

PHOTOSHOP Keyboard Shortcuts

Many tools are hiding behind other tools. Click the small triangle to reveal hiding tools.

If your tool bar disappears, go to the top of your screen and click Window > Workspace > Reset Essentials

The diagram shows the Photoshop toolbar with the following tool groups and their keyboard shortcuts:

- Marquee Tools:** Rectangular Marquee Tool (M), Elliptical Marquee Tool (M), Single Row Marquee Tool, Single Column Marquee Tool
- Lasso Tools:** Lasso Tool (L), Polygonal Lasso Tool (L), Magnetic Lasso Tool (L)
- Selection Tools:** Quick Selection Tool (W), Magic Wand Tool (W)
- Crop Tools:** Crop Tool (C), Perspective Crop Tool (C), Slice Tool (C), Slice Select Tool (C)
- Selection and Drawing Tools:** Eyedropper Tool (I), 3D Material Eyedropper Tool (I), Color Sampler Tool (I), Ruler Tool (I), Note Tool (I), Count Tool (I)
- Pen Tools:** Pen Tool (P), Freeform Pen Tool (P), Add Anchor Point Tool, Delete Anchor Point Tool, Convert Point Tool
- Type Tools:** Horizontal Type Tool (T), Vertical Type Tool (T), Horizontal Type Mask Tool (T), Vertical Type Mask Tool (T)
- Selection Tools:** Path Selection Tool (A), Direct Selection Tool (A)
- Navigation Tools:** Hand Tool (H), Rotate View Tool (R)
- Healing Tools:** Spot Healing Brush Tool (J), Healing Brush Tool (J), Patch Tool (J), Content-Aware Move Tool (J), Red Eye Tool (J)
- Painting Tools:** Brush Tool (B), Pencil Tool (B), Color Replacement Tool (B), Mixer Brush Tool (B), Clone Stamp Tool (S), Pattern Stamp Tool (S), History Brush Tool (Y), Art History Brush Tool (Y)
- Erasing Tools:** Eraser Tool (E), Background Eraser Tool (E), Magic Eraser Tool (E)
- Gradient and Fill Tools:** Gradient Tool (G), Paint Bucket Tool (G), 3D Material Drop Tool (G)
- Smoothing Tools:** Dodge Tool (O), Burn Tool (O), Sponge Tool (O), Blur Tool, Sharpen Tool, Smudge Tool
- Shape Tools:** Rectangle Tool (U), Rounded Rectangle Tool (U), Ellipse Tool (U), Polygon Tool (U), Line Tool (U), Custom Shape Tool (U)

An arrow points to the Move Tool with the keyboard shortcut **V**.



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- * Hold Command (PC: Ctrl) and key to use shortcut.
- * F1: Windows: Opens Help page in browser. Mac: Undo/Redo
- ** Mac Keyboard pictured above, however shortcuts will work on Windows as well.

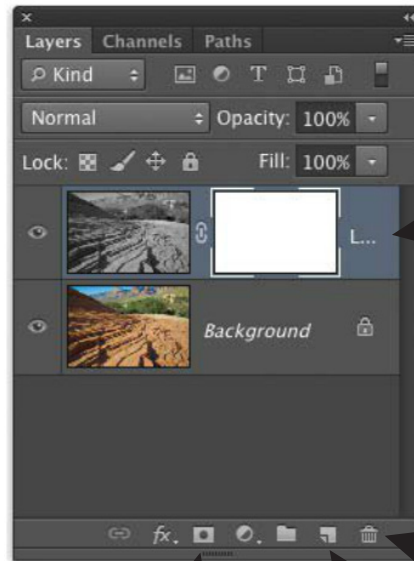


LAYER MASKS

A non-destructive way to edit an image

So what are layer masks then? Well, if the term “mask” is what’s confusing you (and who could blame you), replace the word “mask” in your mind with “transparency”, because that’s exactly what a layer mask does. It allows you to control a layer’s level of transparency.

Layer masks allow you to hide parts of the layer without harming a single pixel. This gives you flexibility because nothing you do with a layer mask is permanent.



The layer mask

This is the layer that you paint with black and white on

Trash Can Button

Click to delete a layer

New Layer Button

Click to create a new layer

Layer Mask Button

Click to create a new layer mask

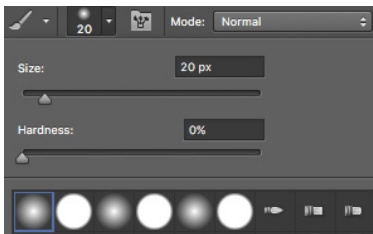


Brush tool

keyboard shortcut: B

To make your brush bigger or smaller, use the bracket keys on your keyboard.

[left bracket makes brush smaller
] right bracket makes brush bigger



You can also play with the hardness, softness, or size of a brush manually at the top of the screen. These options show when you have the brush tool selected.



Paint Bucket tool

You can make a selection and then dump black or white in that selection to delete/restore.



Sometimes the paint bucket is hiding behind the Gradient Tool. Just click the little triangle to reveal the paint bucket.



Magic Wand tool

Selects pixels based on color range. You can adjust how “selective” the magic wand is by changing the tolerance at the top of the screen. The lower the tolerance number, the MORE selective it is (it will select a smaller range of pixels). The higher the tolerance number, the less selective it is (it will select a wider range of pixels.)

Tolerance: 30



Color Swatches

Whatever color is in front is the active color. This is called the “foreground color.”

You can click the little arrows to switch them, or you can use the keyboard shortcut and press the letter X to swap them.

White in a layer mask means 100% visible. Black in a layer mask means 100% transparent. And gray in a layer mask means some level of transparency depending on how light or dark the shade of gray is. 50% gray will give us 50% transparency.

Personal notes: