

Comic Life Hands-on Exploration

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Open Comic Life (Look for Comic Life icon in the dock)

1. Drag the “*Brick*” panel from the Templates area to the blank page. Now your page has a basic comic template.
2. Bring in your face: Click on the *Capture* icon at bottom right. Wait till the camera focuses. Smile at the camera (green light just above screen).

Click *Freeze* to take the picture.

Drag the picture to the first frame.

Resize with the green corner dots. Move by dragging the photo around.

3. Drag a speech bubble from the panel at bottom to your mouth. Type in a phrase like “Guess What?!” and use the green corners to enlarge the speech bubble.
4. Use the font size buttons at top to make the font large. Use the *Color Wheel* at top right to change the text color. Try the crayon box to pick colors by name.
5. Drag the “*Lettering*” icon from the bottom panel to a frame. Type in a word like “Bazooka”.
6. Click on any object – a frame, lettering or speech bubble. Then click the “*Details*” tab. Comic Life gives you incredible control over the look and shape of objects.

Things to Explore:

Click on a frame. Then click the “*Details*” tab on the right panel. Here you can change the shape, corners, color fill and outline for each comic frame.

Click on a speech bubble and then click the “*Details*” tab to change the look and shape there.

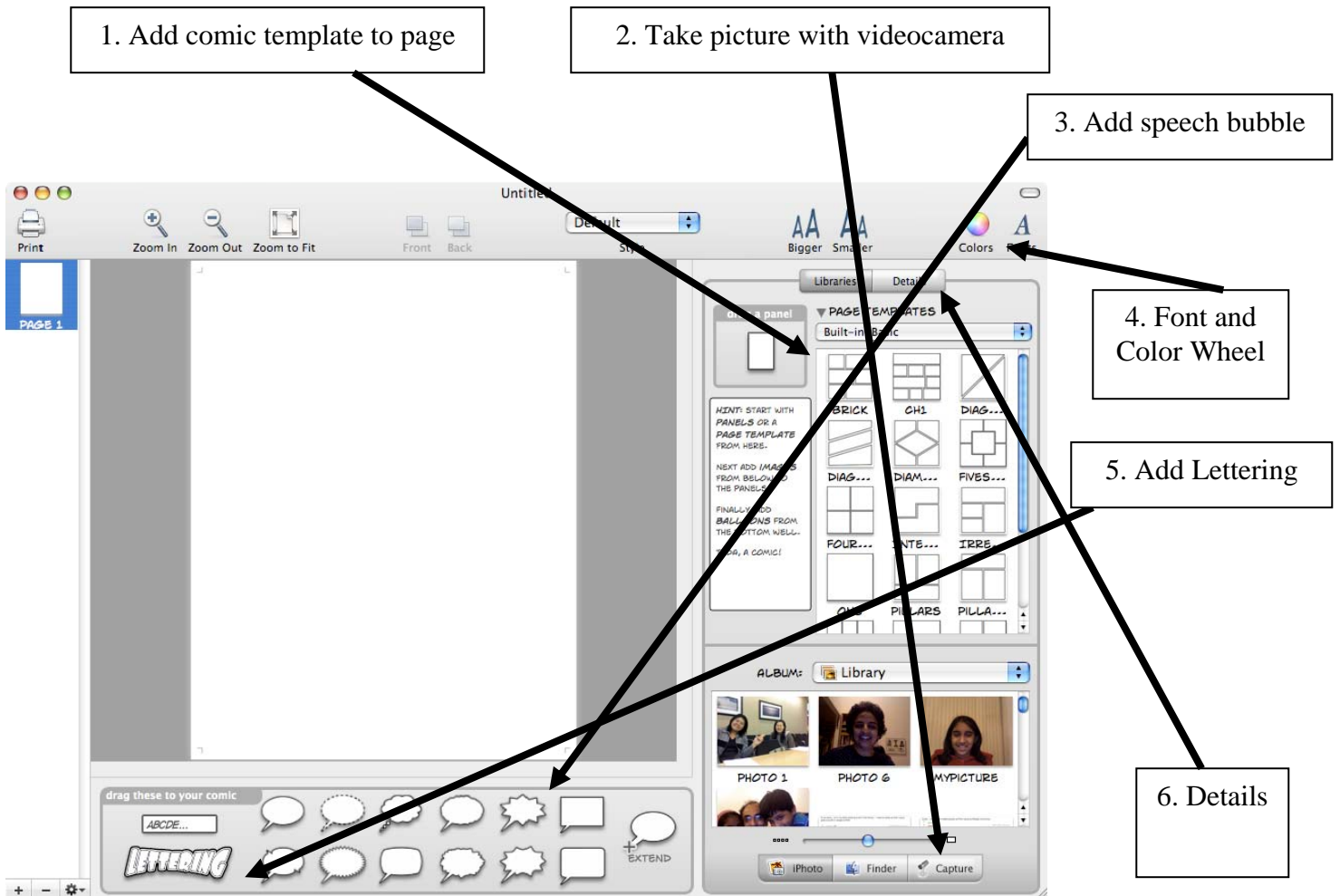
Copy and paste in a frame to bring in any image from the web. Double-click on the image to edit the image – you can resize, move and crop with ease.

File / Export to iMovie – makes a slideshow of your comic book

File / Export to iPhoto – lets you make images for the web or to print out as a comic book

Resource Page: <http://wic.library.upenn.edu/multimedia/tutorials/comiclif.html>

Comic Life Interface



Color Controls

