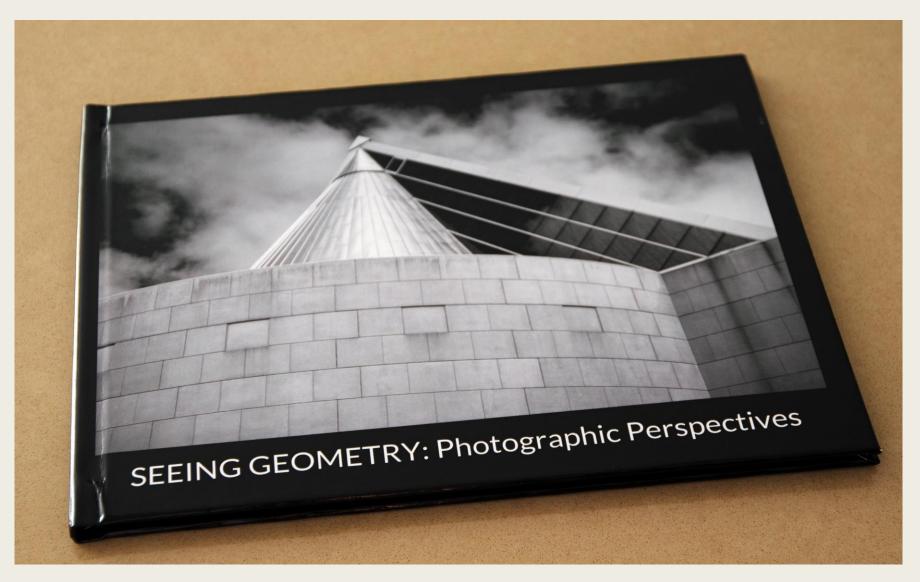
Other online resources for sharing images

- Instagram
- The link to the article below provides a short review and links to 21 popular photo sharing websites, including
 - Google Photos
 - iCloud Photos
 - Amazon Photos
 - Dropbox
 - WeTransfer
 - Flickr
 - SmugMug,
 - Photobucket
 - 500px
 - PhotoBlog
- https://backlightblog.com/photo-sharing-websites-apps

Portfolio Development



Photobooks



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GUIDED TUTORIAL: HOW TO CREATE A PHOTOBOOK

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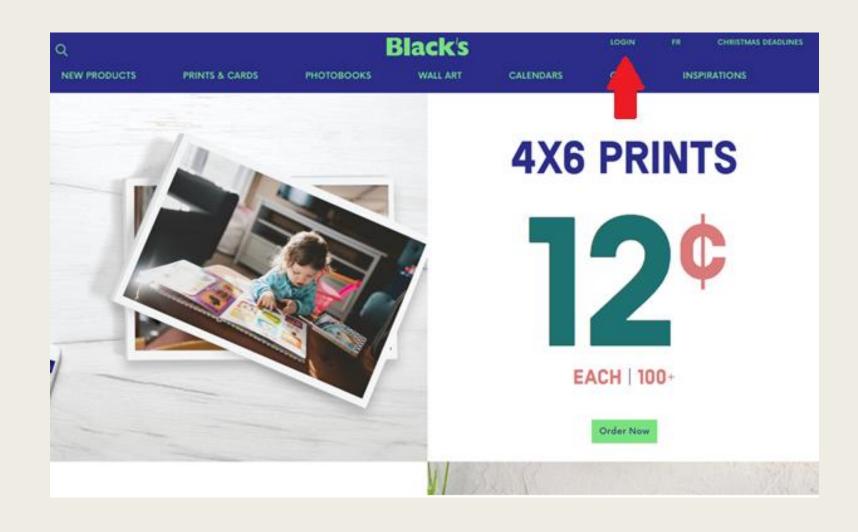
- I have only used the Black's website in this presentation to provide a demonstration exemplar of how to create a photobook. A list of well known photobook publishers and their website information follows this slide. Most of these photobook development programs use a similar method for photobook creation and editing, from a template that "self populates" your images to complete creative control over layout and design of the photobook.
- I am not sponsored or have received any renumeration from Black's.
- I have used Black's for numerous photobooks for several reasons:
 - Ease of use of the photobook creation program
 - Quality of the publication
 - Prompt delivery after the photobook has been submitted (usually less than a week)
 - Canadian company located in Montreal where the photobooks are printed (you can call and speak with a real person to ask questions).

Photobook companies in Canada for nonprofessional photographers

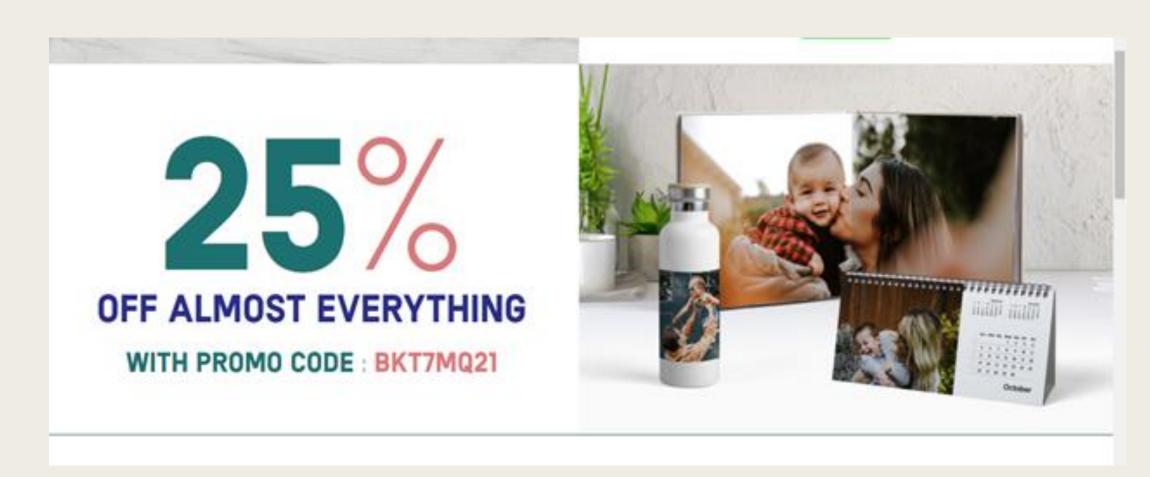
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^{*}There are many U.S. photobook publishers including Blurb, Shutterfly, Snapfish, etc.

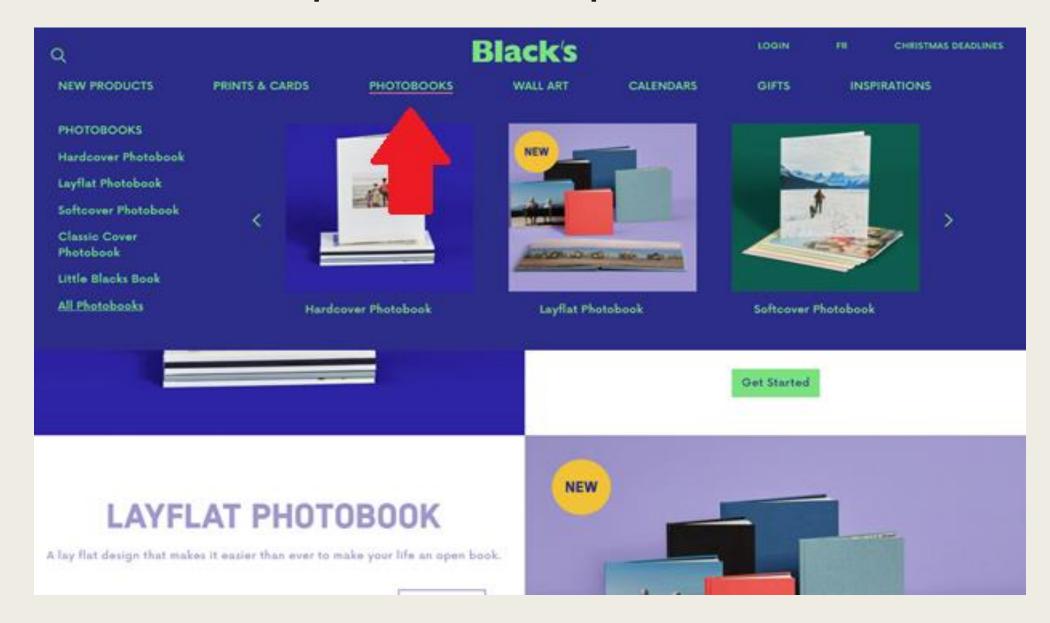
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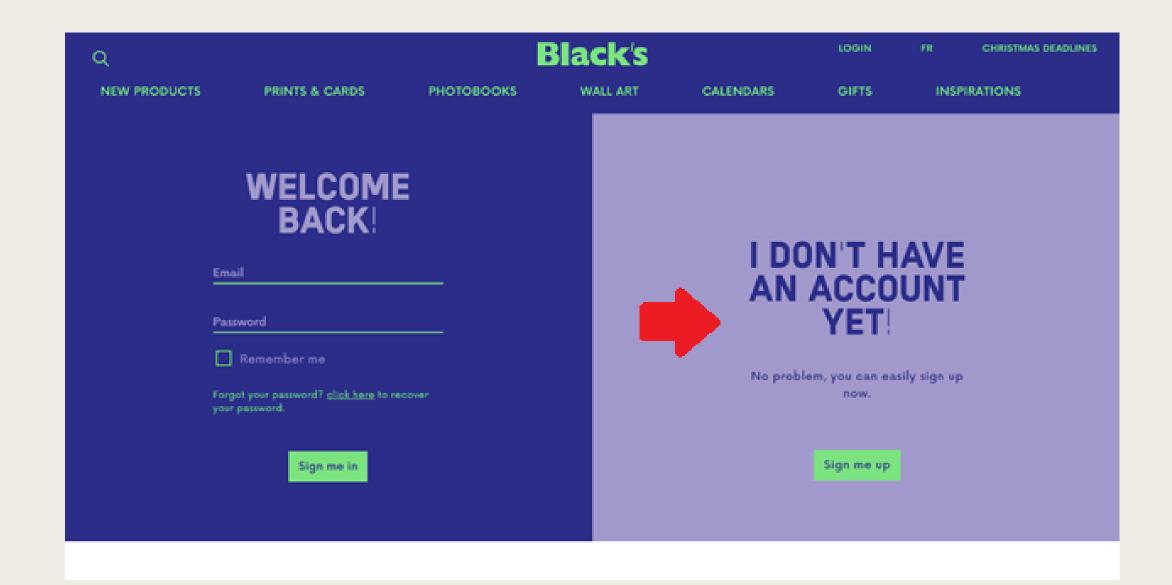
Check for any discount offers and note the Promo code (usually 40% off around Black Friday/post Christmas, etc.).



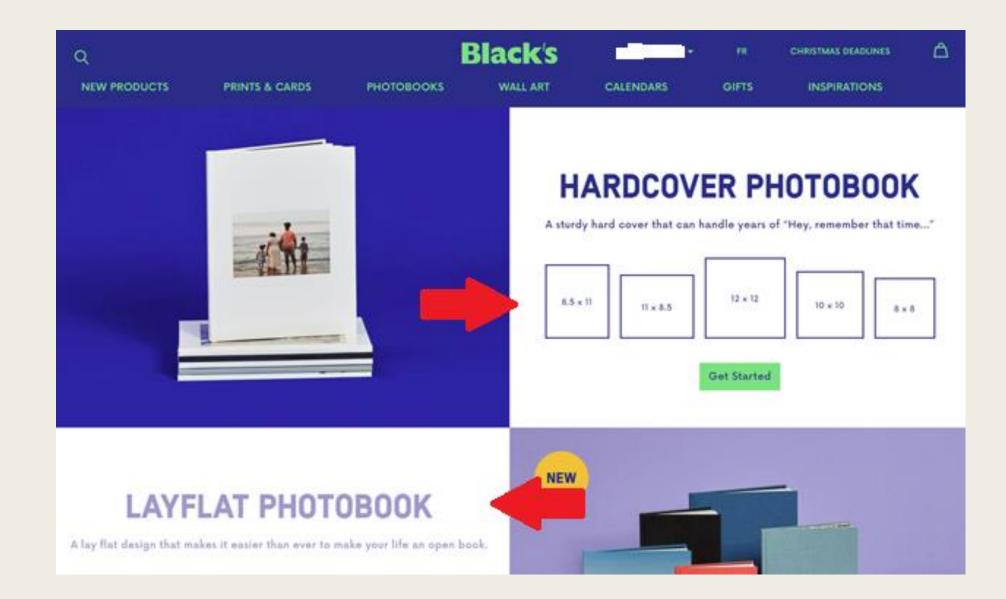
Review the photobook products.



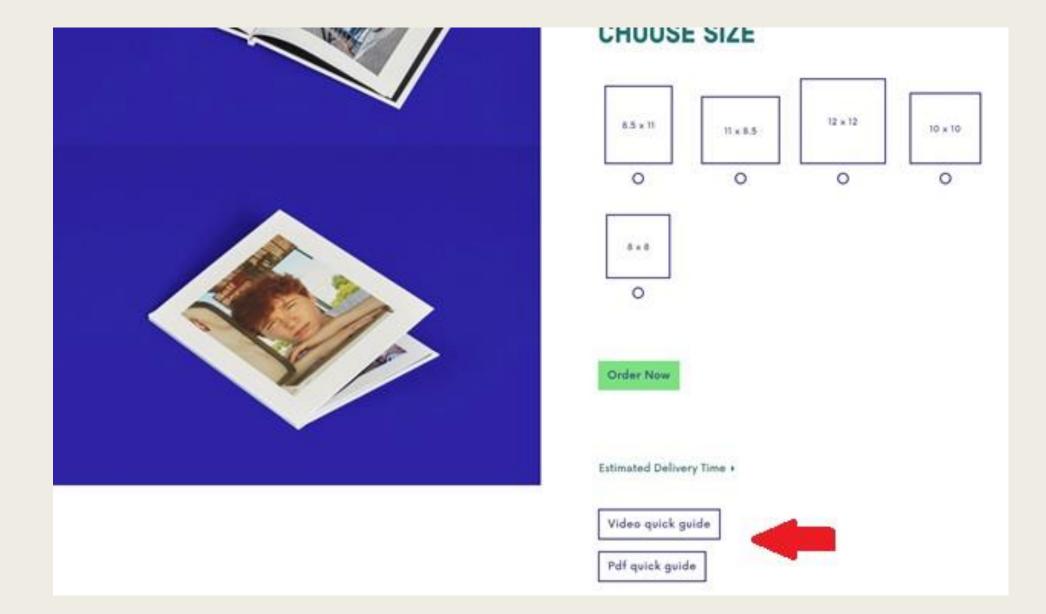
Create an account.



Select the type of photobook.



Note the video and pdf resources:



An excerpt from the pdf resource:

НОЖ ТО МАКЕ А РНОТОВООК

1 -

THEME SELECTION

After picking the size of your Photobook and the type of cover, you will be asked to select a theme.

Under each theme, you will see the minimum number of pictures required for the book. You may also *Preview* the book's pages.

Once you're done, simply click on Select.



2

UPLOADING YOUR PICTURES

Following the Theme selection, it's time to upload the pictures you want in the book. You may choose images stored on your computer or on social networks.



Tip: We suggest you place all selected images into one folder prior to uploading.



Keep the CTRL key down (cmd on Mac) to select more than one picture at the time



Press CTRL+A (cmd+A on Mac) to select all pictures in the folder at once.

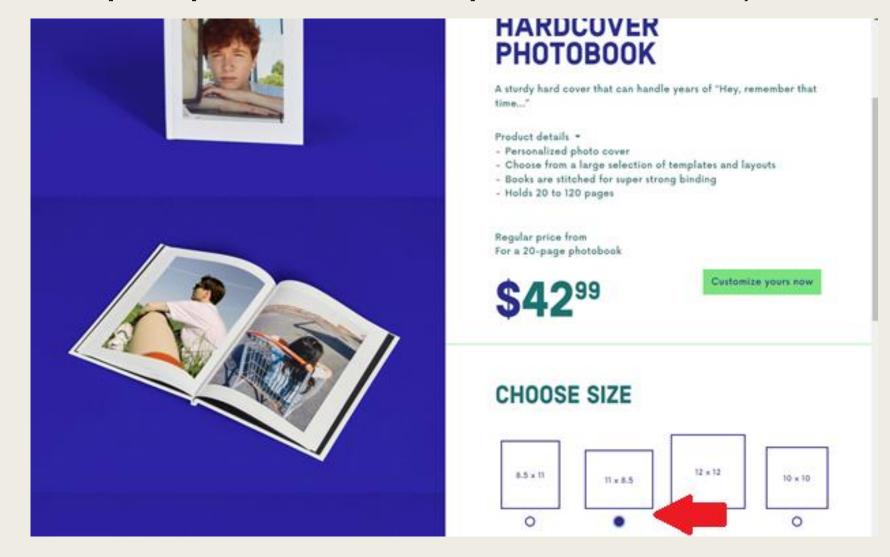
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IMPORTING IMAGES IN THE BOOK

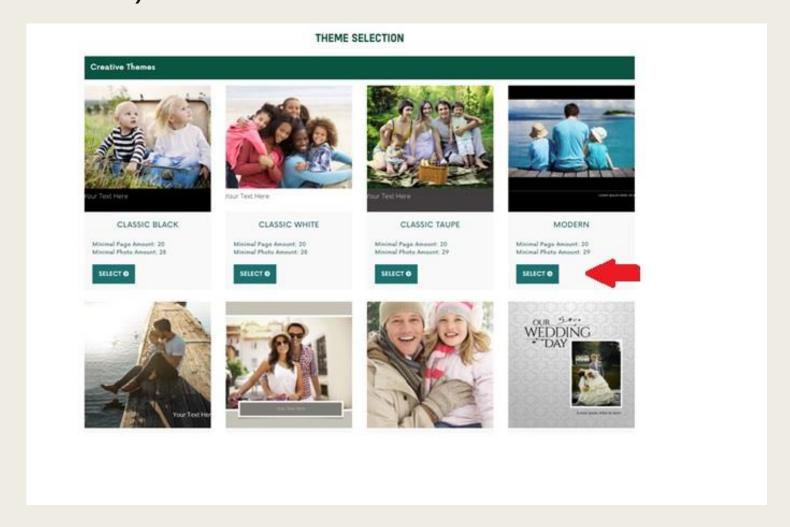
Once your images are uploaded, you're directed to the Selecting images interface. Here, you decide whether you want



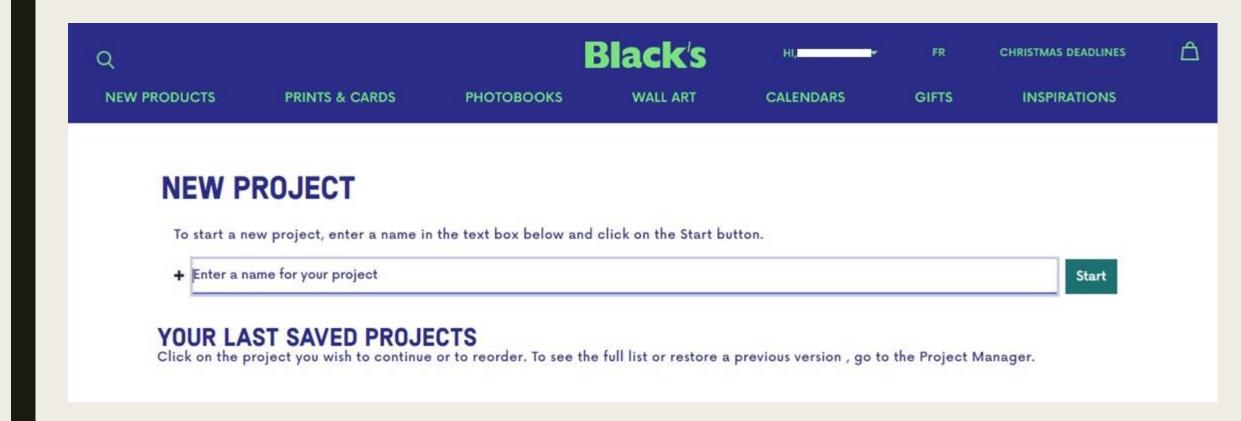
Choose the size and orientation of the photobook (i.e., landscape, portrait or square format).



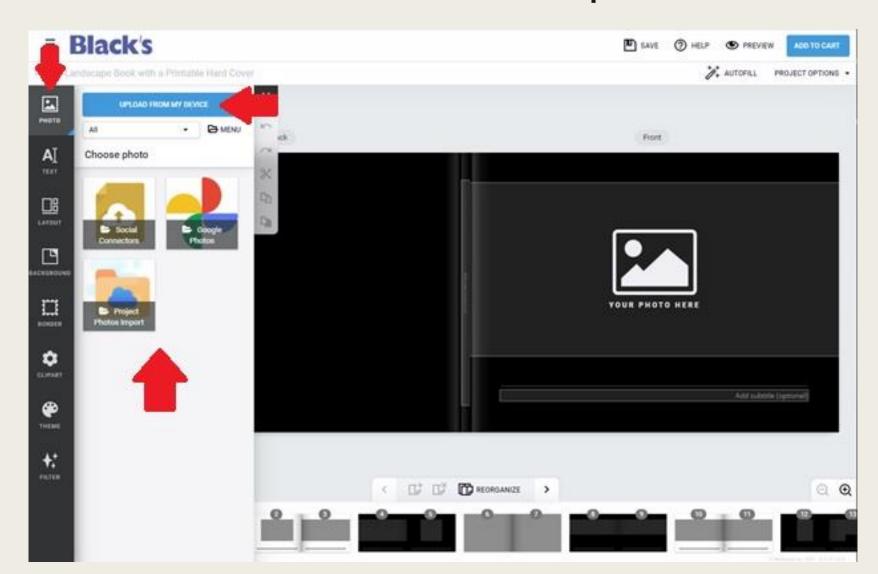
Select a theme (examples in this tutorial started with the "Modern" theme, but the photobook is totally customizable).



After selecting the theme, create a title for your new project, and then click START.



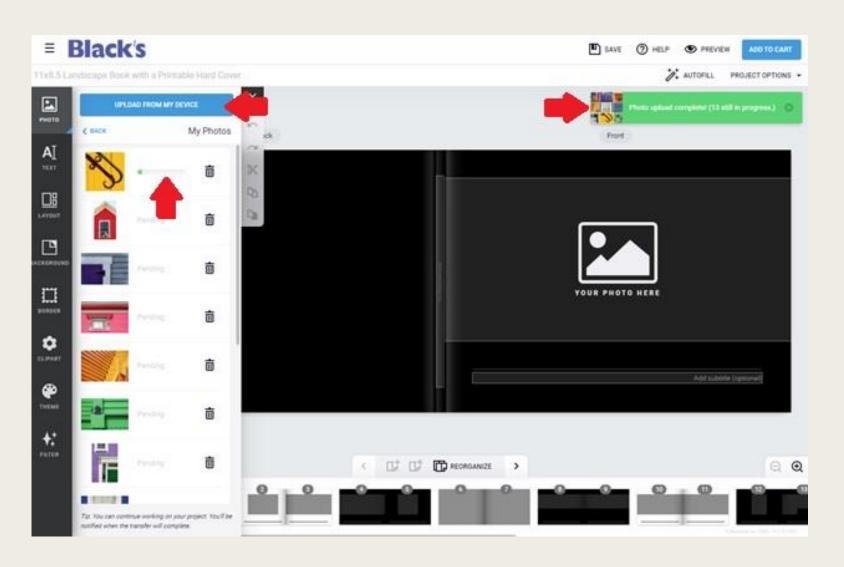
Note the list of navigation tabs on the far left hand side. Start with PHOTO upload.



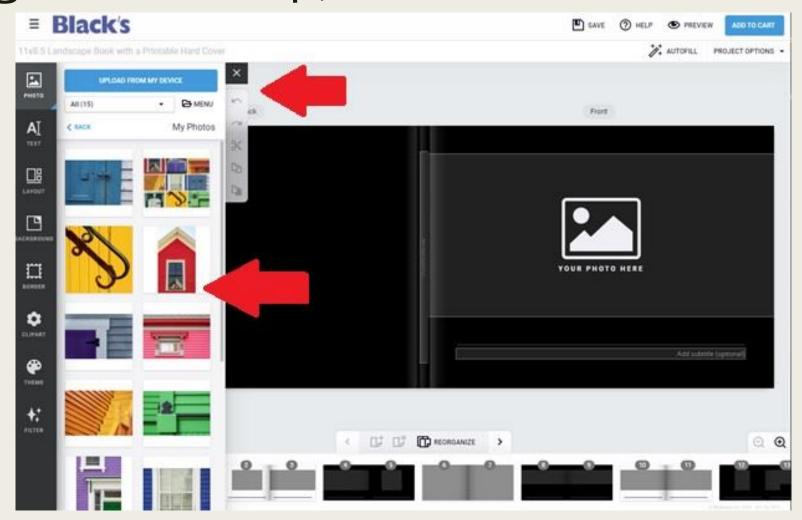
Select the source of your photos. It is best to gather all photos in one file source before uploading the photos, but you can add or delete photos as needed.



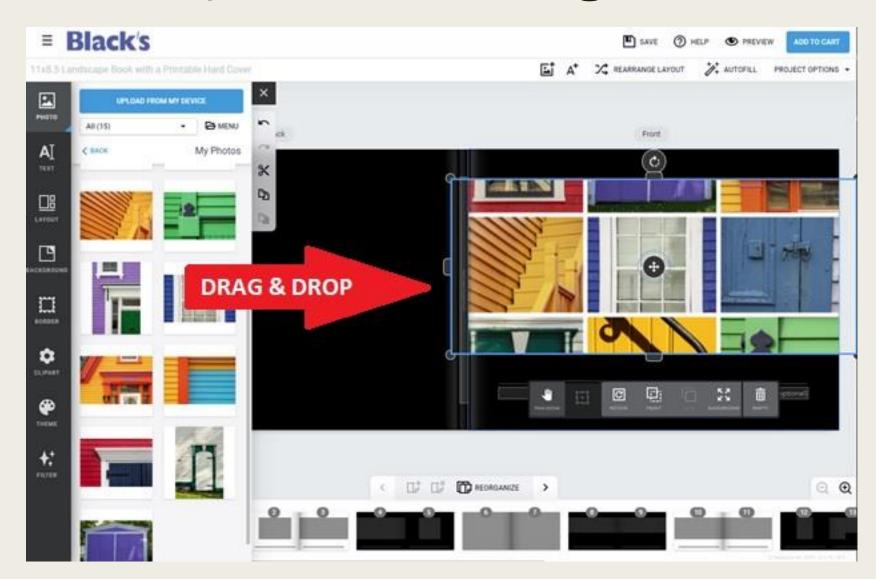
Upload photos from source file. Note that the program indicates progress.



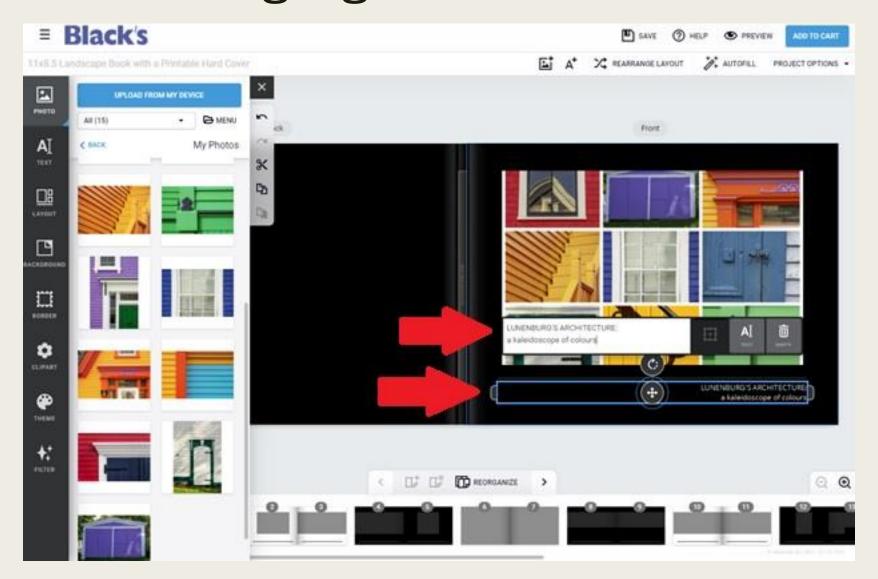
Uploaded photos appear on the left. The extra tab at the top right allows you to collapse the photos window or go back a step, etc.



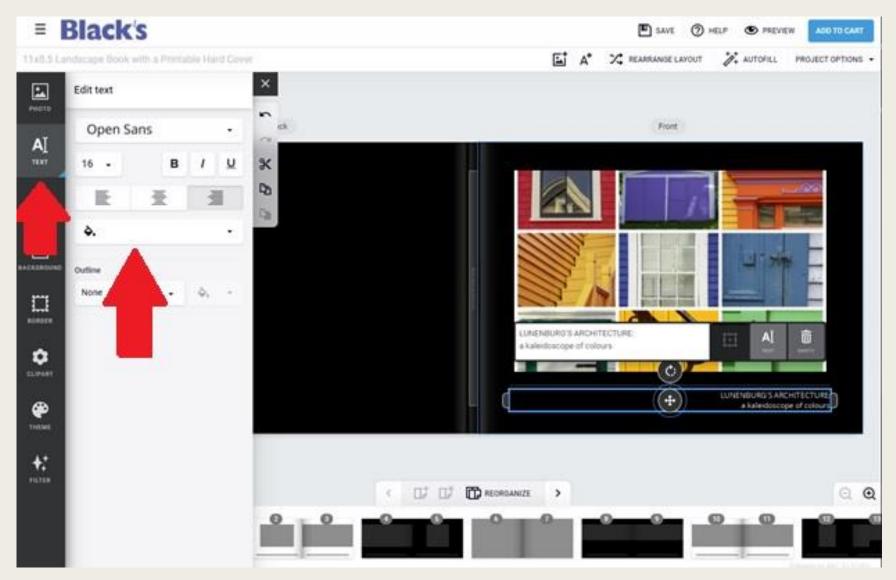
Drag and drop photo and readjust size using the "pull tabs" on perimeter of image.



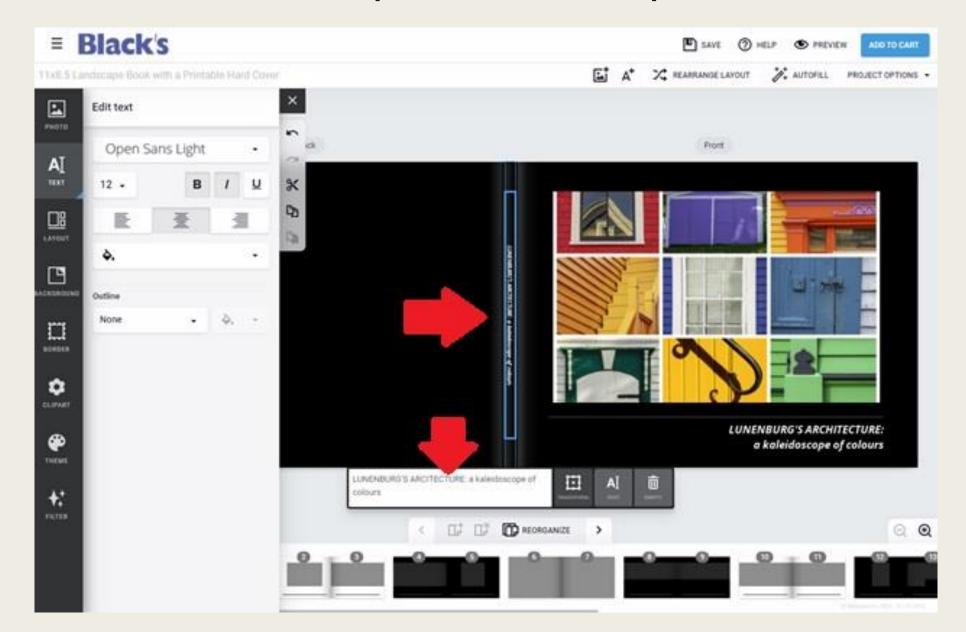
Add a title. Note that what appears in the type box is added to the highlighted text box.



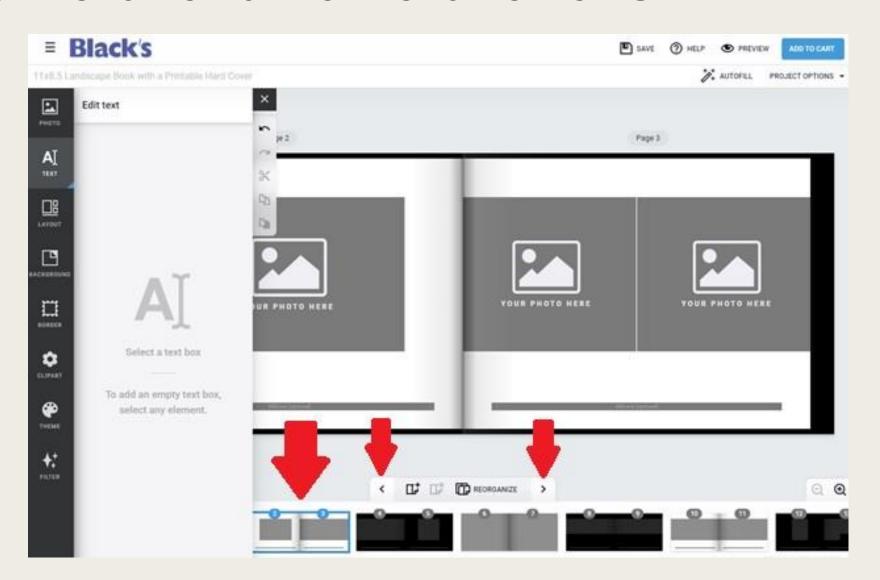
Note the TEXT tab has been selected. The colour of the text can be changed to a wide array of colours.



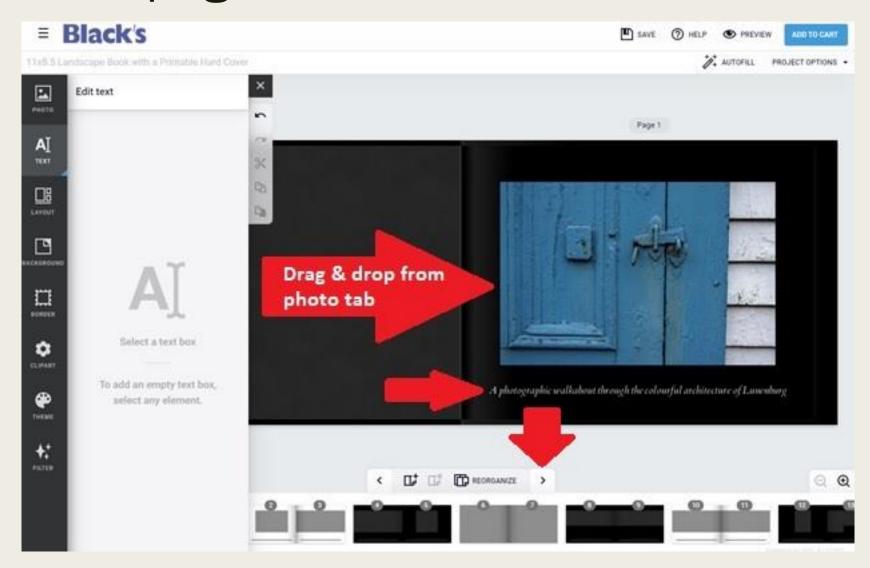
Add the title to the photobook spine.



Go to specific double spread pages by using the "backward" and "forward" arrows.

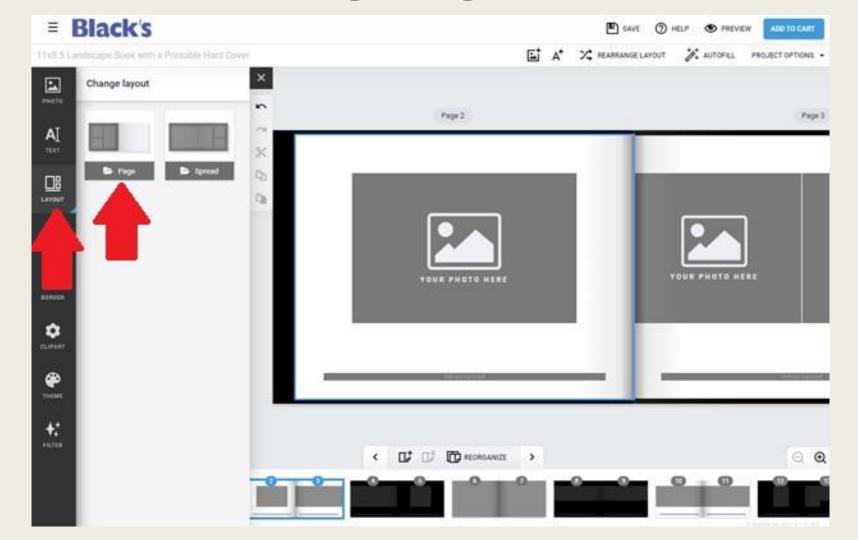


Here is an example of adding a picture and text to the first page:

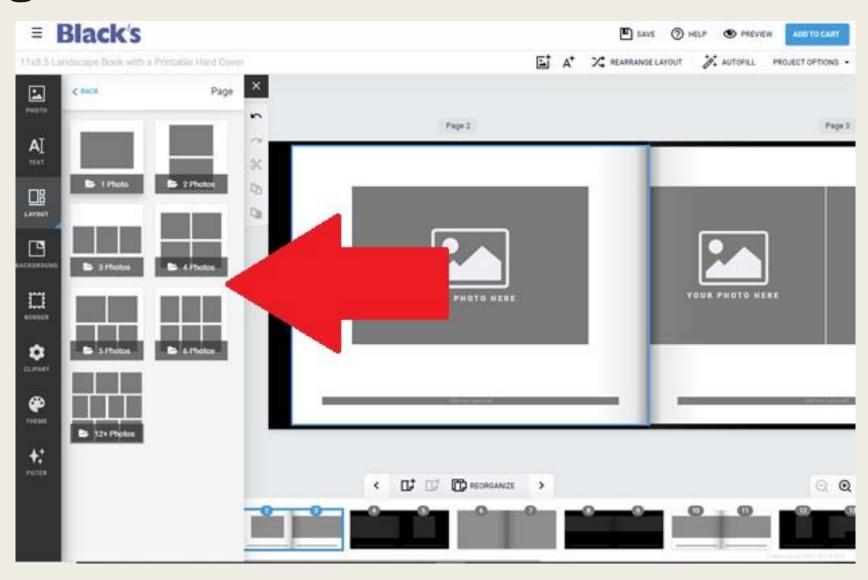


Go to LAYOUT tab to customize your photobook design. Options are layout by page or by double page spread. Note issue with photos crossing the gutter of a double

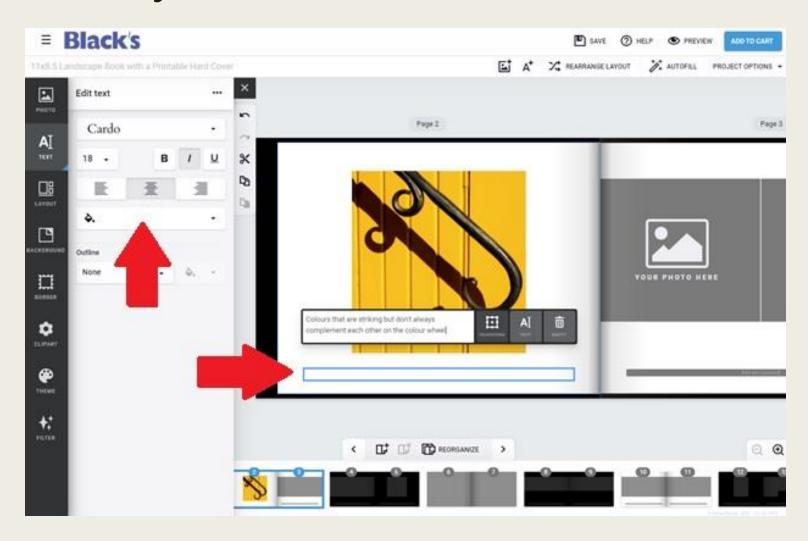
page spread.



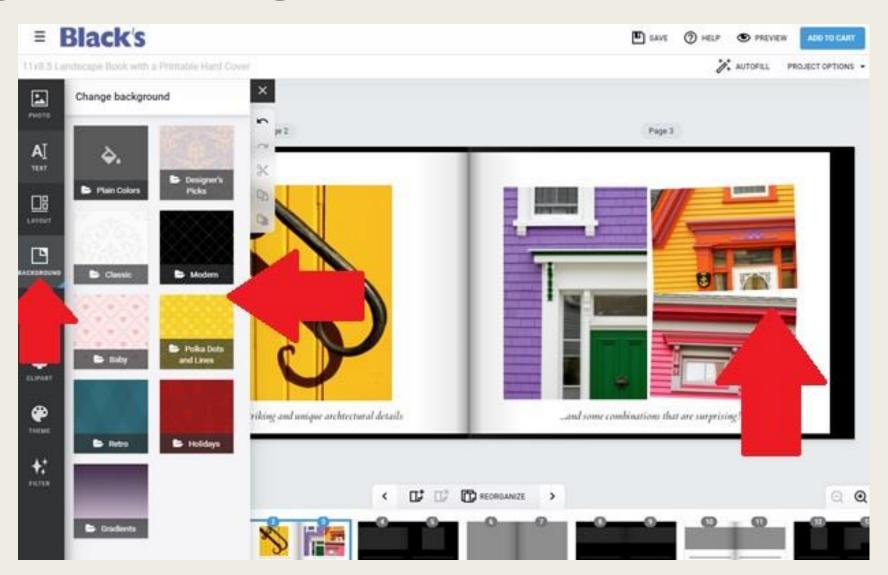
Choose the number of images you wish to add to a particular page.



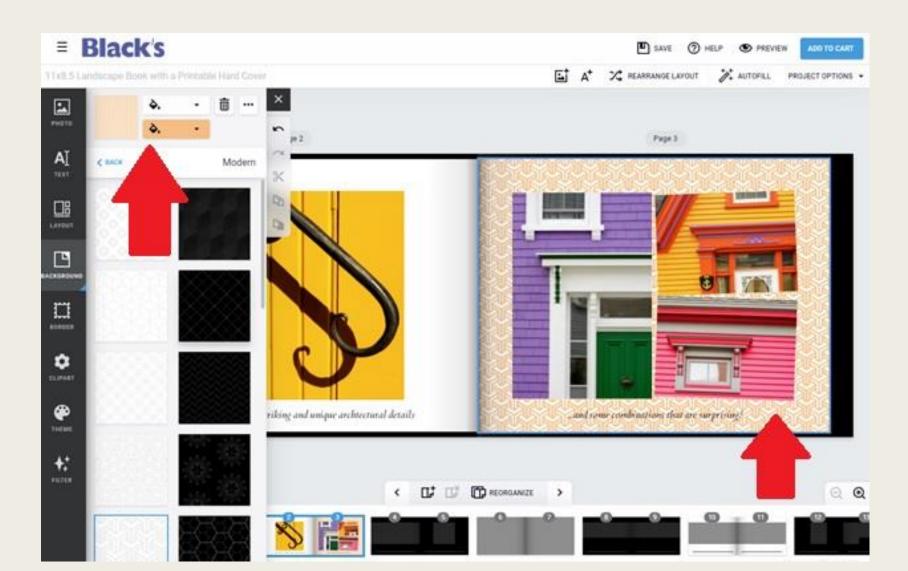
Add a text caption if you wish or delete the text box. At any time you can add or delete text boxes. Note choices with the font, font style and font colour and size, etc.



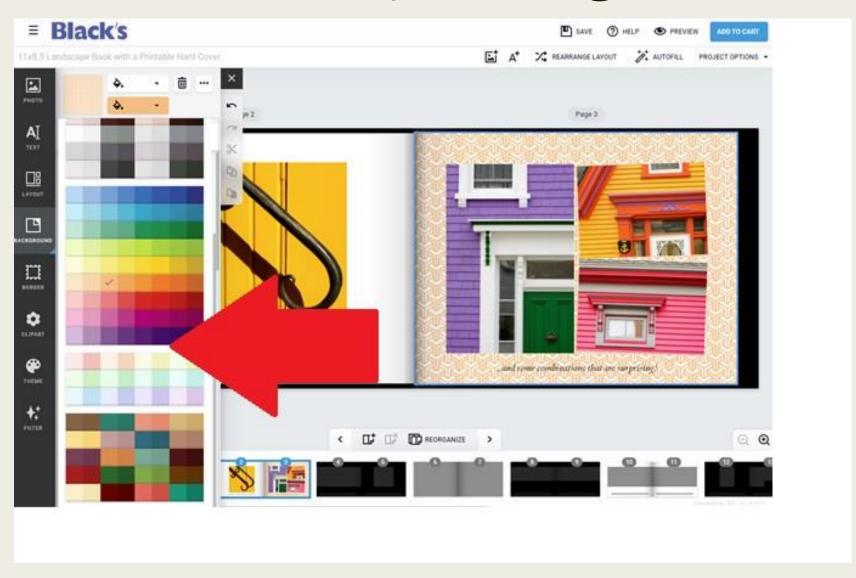
Note the BACKGROUND tab has been selected on the navigation bar. Again a myriad of options...



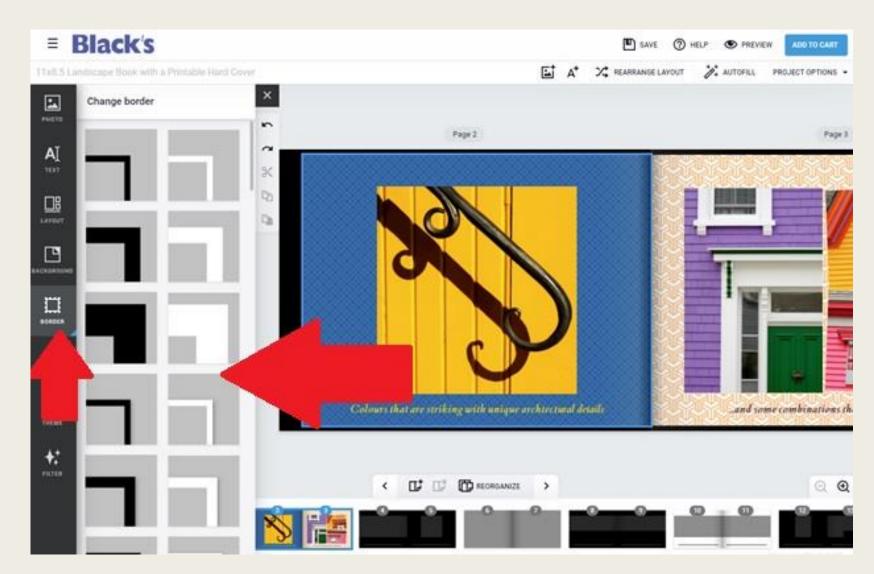
Choose a plain background or wallpaper with a wide range of colour choices.



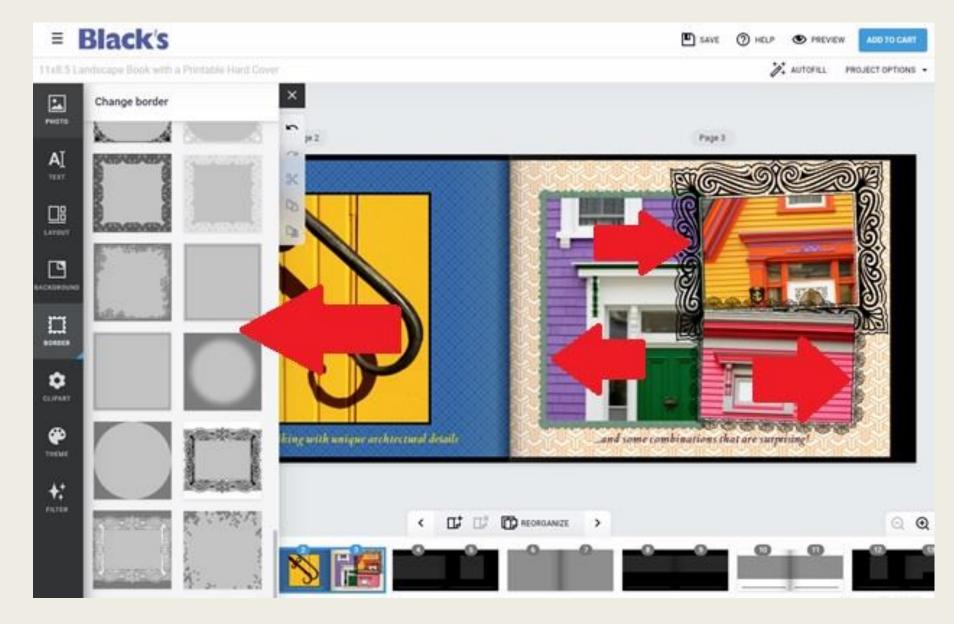
Some of the many colour choices that can be applied to the text fonts and/or backgrounds.



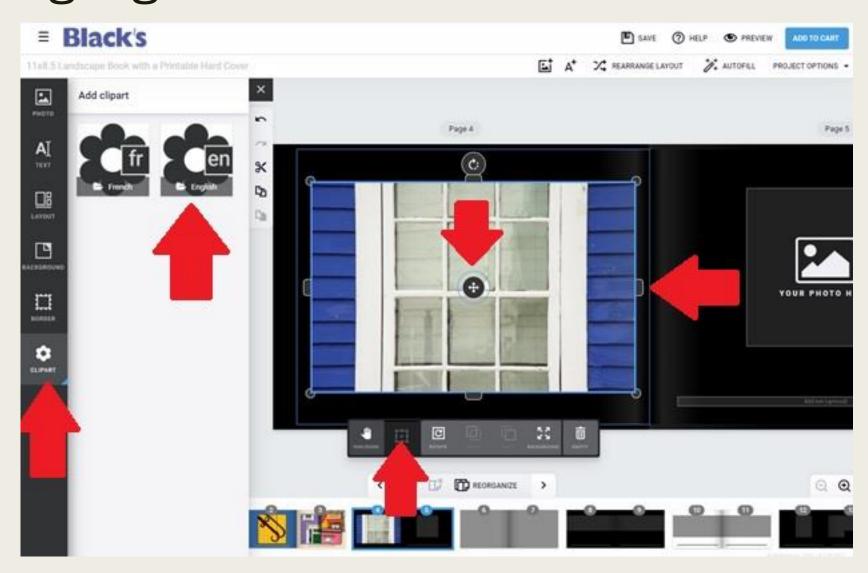
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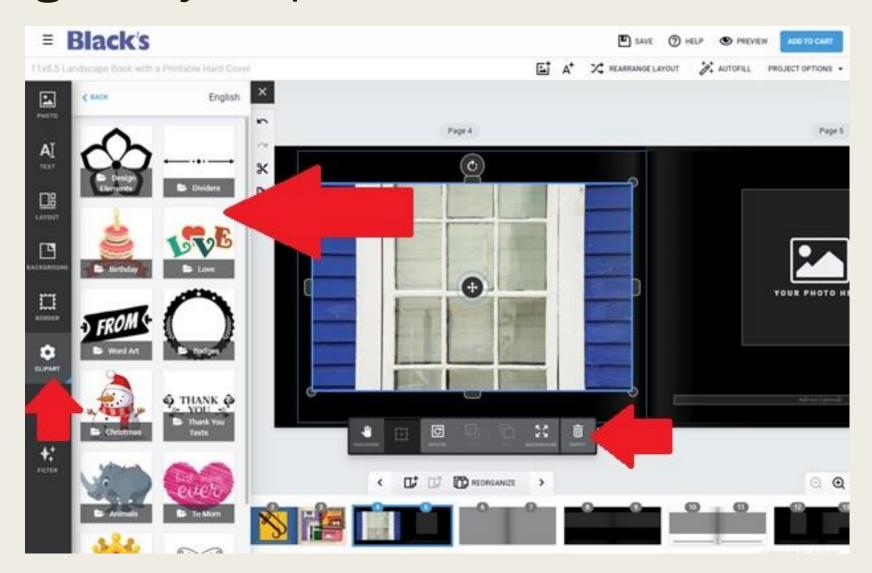
Again, lots of choices, some of them pretty tacky!



Note "CLIPART" tab selected on the navigation bar. Choose language.

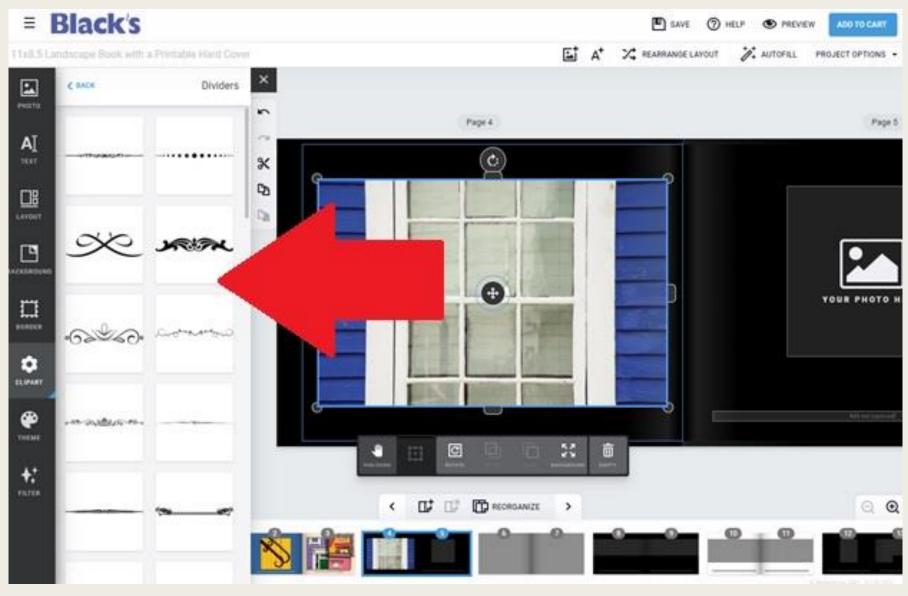


Note and explore the range of options for clipart in keeping with your photobook theme.

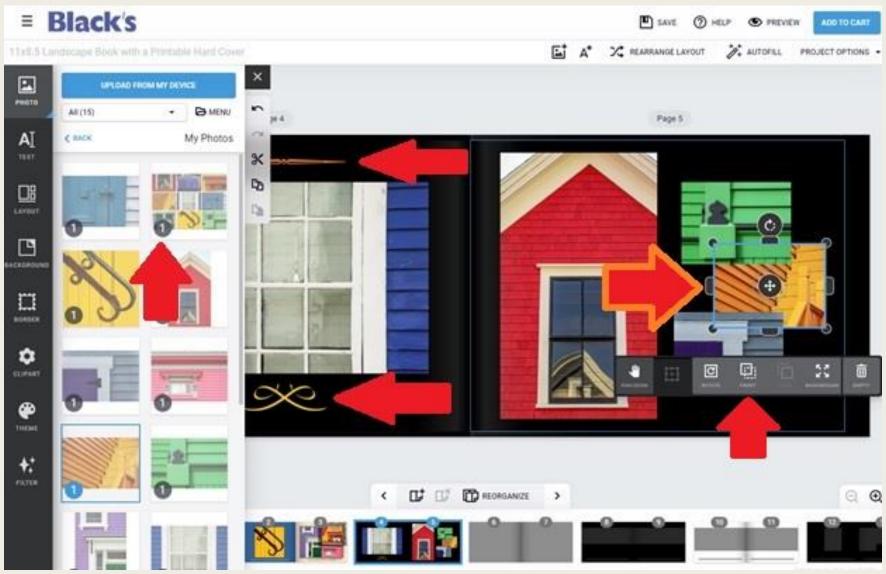


Some of the DIVIDER clipart may enhance your

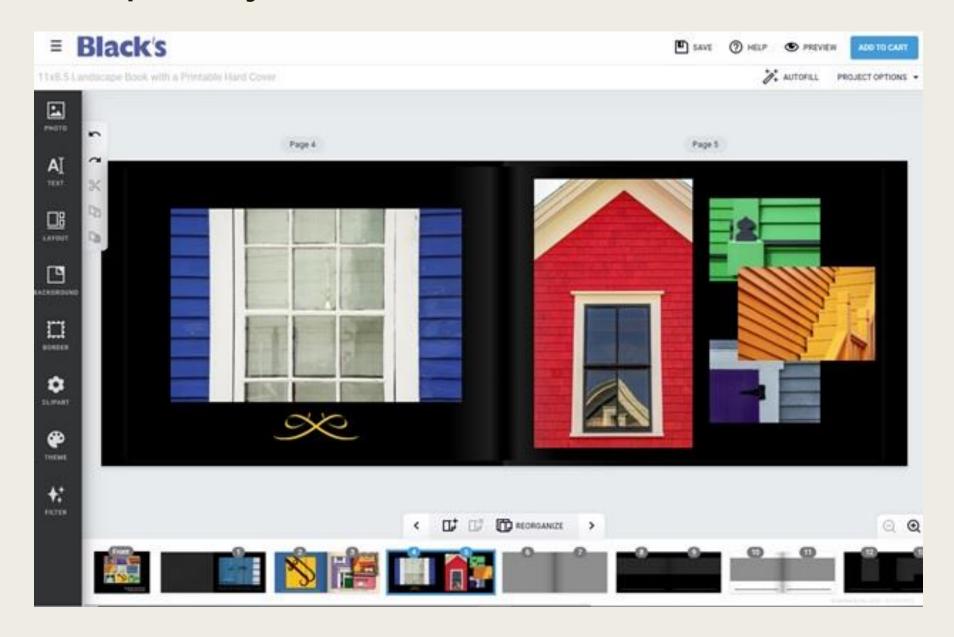
photobook.



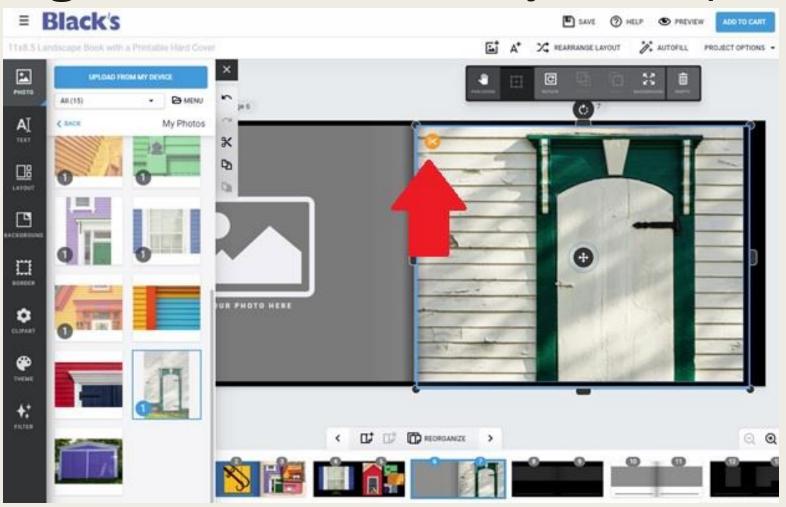
Note examples of the clipart and also the method to arrange overlapping images on the right hand page.



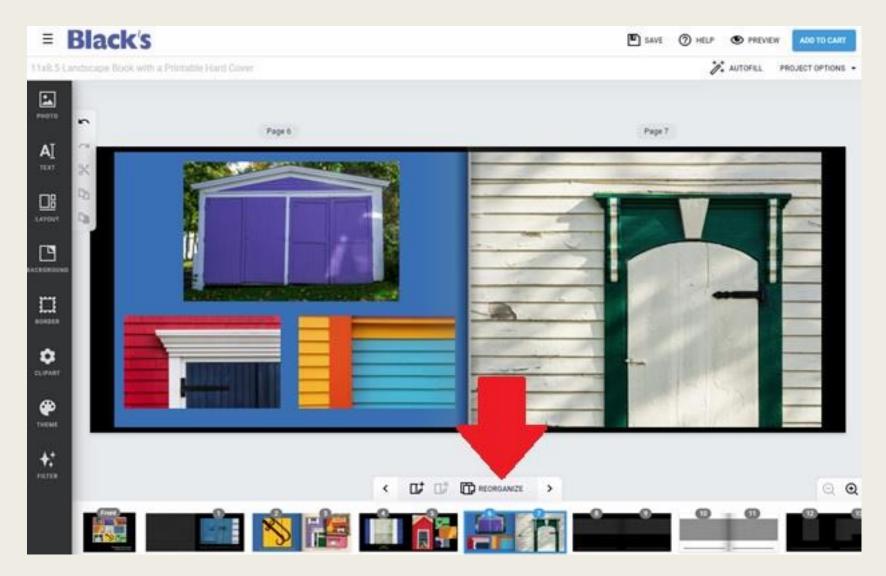
An example layout:



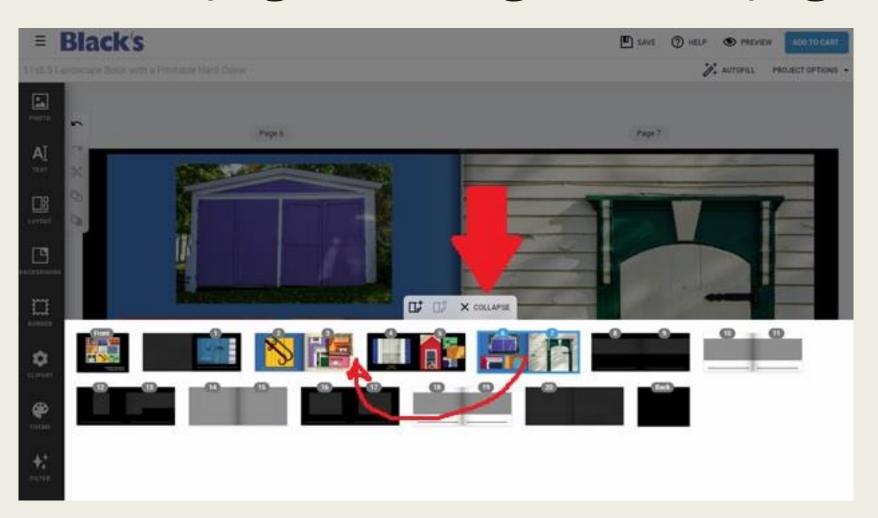
Note that the program will provide warnings if the image extends over the page OR if the resolution of the image is too low and likely to not print well.



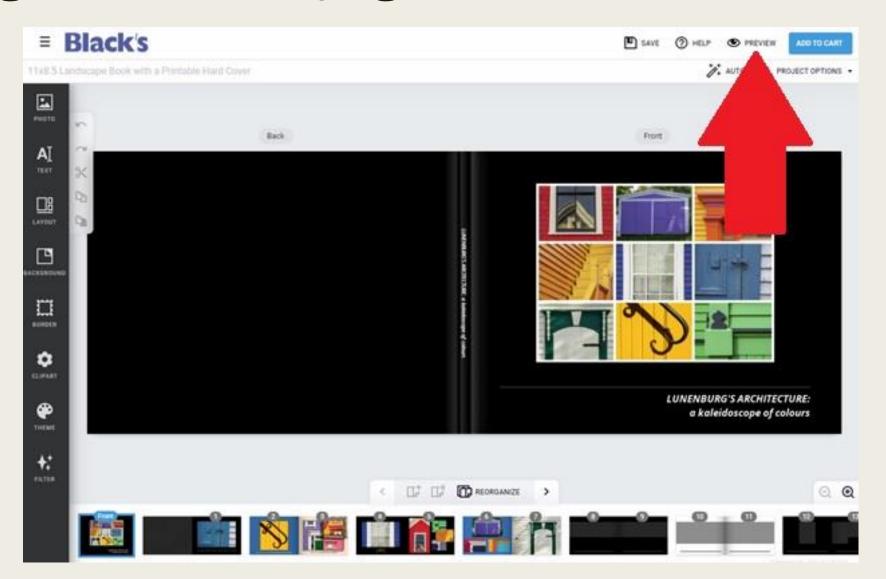
If you want to change the order of the double page spreads, click REORGANIZE at the bottom center.



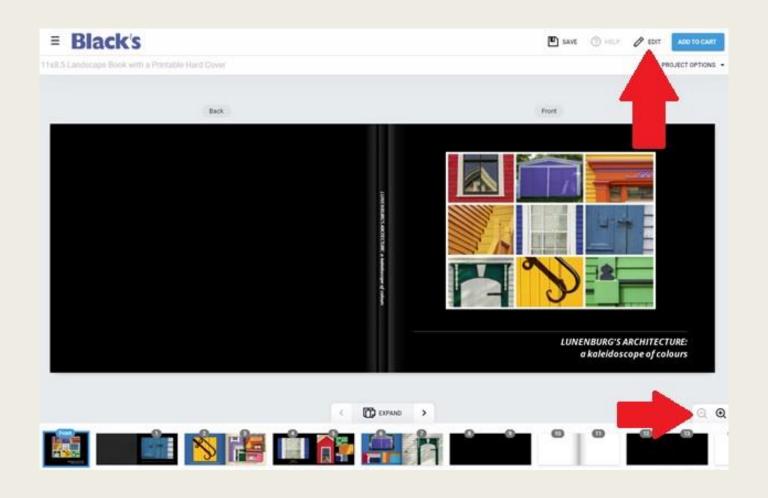
To rearrange the pages, hover over the double page spread highlighted in blue and then place it between other pages to reorganize the page order.



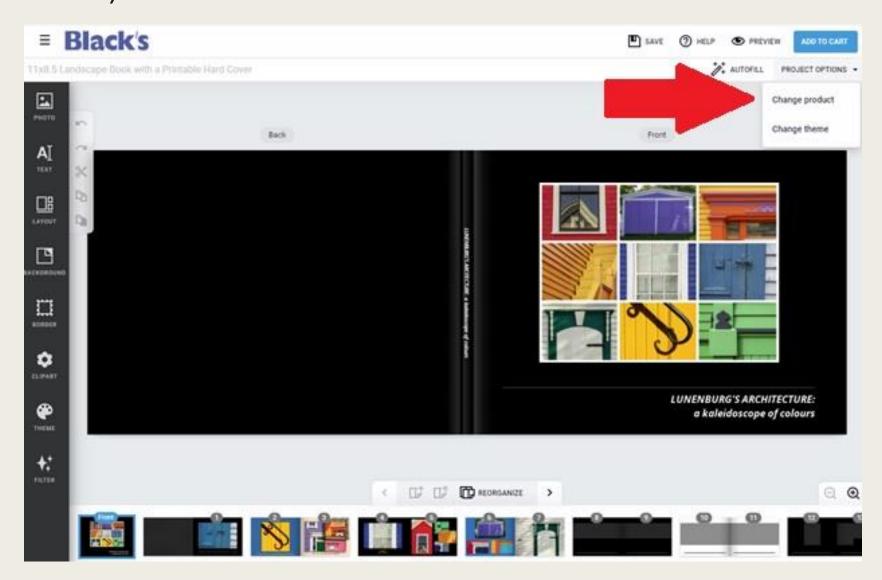
To review the draft version, click PREVIEW in the top right of the webpage.



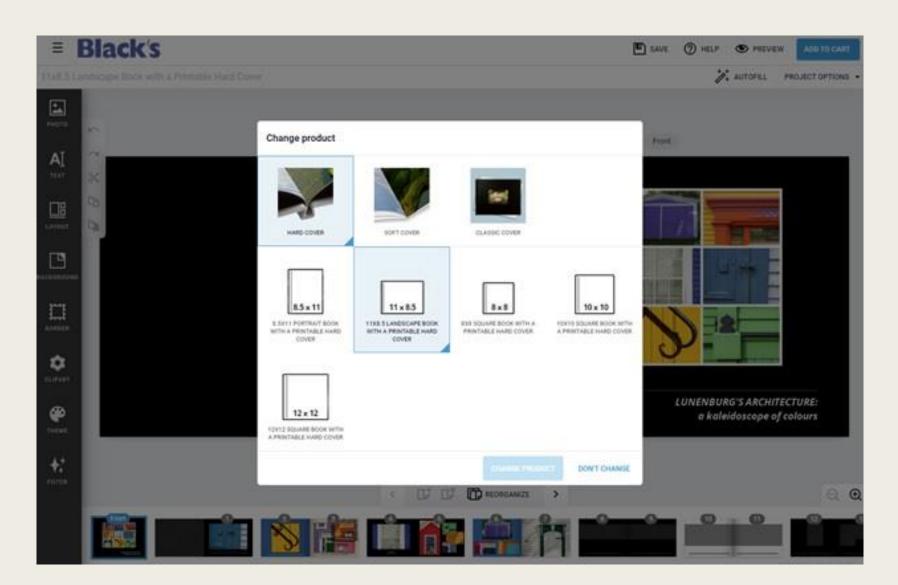
If you need to make revisions, click EDIT from the top right hand side when you are in PREVIEW mode. EDIT will take you back to the draft version.



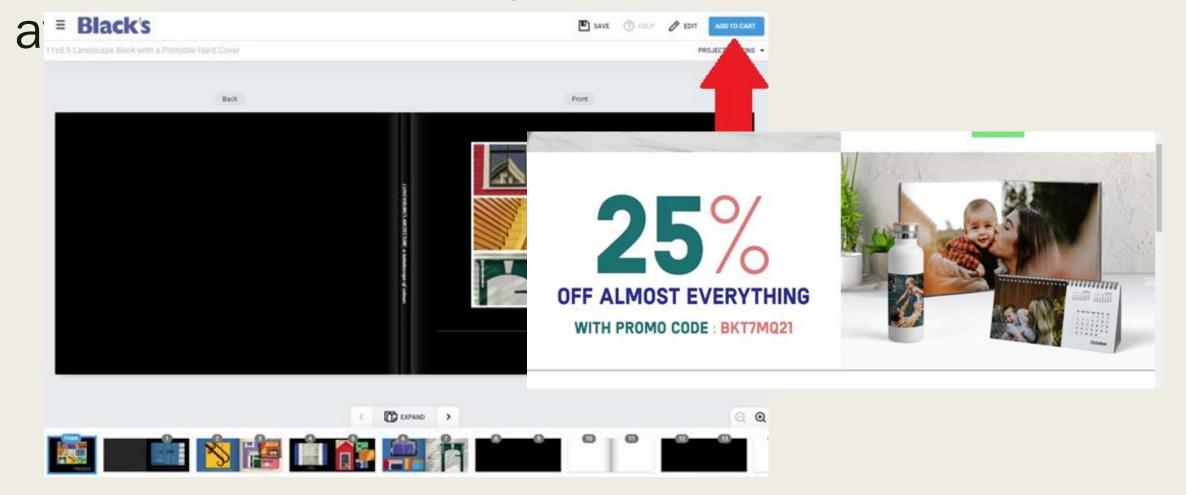
If you decide to change the type of photobook or the theme, click PROJECT OPTIONS.



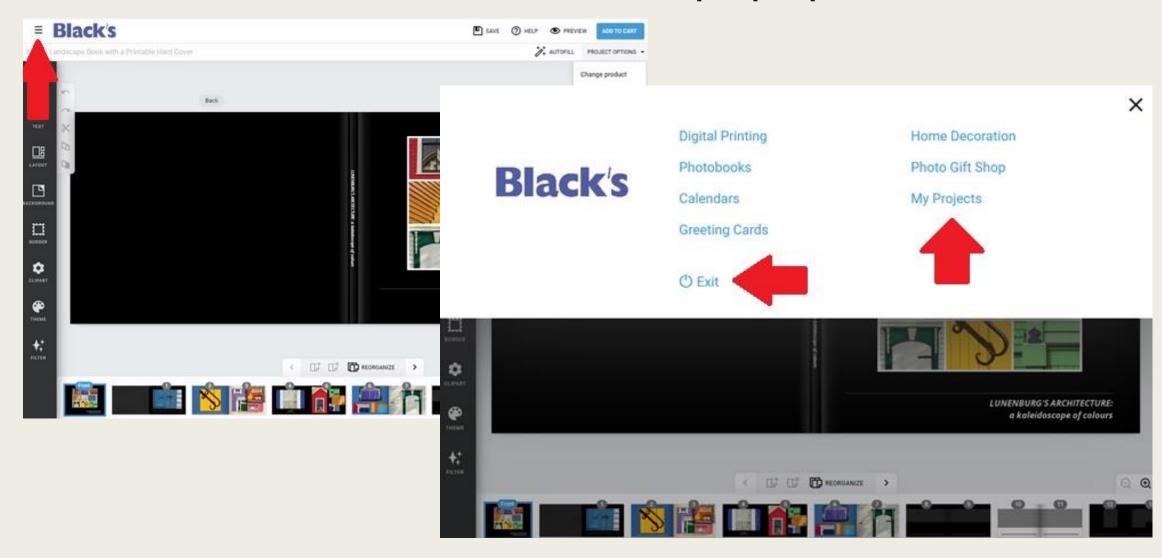
Here is what the screen looks like when you click CHANGE PRODUCT under PJOJECT OPTIONS:



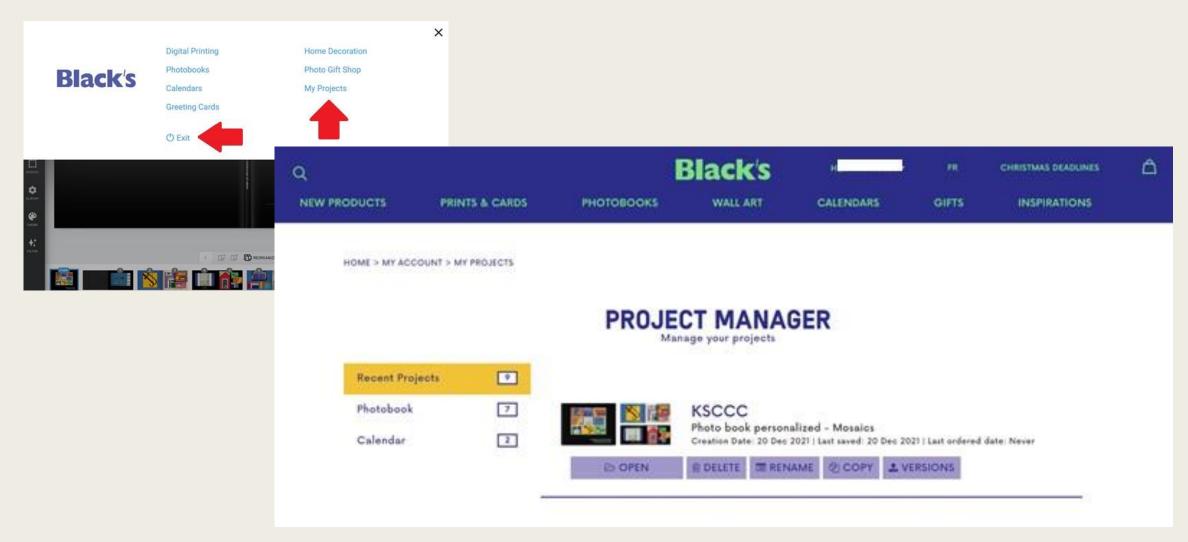
When you have clicked PREVIEW and are set with your photobook, it is time to ADD TO CART. Remember to have any promo discount code



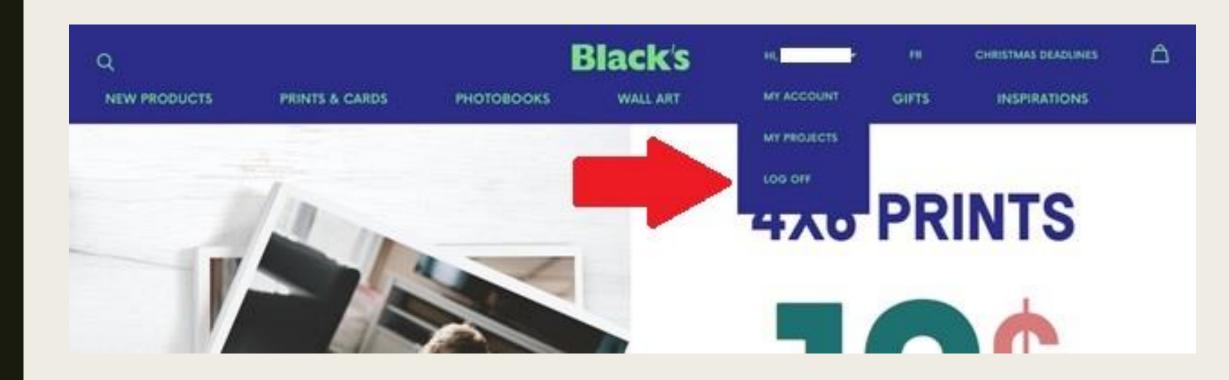
Click the menu bars beside the Black's logo and then choose exit on the popup screen.



Alternatively you can re-visit your photobook project(s) again, or next time you login.



LOG OFF under MY ACCOUNT.



Thank you! Merci!