

**PLEASE
READ FIRST**



Instructions

HELLO! HERE WE GO!

First of all I want to **THANK YOU**, that you want to work with my „**ANIMATED** Instagram Stories – Coralie“!

To guarantee that you can start fast and get great results, here are the most important points for these animated posts at a glance.

If you will still have problems when editing the files, then don't despair and get in touch with me:
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All files are designed to be exported as an animated video file (Photoshop CS6 or higher), but you can also use them as static files. In this case export after No. 4 as normal JPEG.

Please note that all my screenshots are in German, because I work with a German Adobe version, but I describe all points exactly in English, so I hope that all will be understandable for you.

POSITIONS OF ELEMENTS

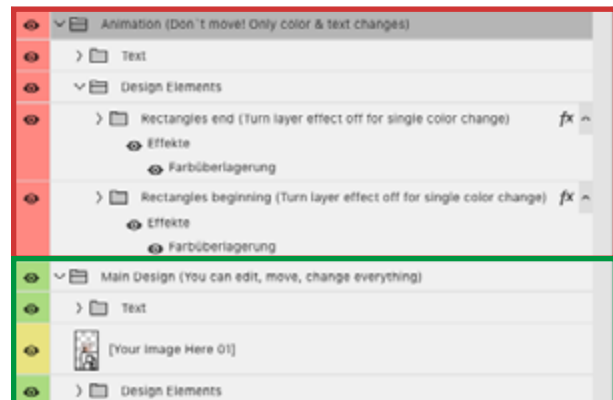
These animated PSD files are **ready to use**, so you only have to change the texts and the images and you will have a **great animated video file**. You don't have to stress with the animation, everything is ready for you.

But please don't forget while you are working with the files, that the most **elements are setted to the video timeline to get the animation effect** – so the most elements have a start and an end point, setted smooth effects and many more.

The animations for Carolie templates have **always a beginning and an end point with an action call** – that is the main animation, which **can not be moved** to guarantee a smooth animation. **BUT, all elements between do not move, so you have the freedom to change all this – edit, move, change, delete and put new things in.**

To see directly what is possible, all layers are marked with colors:

- **RED:** **DO NOT MOVE!** Here is only a text and color change possible.
- **GREEN:** You can change, move, delete... all you like.
- **YELLOW:** You can change, move, delete... all you like. These layers are only setted to yellow to see fast where images belong to.



So please **do not change the position of the elements of red layers, if you don't have the knowledge to work with the video timeline in Photoshop**, because effects could break. **If you have experience with the Photoshop video timeline, then of course feel free to change what ever you like.**

Static PSD file

If you want to use the files in an **ststic way, here of cause you can change and move what ever you like**, because there is no animation in background needed.

INSTALING THE FONTS

First of all you need to **instal all the used fonts**, so all PSD files will directly work best, if you open them.

1. Open the seperate **font links PDF**.
2. **Copy each font link** and paste it into your webbrowser.
3. **Download** each font gradually.
4. Double klick on every downloaded font file to **install** them.

Now you are ready to work with the Photoshop files.

TEXT EDITING

Text editing in Photoshop is very easy:

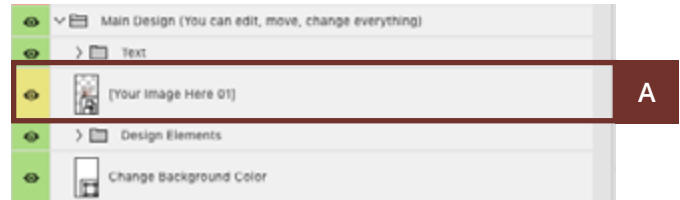
1. Choose the **text editing tool** (shortcut t).
2. Click with your **cursor into the text** you want to change.
3. **Delete the sample text and write your own.**
4. **Change the font and/or the color** if you like.

IMAGE EDITING

It's legally not allowed to put the free images (from the preview images) into the purchase file, so all image boxes are marked as light grey boxes. This grey box shows you, that you can add an image here.

If you want to use the free stock images from my preview images, then you can download them from the used free stock image agency: please look the separate attached download links PDF.

All PSD files have a **[Your Image Here]** layer (A) and they are always marked yellow, so you can always see fast where you have to change the images.



All images are smart layers, so the editing is very easy:

1. Double click on [Your Image Here] smart object layer (B)



2. Smart object layer will open automatically a new window.

3. Place your image in the new window and choose your image section. It doesn't matter here if the image is bigger than the window size, the smart object layer works like a mask, so only the seen area will appear in the main file.

4. If you are happy with your image section, then save and close this window.

5. Your image will appear perfect in image box in the main file.

If there are **more than one image** in one PSD file, **so do again gradually every image layer from no. 1 till no. 5** to fill all image boxes.

COLOR CHANGE

Text colors are best changable via **text paletts**.

All other elements like **rectangles, squares and circles** are best changable via the **color change setting on every layer**.

Double click on the **layer square (A)** --> the **color palette** will appear. Set your **wished color** --> save.



Multiple color change

Some templates have (related to the animation) a lot of rectangles and to simplify the color change, I have set layer styles for a multiple color change. All layers with a „**layer style icon**“ (B) can change the grouped elements with some clicks.

1. Double click on the **right side of the layer style icon (B)**.

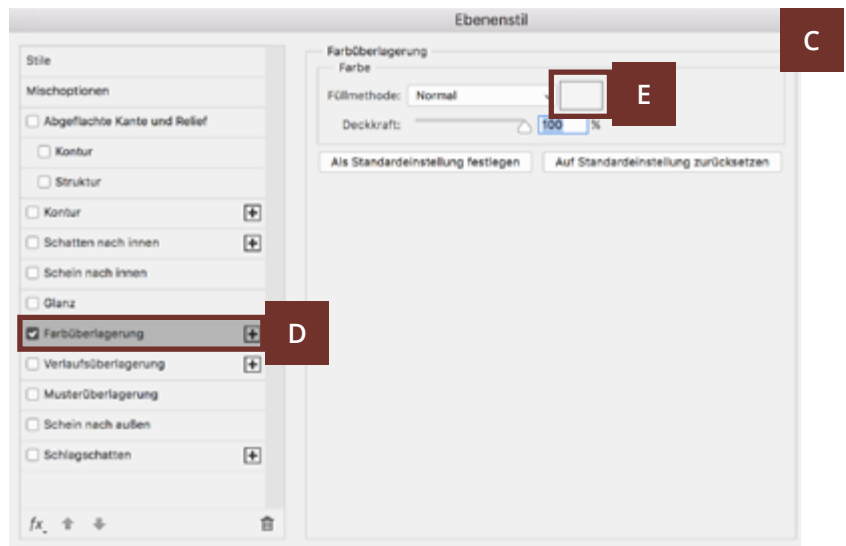
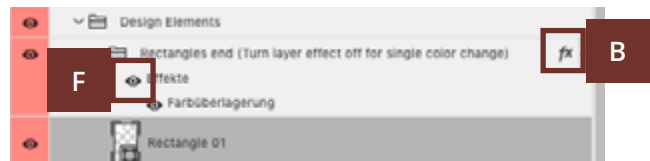
2. Layer style **palette (C)** will appear.

3. Mark the **color overlay (D)** and choose this panel.

4. Set the **new color (E)** by double clicking at the color.

5. Save

If you want to change grouped rectangles with a layer style in a single way (different colors), then you have to **turn the layer style off (F)** and then you can set single colors of the rectangles like written above.

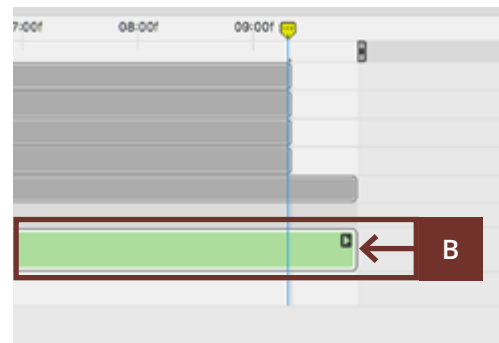
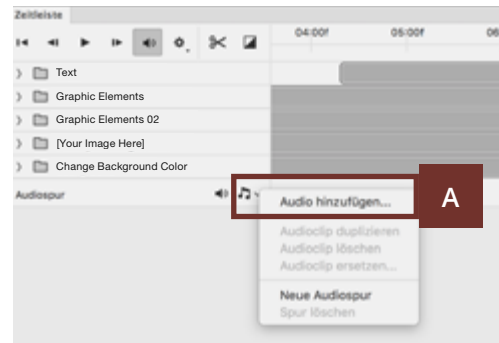


ADD MUSIC

The Photoshop video timeline offers you also an option to **insert an audio file**. You can use your music or find free audios on the internet, at special websites like for example at [www. soundcloud.com](http://www.soundcloud.com).

This is how you add the audio file to the Photoshop video timeline:

- A. Click at the small arrow** next to the note.
- B. Choose in the pop up menu „add audio“.**
- C. Select your wished audio track.**
- D. The selected audio track will appear in the video timeline, mostly in green.**
- E. Mostly the audio track will be to long for the animation, so you have to go to the end of the audio timeline and when you see a small icon with two arrows you can pull the green audio box to the needed length.**
- F. If you make a right click on the green audio box, you can adjust for example the volume (100 % is mostly to much, set it better a little bit lower) or create a smooth fade in and fade out effect.**



VIDEO FILE EXPORT

So... if you read this, you will have **your file ready** and now there are some last clicks to get the **final video file**.

How to export a video file:

A. First, don't forget to **save your file before exporting**.

B. Go to: **file --> export --> render video**.

C. A **settings panel** will open.

Make the following settings like seen below.

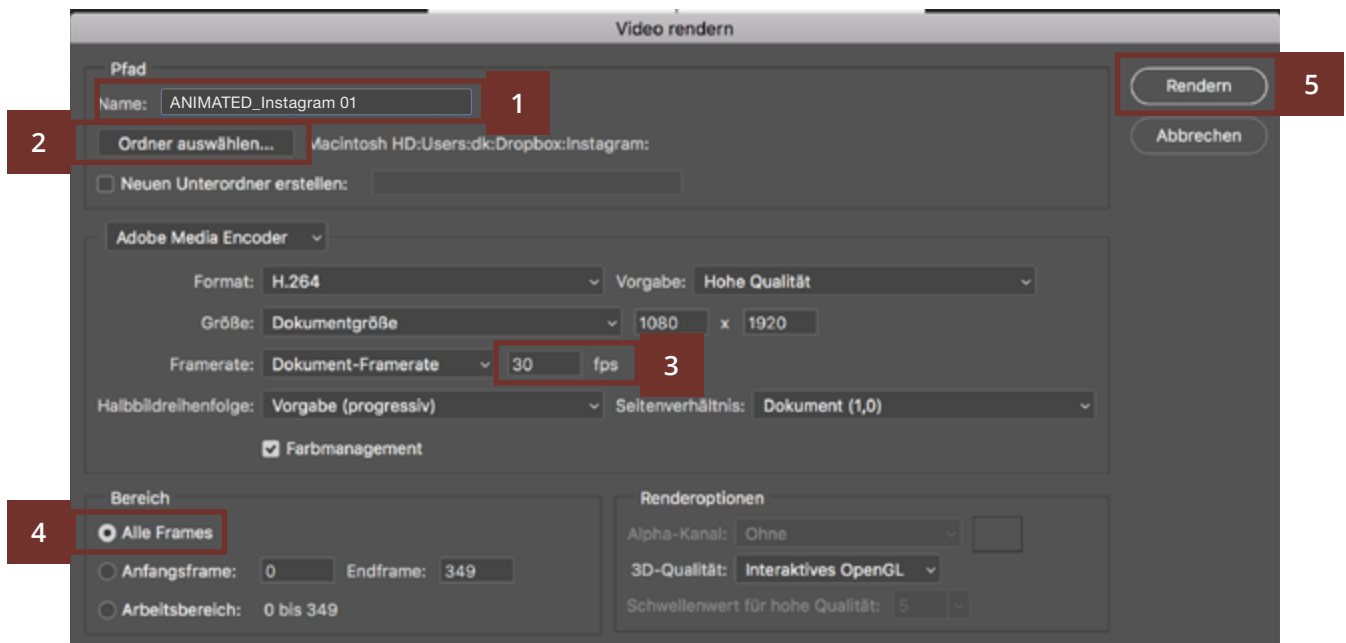
1. Choose a name.

2. Select a folder, where you want to save your file.

3. Select 30 fps frame rate.

4. „All frames“ has to be chosen.

4. That's it, click „render“.



VIDEO FILE EXPORT

The rendering don't need a lot of time, so you can **see your result in some moments** (please note, sometimes it could be longer, that depends to the memory that your computer owns). It's generally good to export while designing the file a few times, because the timeline animation preview is often a bit slower then normal and unfortunately a bit pixelated. **If you export your file you can check it the best way**, for example directly with the QuickTime player or other video players.

If you will have trouble to look your video with QuickTime player or other video players, so maybe updates are needed. Check this first, updates can often fix small problems. If this also do not work, try to export the file in an other format, that your player maybe will support better.

EXPORT PROBLEM WITH PHOTOSHOP CC 2018 VERSION:

Unfortunately the Photoshop CC 2018 version have a problem with the video rendering: The video export stopes always half way

UPDATE OCTOBER 2018: IN THE NEWEST PHOTOSHOP CC 2019 VERSION THE PROBLEM IS FIXED AND THE EXPORT WORKS TROUBLE-FREE – SO GET THE NEWEST UPDATE AND EVERYTHING WILL WORK PERFECTLY.

If you are still working with a version, which have the export problem, then export a GIF file and change it with a video converter to mp4 (Instagram do not support GIF).

POST TO INSTAGRAM

And now the best part: Posting to Instagram! Upload the final file to a online stogare you use like Dropbox or Creative Cloud or send it via mail to your own account. Select the video file in your Instagram account and convince your customers.


I wish you a lot of fun and success with the „ANIMATED Instagram Stories – Lucia“.


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