**SHORTCUTS**

move tool: v

marquee tool: m (copying everything that is visible: Shift-Cmd-c)

eyedropper tool: i

text tool: t

**Exporting images from PSD so that they’ll have a transparent background**

v (=move tool)

Click on image

Right-click the layer in the layer pane (or on the group, if there are several image layers in a group)

Duplicate the layer (or the group) **as a new file**

Select all (Ctrl-a or Cmd-a)

Copy merged (Shift-Ctrl-c or Shift-Cmd-c)

New file (Ctrl-n or Cmd-n) + at **Background Contents choose Transparent**

Enter to confirm

Paste (Ctrl-v or Cmd-v)

Save for web (Ctrl-alt-shift-s or Cmd-alt-shift-s)

Chose PNG-24 and make sure the transparency checkbox is checked below it

**Using the eyedropper tool**

The eyedropper tool is used to obtain a color from the document and store it in one of the two color chips located at the bottom of the toolbar. Clicking will change the color saved in the foreground color and holding alt or option while clicking will change the background color.

**preferences in Photoshop:** cmd + k (**here’s where you can change pt to px for fonts**)

**Color overlay**

When the text color in PS is different from what we see because of Color Overlay we can find out the actual color by double clicking the layer, clicking on Color Overlay and then on the color box.

**Finding out the margin/padding of a paragraph when there’s a photo taking up the full width of the div where the paragraph is**

cmd+r to activate ruler, then click on ruler and drag a grid to the margin of the photo, then use a rectangular marquee (cmd + m) to find out the distance btw the grid and the paragraph.

**Constraining a selection to a square with the Rectangular Marquee Tool**

Click on the starting point and begin dragging out a rectangular selection as you normally would, then hold down your Shift key as you continue to drag.