

## Photoshop CS5 Tools Quick Guide



**Move Tool** - Moves layers, item text, or pretty much anything on the workspace.



**Marquee Tools** – Selects portions of your image. The selected part of the image will appear surrounded by a dotted line and doing the perfect selection will be one of the most important things you'll need to learn for image editing.



**Lasso Tools** – Makes a freehand selections, the lasso tool will surely help you. The other useful tools hiding behind it are the polygonal and magnetic lasso. The magnetic lasso is extremely useful if you're trying to select along a well-defined edge.

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**Magic Wand Tool** – Instantly selects large single colored areas in one single click, and the Quick Select Tool will allow you to use a magical wand style brush to paint over the areas you want selected.



**Quick Select Tool** – Makes quick selections of items in a layer by drawing the area that you wish to select.

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**Crop Tool** – Crops an area of an image. The area that is shadowed will be cropped from the image.



**Slice Tools** – Chops and slices your image into separate segments and it can also help you measure out things you'll need.



**Eye-Dropper Tool** – Selects a specific color from your image.



**Ruler** – Measures distances from one point to another in your image.



**Notes** – adds a note to your Photoshop document where you can record whatever you want, ideal for collaboration with others.



**Count Tool** – Numbers separate sections of your image. At first sight it may not look as useful, but just like the Notes Tool, it starts to get useful when you need to send your PSD file around for collaboration with someone.

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**Spot Healing Brush Tool** – Removes scratches and blemishes from Images. Using the Spot Healing Brush Tool with the new Content Aware Fill in CS5 allows you to make quick repairs to an image.



**Patch Tool** – Picks up a part of the image and patch it up with another part. Easy to use and very useful for removing small objects in low and high detail areas.



**Red Eye Tool** – Removes red eye from photos.

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**Brush Tools** – A brush. It can be soft, hard, big, round, square, or even completely customized to make incredible effects. And with the mixer brush tool, you can really go deep into the world of digital paintings since you'll be able to set just how dry, wet and loaded your artistic brush is.



**Pencil Tool** – A pencil. Similar to the brush feature except that the lines it produces are chiseled.



**Clone Stamp Tools** – Samples one area of an image and paints over another, while simultaneously sampling from the area you choose.



**History Brush Tools** – Paints over parts of an image with an earlier version of your image. The history brush is easily configurable from the History menu. Oh, and for an even flashier effect, try the Artistic Art History Brush which although is very similar to the Mixer brush tool, will bring some additional options and effects to your brush.



**Eraser Tools** – Erases part of the image or to a previous history of the image. One more interesting type of eraser is the Magic Eraser. It will help you instantly erase single color backgrounds. This tool is very useful for creating transparent background images, such as GIFs and PNGs.

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**Gradient Tool** – Creates a color transition from one to the next.



**Paint Bucket Tool** – Fills in your selection with a single solid color.

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**Blur Tool** – Blurs an area of an image.



**Sharpen Tool** – Sharpens an area of an image. Note that it is very easy to over sharpen an image leading to less than ideal results.



**Smudge Tool** – Smudges a portion of the image. To get an idea of how this works imagine you have a wet canvas. Now you take your finger and smudge it across its surface. This is the same effect you will get when using the Smudge tool on your image.

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**Dodge Tool** – Brightens an area of an image.



**Burn Tool** – Makes portions of the image darker and can be used to create special effects. Use the tool sparingly as just like the sharpen tool it can decrease image quality and cause color contamination.



**Sponge Tool** – De-saturates colors in snap. Go as heavy as you want on this – the heavier you go the more black-‘n’-white you’re bringing into your image.

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**Pen Tools** – Creates path in your image. Paths allow you to manipulate the shape of the object. It’s similar to warping text.



**Type Tools** – Adds text to your image.



**Type Mask Tools** – Makes a selection instead of outputting text.

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**Path Selection Tools** – A tool used for selecting and moving your paths.



**Shape Tools** – Inserts various shapes into your images. Each shape creates its own unique layer.



**3D Rotation Tools** – Rotates 3D objects on your canvas.



**3D Camera Rotation Tools** – Rotates the cameras looking at the 3D object.

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**Hand Tool** –Allows you to easily move back and forward through your image.



**Rotate View Tool** – Rotates your canvas sideways at a degree you choose. It’s similar to rotating a sheet of paper that you’ve drawn on.

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**Zoom Tool** – Zooms in and out of your image.