



Photoshop Toolbar

To get the full range of tool choices press and hold down your mouse over the tool icons.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectangular Marquee Tool M Elliptical Marquee Tool M Single Row Marquee Tool Single Column Marquee Tool 	<p>Marquee selection tools. Used for choosing areas to edit. Especially useful if the area being chosen is a regular shape - i.e. a rectangle or an ellipse.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lasso Tool L Polygonal Lasso Tool L Magnetic Lasso Tool L 	<p>Lasso selection tools. Again used for defining areas to edit. These are handy when the area that you want to select is irregular. I find the Polygonal Lasso very helpful as you can click areas to select with the mouse</p>
<p>Crop tool. For cutting down the size of the whole image</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot Healing Brush Tool J Healing Brush Tool J Patch Tool J Red Eye Tool J 	<p>Healing tools. These tools will repair areas of your image and blend in imperfections. Very useful for removing blemishes from a photo</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eraser Tool E Background Eraser Tool E Magic Eraser Tool E 	<p>Eraser tools. Will remove/rub away parts of your image</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clone Stamp Tool S Pattern Stamp Tool S 	<p>Clone tools. Used to copy/clone parts of your image. Can be used to repair damaged images - note the area to be copied must be defined first using the alt key.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blur Tool R Sharpen Tool R Smudge Tool R 	<p>Blur tools. These will blur, sharpen or smudge parts of your image</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pen Tool P Freeform Pen Tool P Add Anchor Point Tool Delete Anchor Point Tool Convert Point Tool 	<p>Pen tools. The are used to create vector paths on top of an image. The paths can be used to select parts of your image or to act as masks or areas to fill with colour.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Path Selection Tool A Direct Selection Tool A 	<p>Path selection tools. These are used to select and edit vector paths. You cannot select parts of your image with these tools only paths.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes Tool N Audio Annotation Tool N 	<p>Note tools. These are like post-its and are useful if you want to leave a message for another designer on your work. They do not alter your image.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand tool 	<p>Hand tool. For moving around when close-up on an image</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move tool 	<p>Move tool. Used to move your image around. The whole image or a part of it can be moved. You can also move the selection (moving ants) on its own</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quick Selection Tool W Magic Wand Tool W 	<p>Magic wand tool. Very useful for selecting areas of your image. To set how much you will chose you need to alter the tolerance - 1 (not much) 252 (everything)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slice Tool K Slice Select Tool K 	<p>Slice tool. Used by people who make websites to cut up pages into segments to publish on the internet. This tool will not cut your images</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brush Tool B Pencil Tool B Color Replacement Tool B 	<p>Brush tools. These are used to draw or paint on your image. The colour will always be the foreground colour in the toolbar. It can be changed by double-clicking the foreground colour icon.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gradient Tool G Paint Bucket Tool G 	<p>Gradient tool. Both of the tools here are used to fill areas with colour. The gradient will make a blend between two or more colours, the paint bucket will use only one.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dodge Tool O Burn Tool O Sponge Tool O 	<p>Dodge tool. Old photography touch-up tools. Dodge will lighten the image, burn will darken it, and the sponge will wash out colours making them paler.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horizontal Type Tool T Vertical Type Tool T Horizontal Type Mask Tool T Vertical Type Mask Tool T 	<p>Text tools. Used to add and edit text with your image.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rectangle Tool U Rounded Rectangle Tool U Ellipse Tool U Polygon Tool U Line Tool U Custom Shape Tool U 	<p>Shape tools. Used to create shapes on-top of your images. The shapes are vector paths and can be edited using the direct selection tools. They are usually created on a new layer and you will need to play around with the options palette to combine them. This can be tricky.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyedropper Tool I Color Sampler Tool I Ruler Tool I Count Tool I 	<p>Eyedropper tools. Useful when you need to sample a colour from your image. The colour that you pick will usually appear as a foreground colour in the toolbar and can be used to colour type and other areas. Sampled colours are useful to create harmonious colour effects that blend well with your overall image.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magnifying glass 	<p>Magnifying glass. This tool allows you to zoom in or out of your image. Press the alt key to zoom out.</p>

Many of the tools are set as brushes and need to have their size altered in the dialogue box near the top menu bar. Settings for all of the tools can be found in dialogue boxes which will appear as you chose a tool.