



The complete beginners guide to Adobe Photoshop

**Get started** 

#### Overview video

Learn all about this course and what we will be learning and creating over the next 33 episodes.

# Section 1 Introduction

In this section I will be introducing you to Adobe Photoshop and discussing some of the important things you need to be aware of before you begin to use Photoshop.

# Section 2 Essential practice

In this section I will be introducing you to the key creative tools in Photoshop.

In this section you will have the chance to get hands on with the free worksheets available in the project folder.

# Section 3 Create a project

In this section, we will be taking all that we have learnt in the essential practice section to create a project from scratch.

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### What we will create on this course

### A children's book cover design & web banner

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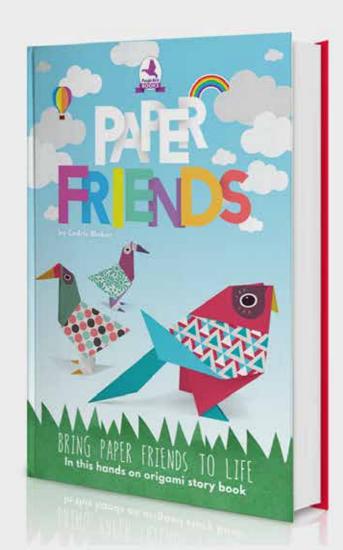
#### We will be:

Working with Typography

Using Photoshop effects

Managing a complex workflow

Managing the project in a smart way







### **Overview:**

### Complete beginners guide to Adobe Photoshop

#### Overview

Welcome to the complete beginners guide to Adobe Photoshop.

In this series we will be starting from the very beginning and working our way across 33 episodes to learn all the basics and create a project from scratch

To help break down the process I have structured the course in three main sections:

**Section 1 - Introduction** 

**Section 2 - Essential practice** 

Section 3 - Create a project

Along the way we will be covering many topics, such as how to set up your document, using common tools, creating a project and finally exporting work ready for print and web.

After watching this series you will be able to create your very own artwork in Photoshop ready for print and digital use.

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#### Please note

In this video tutorial course I will be using Adobe Photoshop CC for mac.

Almost all of the principles demonstrated and covered will apply to future and previous versions. Some differences may apply if you are using a previous or future version.







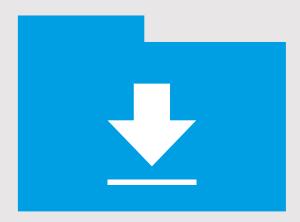








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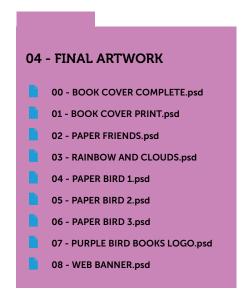
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### Photoshop short cut keys

Χ Path selection tool

В Brush tool

C Crop tool

D Set colours to default

[Black & White]

F Fraser tool

Full screen

G Paint bucket tool

Eyedropper tool

Lasso tool

R Rotate canvas

Т Type tool

٧ Move tool

W Magic wand tool

Х Swap foreground

& background colour

700m tool

cmd (Ctrl PC) + A Select all cmd (Ctrl PC) + C Сору

cmd (Ctrl PC) + D Deselect selection

cmd (Ctrl PC) + G Group layers cmd (Ctrl PC) + J Duplicate layer

cmd (Ctrl PC) + N New document

cmd (Ctrl PC) + R Show Rulers cmd (Ctrl PC) + S Save document

cmd (Ctrl PC) + T Free transform

cmd (Ctrl PC) + V Paste

cmd (Ctrl PC) + W Close document

cmd (Ctrl PC) + X Cut cmd (Ctrl PC) + Z Undo

cmd (Ctrl PC) + 0 Zoom to fit document

to workspace area

cmd (Ctrl PC) + 1 Zoom to 100% cmd (Ctrl PC) +; Show guides cmd (Ctrl PC) + ' Show grid

cmd (Ctrl PC) + shift + N New layer cmd (Ctrl PC) + shift + I Invert selection

cmd (Ctrl PC) + alt + Z Undo multiple steps

cmd (Ctrl PC) + alt + I Image size

cmd (Ctrl PC) + D + press enter Deselect type (with type tool active)

cmd (Ctrl PC) + click Select multiple individual layers

cmd (Ctrl PC) + click & drag Distort transform

(with free transform tool active)

Press & hold shift + click Select multiple layers

Press & hold shift + click or drag Add to selection (with marguee tools active) Press & hold shift + click & drag Scale selection (with marquee tool active) Press & hold shift + click & drag Scale object (with free transform tool active)

Press & hold shift + click & drag Rotate in increments of 15° (with free transform tool active)

Press & hold shift + click Draw straight line (with brush tool active) Press & hold shift + click + drag Draw straight line (with line shape tool active)

Press & hold alt + click 700m out (with zoom tool active)

Press & hold alt + click & drag Quick duplicate object (with selection tool active) Press & hold alt + click & drag Scale object (with free transform tool active) Press & hold alt + shift + click & drag Scale object (with free transform tool active)

Press & hold alt + click or drag Remove from selection (with marguee tools active)

Tab Toggle visibility of interface panels

Press & hold spacebar + click & drag Maneuver around document

Press & hold cmd (Ctrl PC) + Shift + V Paste in place

Press & hold cmd (Ctrl PC) Select layer outline + click layer thumbnail

Press ' [ ' to increase brush size. press']' to decrease brush size

Press ' [ ' to increase brush size. press 'l' to decrease brush size

Toggle brush size (with eraser tool active)

Toggle brush size (with brush tool active)





















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### **Essential training**

These tutorials go into more depth. Its strongly advised you watch these tutorials for a more complete foundation of knowledge.

#### Create a custom brush



#### Mask with brush tool



**Adjustment layers** 



#### Using the Pen tool & Paths



Mask with pen tool



# Would you like to learn more?

#### Beginners guide to Illustrator



#### Beginners guide to Indesign





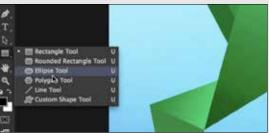
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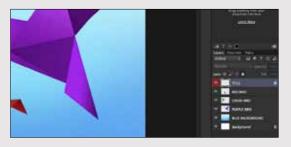
Interface Introduction to Adobe Photoshop

#### Overview

In this video we are going take a look at the Adobe Photoshop interface. I am going to show you around and introduce you to some of the things you need to be aware of before we start to use the program.























### Episode 2:

Panels & Workspaces in Adobe Photoshop

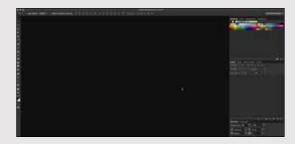
#### Overview

In this video I am going to show you how to customise the panel layout to create a more comfortable workspace. Also I will be recommending the workspace that I find really effective.

#### Topics covered

• How to create a workspace

00:03:45























### Episode 3:

### Raster Image principles

#### Overview

In this tutorial I want to discuss the basic principles of how images are represented and exist in Photoshop.

If you're new to Photoshop this will give you a good foundation of knowledge.

This will also help you understand various other factors as we move on in this course.

























### Episode 4:

Image size, Dimension, & Resolution

#### Overview

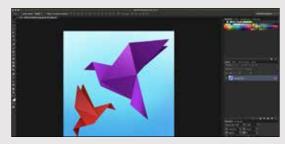
In this video I am going to discuss the difference between 'Image size', 'image Dimensions' and 'Resolution' in Photoshop.

As you begin to create in Photoshop, it is essential you are familiar with the concept Photoshop uses to create images. It's important early on that you are aware so you can create the right work to the right specification.

This can be a tricky concept to understand at first, but when you do, you will be all the more confident using Photoshop.

#### Topics covered

00:01:04 Image size Design for print 00:04:42 00:12:28 Design for digital























### Episode 5:

### Layers

#### Overview

Layers are the fundamental basis for any artwork created in Adobe Photoshop. In this video I will be introducing you to the layers panel.

The layers panel, is the most important panel in Photoshop, Its from this panel that you will coordinate your entire composition.

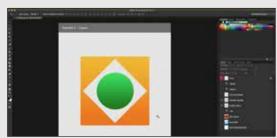
In this video we will be looking at all the things you need to know as a beginner.

#### Topics covered

•	Layers intro	00:02:00
•	Layer types	00:03:00
•	Selecting layers	00:04:46
	& structure	
•	Toggle visibility	00:08:38
•	Transparency	00:09:34
•	Rename Layer	00:12:00
•	Toggle opacity	00:12:16
•	Create new layer	00:14:00
•	Delete layer	00:15:38
•	Lock layers	00:15:48
•	Link layers	00:16:46
•	Layer groups	00:18:15
•	Layer colours	00:21:47

























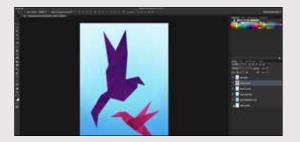
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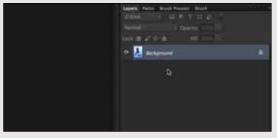
### Common file types

#### Overview

In this video I want to discuss a few common files types you will need to be aware of as you begin to use Photoshop.

Its important to keep in mind that Photoshop can open and save multiple file formats.























### Episode 7:

### Colour

#### Overview

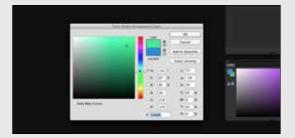
In this tutorial I am going to demonstrate how the colour panels work, demonstrate some of the colour tools and talk about using the right colour format.

In Photoshop there are many ways to use colour. It really comes down to what exactly you're creating.

If you're creating artwork for digital and web, you will want to use RGB colour and if you're creating artwork for print you will need to use CMYK colours. You may want to use gradients, transparency or change your image into grayscale.

#### Topics covered

•	Swatch panel	00:02:04
•	Colour panel	00:03:40
•	Colour picker menu	00:05:11
•	Extract colour from image	00:8:00
•	Save swatch	00:09:57
•	Use pantones	00:10:49
•	Opacity	00:12:11
•	Colour Mode	00:14:00

























### Episode 8:

### 10 Handy Tips for beginners

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to cover 10 handy tips that you should know as a beginner. The tips I am going to cover in this video are things that are going to improve your workflow and help you use the program effectively.

#### Topics covered

Undo	00:01:14
Zooming	00:02:25
Maneuvering	00:04:18
Layer tips & shortcuts	00:04:51
Aligning	00:09:33
Rulers & guides	00:11:13
Image size, canvas size & crop	00:13:08
Full screen & toggle panels	00:14:05
Rotate canvas	00:14:43
Grids	00:15:26
	Zooming Maneuvering Layer tips & shortcuts Aligning Rulers & guides Image size, canvas size & crop Full screen & toggle panels Rotate canvas

























### Episode 9:

### Making selections

#### Overview

In this tutorial we are going to look at how to use one of the most common tools in Photoshop, the selection tools. As you begin to create in Photoshop, you will find that one of the most fundamental tools are the selection tools

The selection tools allows you to make and control particular selections in your canvas area. The created selections work as a focus which will allow you to make a whole series of creative decisions.

#### Topics covered

•	Marquee tool	00:01:52
•	Selections with the Lasso tools	00:08:4
•	Selections with the Magic wand tool	00:13:30
•	Selection tips	00:17:05
•	Select layer outline	00:17:34
•	Save selection	00:18:42

























### Episode 10:

### Copy & paste

#### Overview

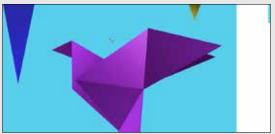
In this tutorial we are going to look at one of the most common tasks performed in Photoshop:

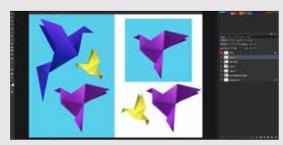
Copy and paste.

As you create in Photoshop and work with multiple documents, you will be performing this task a lot to build your artwork. To copy and paste is a simple task, but as a beginner, it will help to know how to perform this task.

In this video I will also be demonstrating a useful way to transfer creative elements from one document to another

























### Episode 11:

#### Transform tools

#### Overview

As you create in Photoshop there will be occasions where you will want to change the size, shape and form of creative objects in your composition to meet your design and imagination.

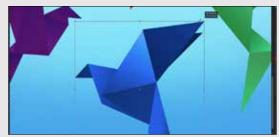
In this video I am going to discuss and demonstrate how to manipulate creative elements in our canvas area by using the transform tools.

#### Topics covered

•	Free transform	00:03:10
•	Ward transform	00:10:38
•	Perspective transform	00:00:00

00:00:00























### Episode 12:

### Using brushes

#### Overview

In Photoshop, one of the most creative tools is the brush tool. As you create in Photoshop you will find the brush tool being used in all sorts of creative scenarios such as drawing, painting, erasing, refining, creating textures and masks.

In this tutorial, I will be introducing you to the brush tool, demonstrating how it works and giving you some tips on what to look out for when using it.

#### Topics covered

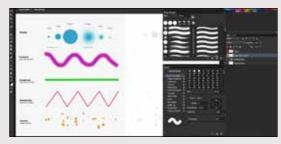
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•	Using the brush	00:07:37
•	Customise a brush	00:16:00
•	Save custom brush	00:18:30

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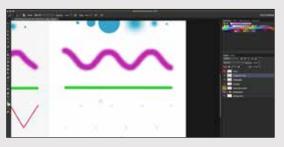
This video references an additional video:

#### Create a custom brush



























### Episode 13:

### Eraser tool & Layer masking

#### Overview

As you create in Photoshop, In order to craft your images and your composition you will often experience the challenging task of extracting various parts out of an image or removing parts away.

In Photoshop there are various methods you can use to modify an image to cut a specific part out or remove away the parts you do not wish to include in your design.

In this tutorial I am going to demonstrate a number of ways you can do this. Later in this video I will be recommending the best practice for such a task.

I will also be referencing some additional videos I have created previously. These videos will go into more depth on some of the topics I will cover in this video.

#### Topics covered

•	Erasing pixels	00:02:38
•	Layer masking	00:08:03
•	Essential training	00:15:40

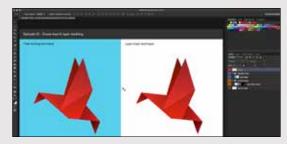
#### Would you like to learn more?

This video references an additional video:

1 - Mask with brush tool

2 - Mask with pen tool

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### **Episode 14:**

Shape tool

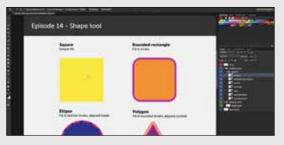
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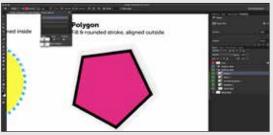
In Photoshop we have a specific tool that can make shapes. This is called the shape tool.

Using this tool over making shapes with the lasso and marquee tools will prove more flexible.

In this video tutorial we will be looking at the shape builder tools and I will be demonstrating how to use them.























### Episode 15:

### Type principals

#### Overview

As you start to get creative you may wish to add type to you compositions. In Photoshop we have the type tool. With all the creative capabilities in Photoshop you have a huge potential to be creative with type.

In this tutorial we are going to be looking at the Type tool. I will be discussing the basic principles of how it works and then we can have a go at creating some examples.

#### Topics covered

• Create examples with the type tool 00.09.03

























### Episode 16:

Layer styles

#### Overview

In Photoshop we have a function called Layer styles. Layer styles offer a range of visual effects that you can be applied to layers within the layers panel.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss the Layer style feature and later I will demonstrate some examples which you can follow along with.

#### Topics covered

• What are layer styles 00:01:33 • Create a layer style 00:05:14 • Fill & Opacity 00:12:00

























### Episode 17:

Paths & the Pen tool

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to discuss the Pen tool and the concept of paths in Photoshop. I'll be briefly discussing some examples and then demonstrate how the tool works, where you will have the option to follow along have have a go yourself.

#### Would you like to learn more?

This video references an additional video:

Using the Pen tool & paths

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#### Topics covered

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	& paths	
•	Examples	00:03:42
•	Create a path	00:08:38
•	Create raster shape	00:13:02
•	Make selection	00:14:14
•	Create a custom shape	00:15:37
•	Draw a shape	00:17:24
•	Essential training	00:18:47

























### Episode 18:

### Smart objects

#### Overview

In Photoshop there is a smart way of working with images to help maintain quality and a well organized document. For this it helps to use Smart objects.

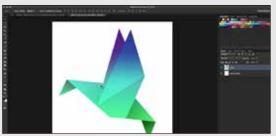
In this video tutorial I am going to be discussing the use of smart objects. I'll be discussing why we use them and how to build them into a composition.

#### Topics covered

 What are 00.01.36 smart objects?

00:05:21 • Create a smart object

























### Episode 19:

### Colour adjustments

#### Overview

Up until this point on the course, we have mainly been looking at various tools that enable us to use the program, get hands on with image layers and create various elements in the canvas area.

In Photoshop there is a huge range of colour adjustments that can apply various effects to your photos and graphics. As you design in Photoshop you will often need to use colour adjustments in order to satisfy your creative decisions.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss adjustments in Photoshop. I'll be showing you where to find them, how to use them and demonstrate a few common colour adjustments.

By the end of this tutorial you will have a good understanding of how Photoshop can apply various colour effects to your images.

























### Episode 20:

### Adjustment layers

#### Overview

In Photoshop there is a feature that allows us to apply colour effects to our layers, very much the same as using adjustments but in a non destructive way. These are called adjustment layers.

In this tutorial I will be discussing adjustment layers, how we use them and why we use them.

#### Topics covered

• Essential training, more 00:06:25 on adjustment layers

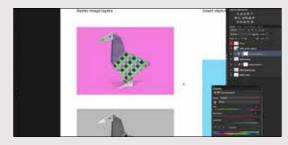
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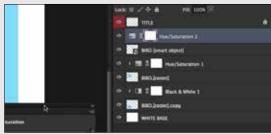
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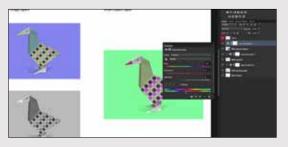
Adjustment layers how to use them & why

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### **Episode 21:**

#### Filters

#### Overview

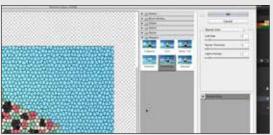
One of the reasons why Photoshop is so popular is for the visual effects that can be achieved.

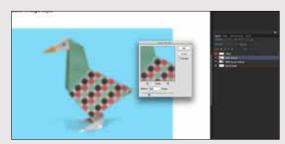
In Photoshop there is a wide range of filters, that can apply various effects to your photos and graphics at a click of a button.

As you design in Photoshop you may need to use these filters in order to satisfy your creative decisions to achieve a particular effect.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss filters in Photoshop. I'll be showing you where to find them, how to use them and demonstrate a few commonly used filters.























### **Episode 22:**

### Blending modes

#### Overview

In Photoshop we have the ability to blend layers together. This opens up a new scope of creative possibilities.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss blending modes and demonstrate what they are and how we can use them.

























### Episode 23:

### Saving

#### Overview

In Photoshop once a project is complete, there are a wide range of formats you can save your image out to. It all comes down to what the image will be used for.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss the process of saving. I'll be talking about some of the things we need to consider and then save out to a couple of common file formats.























### Episode 24:

### Setting up a document

#### Overview

So now we are getting into the 'Create a Project' section of this course, in the previous 23 episodes I introduced you to Photoshop, showcased some handy tips and we practised some essential tools and techniques.

Now its time to take all that we have learnt and create a project from scratch.

In this video we are going to begin our project by setting up a document in Adobe Photoshop for our book cover design ready for print.

I will be taking you through some of the details you need consider as we set up a new document.

#### Topics covered

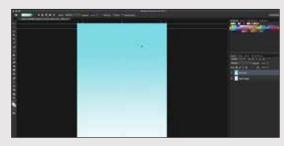
•	Setup a document	00:02:03
	for print	

• Setup guides 00:02:52 00:06:50

• Create a gradient background

























### Episode 25:

3D paper type effect

#### Overview

Now its time to start building the creative elements to feature in the book cover design.

In this tutorial I am going to discuss and demonstrate how you can create a 3D Type composition in Adobe Photoshop.

Once created we will be using this in the main book cover for our book design.

#### Topics covered

•	Create a new	00:02:25
	document	

• Create type 00:05:00

Create shadow effect 00:10:00

























### Episode 26:

Rainbow and clouds illustration

#### Overview

In this tutorial we are going to look at how we can create a simple illustrative composition.

#### Topics covered

• Create rainbow illustration

• Create clouds illustration

00:03:17

00:08:42

























### Episode 27:

Manage complexity and working smart

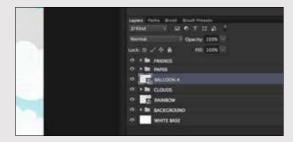
#### Overview

In this tutorial we are going to bring together all the creative elements we created over the past two videos and place them into the book cover document.

In this tutorial I will be demonstrating a smart way to manage complexity in Photoshop.

#### Topics covered

- Drag cloud illustrations 00:01:33 into header composition
- Place header 00:07:34 composition into main book cover document























### **Episode 28:**

### Decorating an origami paper bird

#### Overview

In this tutorial we are going to decorate an origami paper bird and I'll be demonstrating the tools and techniques I used to make it.

Later I will then place it into the main book cover composition as a smart object.

#### Topics covered

• Decorate paper bird

• Add Bird to main document as a smart object

00.01.35

00:12:43

























### Episode 29:

### Create a origami bird logo

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to demonstrate how to create a polygonal bird logo from scratch.

#### Topics covered

•	Trace sketch	00:02:34
	with shapes	
•	Add colour	00:04:58
•	Create ribbon	00:09:07
•	Ad type	00:12:28
•	Add background	00:15:00
•	Add logo to main	00:18:00
	book cover document	























### Episode 30:

Adding type to the design

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to finish the book cover design by adding the final type elements.























### Episode 31:

Save for print

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to discuss and demonstrate how I will finalise the book cover design and look at how to export the artwork ready to be supplied to the printers for print.























### Episode 32:

Adapt a print design for a web banner

#### Overview

In this tutorial I am going to discuss and demonstrate how I took a finished print design and from that created a digital web banner design to advertise the book online.

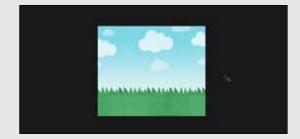
The idea of this exercise is for you to experience how we can adapt a print design and export for web.

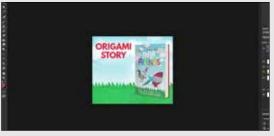
#### Topics covered

Create button

•	Create a new	00:01:30
•	document Bring creative in	00:02:26
	from book cover	
•	Superimpose cover	00:08:49
	design onto book photo	
•	Place book into banner	00:12:49
	as a smart object	
•	Ad type	00:14:55

00:18:15























### Episode 33:

Save for web

#### Overview

In this tutorial we are going to learn how we can export media for web.























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