

Adobe Photoshop Basics

This playbook provides a step-by-step guide for beginners to navigate the Adobe Photoshop interface, understand layers, and use essential tools necessary for creating digital art.

Step 1: **Open Photoshop**

Launch Adobe Photoshop on your computer by double-clicking the desktop icon or searching for it in your applications folder.

Step 2: **Explore Interface**

Familiarize yourself with the Photoshop interface, including the menu bar at the top, the toolbox on the left, and panels like layers, adjustments, and history on the right.

Step 3: **Create New Project**

Go to 'File' > 'New' to create a new project. Set your project's dimensions and resolution based on your needs or presets, and click 'Create'.

Step 4: **Layers Overview**

Understand layers by looking at the 'Layers' panel. Layers allow you to separate different elements of your artwork so you can edit them independently.

Step 5: **Basic Tools**

Get to know basic tools like the Move Tool, Brush Tool, Eraser, and the Crop Tool. These tools can perform fundamental actions for creating and modifying your digital art.

Step 6: **Practice Techniques**

Practice using the tools by creating simple shapes, adding text, and experimenting with different brushes and effects to get comfortable with the toolset.

Step 7: **Save Artwork**

Save your work frequently. Go to 'File' > 'Save As' to save your project. Choose the appropriate file format like .PSD for editable files or .JPG/.PNG for web use.

General Notes

Shortcut Keys

Familiarize yourself with common Photoshop shortcut keys to speed up your workflow, such as 'Ctrl/Cmd + Z' for undoing changes and 'Ctrl/Cmd + S' for saving your work.

Resource Availability

Adobe offers a wide range of online tutorials and resources for learning more advanced Photoshop techniques once you master the basics.

Hardware Requirements

Make sure your computer meets the minimum hardware requirements for running Adobe Photoshop smoothly to avoid any performance issues.

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