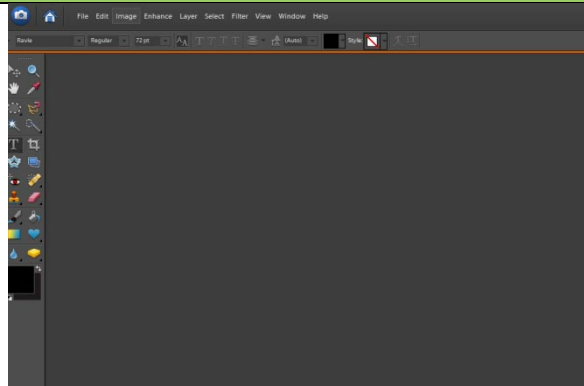


When creating a brand new digital scrapbooking page, it is important to create a new document first. One type of new document that is helpful in digital scrapbooking starts with a transparent background layer. After you make this new document you can then start adding digital scrapbooking papers, photos, or embellishments. This lesson will show how to make a new document that is transparent as the starting point for making a digital scrapbooking page.

### Step 1: Open PSE 6

Open **Photoshop® Elements 6** in Editor Mode

Note: if you need help with Editor Mode check out the [Helpful Hints](#) page that covers opening PSE 6 in [Editor Mode](#)

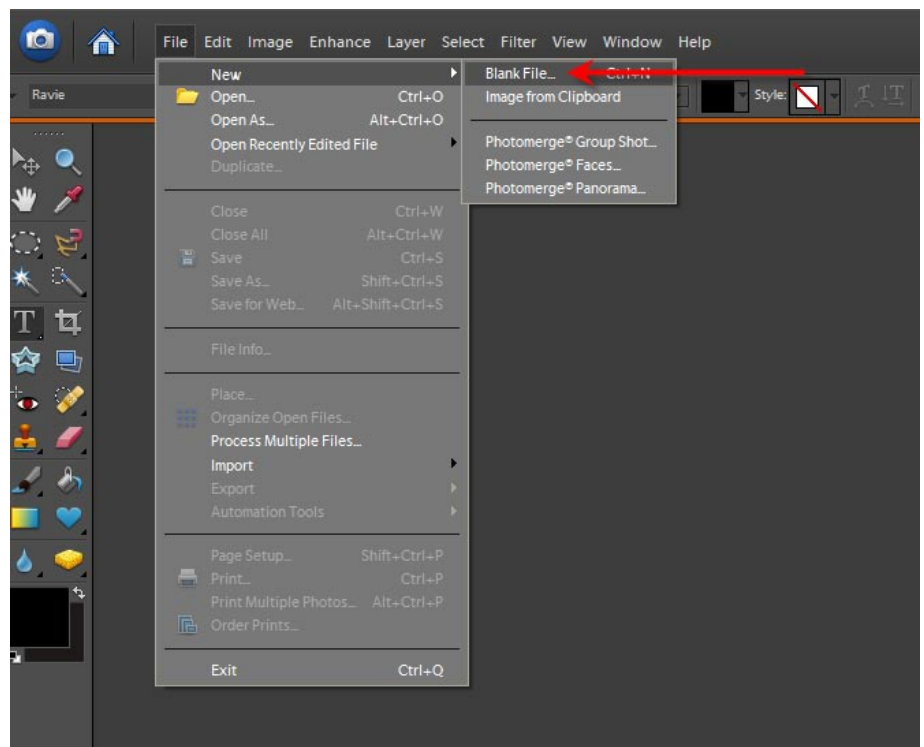


### Step 2: Making a New Document in PSE 6 to Start your Digital Scrapbook Page

Go to:

**File > New > Blank File**

Or use the shortcut keys  
**Ctrl + N**



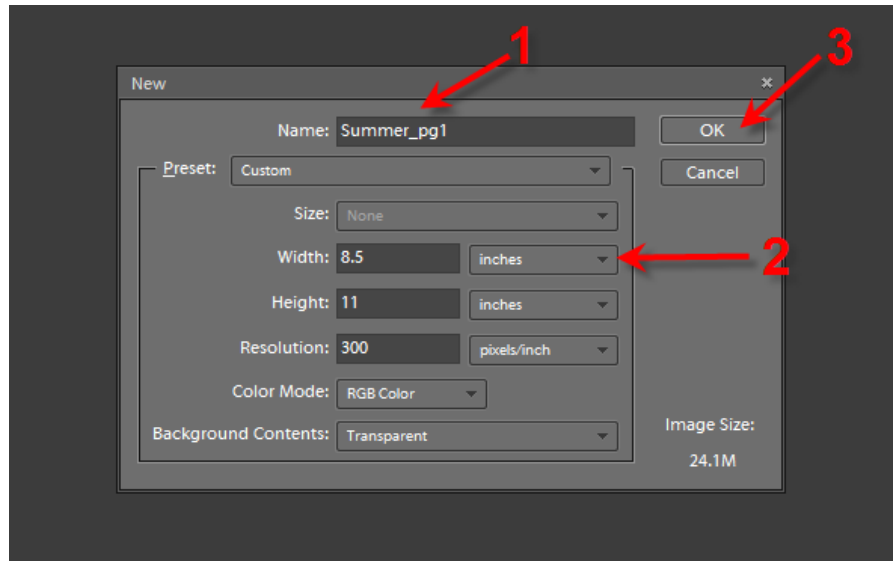
**Step 3: Selecting the Setting for the New Document or Digital Scrapbook Page**

Next, a pop-up menu will appear.

The following are the settings that are useful to set for creating a digital scrapbook page.

First, it is important to give the **document a name**. In this example, the name is 'Summer\_pg1' (see arrow #1 in red)

Next, set the width and height for a digital scrapbook page. If printing on a regular home printer then these settings work well - **8.5 inches wide by 11 inches high** (see arrow #2 in red)

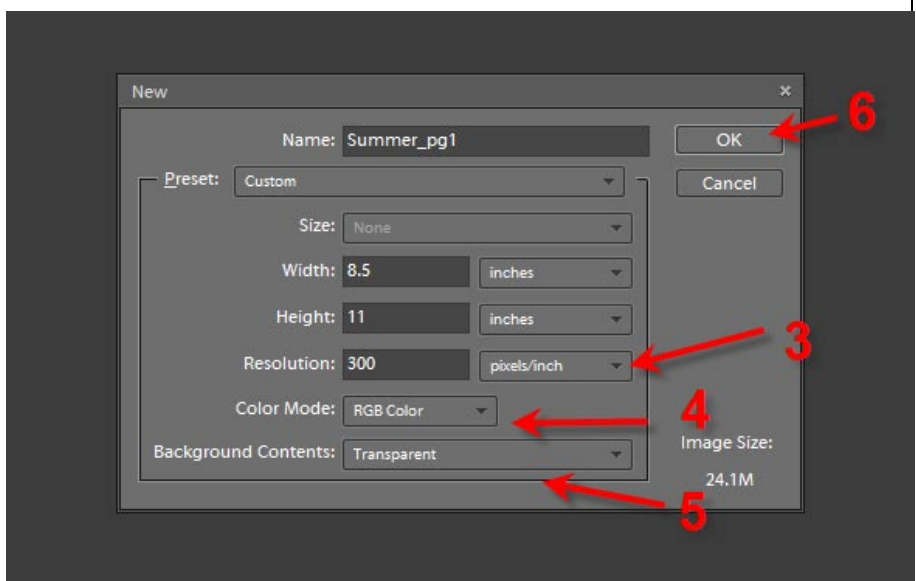
**Step 4: Continue Selecting the Settings for the New Document**

Next, set the resolution for printing is best between 200 – 300 pixels per inch. The higher the number the better print quality. In this example this document is set for **300** (see arrow #3 in red)

Then, set color mode for **RGB** color (see arrow #4 in red)

Next, set the background layer for **Transparent** (see arrow #5 in red)

And now click **OK** (see arrow #6 in red)



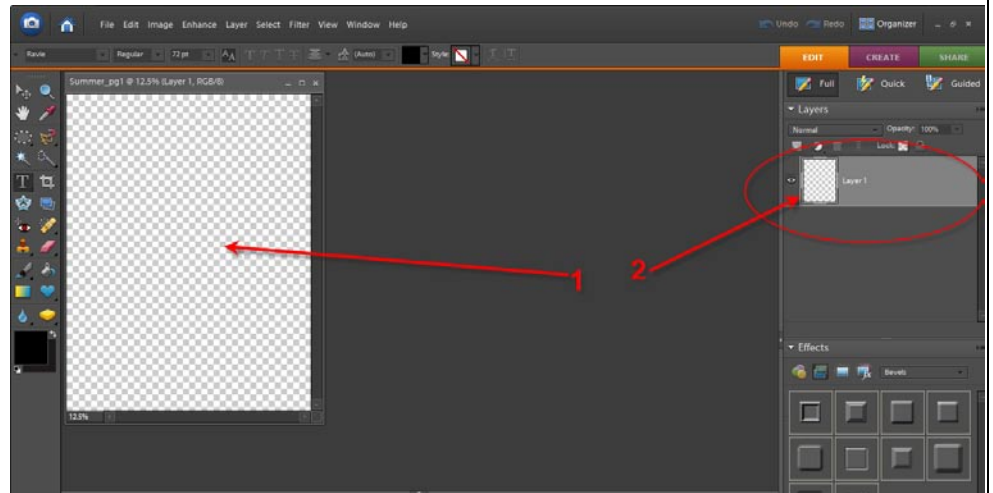
**Step 5: You have now created a New Document for Scrapbooking!**

A new document will open up in PSE 6 with all your settings that you selected.

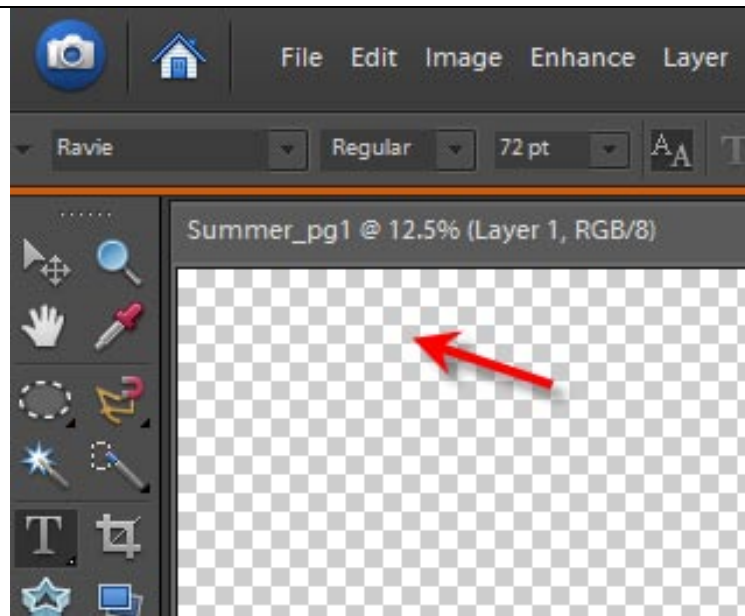
The new document you have created will appear in your workspace (see arrow #1 in red)

Also you can see the first layer you have in your new document in the layer panel. (see arrow #2 in red)

It is helpful to name this first layer #2 in your new document – **Transparent Background Layer** for more help Naming Layers in Documents refer to [Helpful Hints](#)



Special Note: Looking close at this new document you have created - see that it has a transparent background layer. A transparent layer is marked by a **gray and white checkered-pattern**.



## Step 6: Now you are Ready to finish your Digital Scrapbook Page

Now that you have a new document - you can start adding papers, embellishments or images to create your digital scrapbooking page.

In this example a Quick Page was added. (For more information about Quick Pages check [Helpful Hints](#).)

Notice in **#1** that you can still see the first layer that is the transparent background.

Next in **#2**, you can see the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer just added - the Quick Page.

Next in **#3** you can see the transparent background showing through in the area cut out to place a photo underneath the Quick Page

For more information about how to finish a digital scrapbooking page once you have created a **new document** please check out our [Helpful Hints](#) and our [Digital Scrapbooking Tutorials](#)

