

Introduction to Photoshop



Here are some basics to the Photoshop program. If you are familiar with the program, the following directions will be a bit redundant but follow them anyway. For the graphic wizards of the class, share your expertise with your fellow students. There is a lot to learn in this program and it will be most beneficial to learn whatever we can from each other.

First, create a folder in your **G: drive** named "digital_art". All of your images and work for this class will be saved in this folder.



Open the Photoshop program by clicking on the icon on your desktop to begin.

1. Open up the following tool bars by clicking on **Window** on the top tool bar. Then select the **Show Color**, **Show Layers** and **Show Tools** buttons. These are the main tool bars that you will need to use during this unit.
2. Open a file by going to the top tool bar and selecting **File** and then **New**. A new window will pop up and you may then name your file.
 - Call it "date_your name" Example, I would name my file: "March5_thomas"
 - Change the size to 5" width x 5" length. Make sure it is in inches.
 - Change the resolution to 100 pixels/inch
 - Mode should be already set at RGB Color

When you have finished these steps, click OK and the screen will disappear.

7. Now it's time to play with the tools and figure out what they do. There is so much to learn in this program and the best way to do it is to experiment. If you are stuck, look around at what the other students are doing and swap ideas.

8. Try using the paintbrush tool, eraser tool, paintbucket, airbrush tool.
Try picking different colors from the color tool bar.
Change the brush size/shape by clicking on the left side of the top tool bar.



9. When you are finished experimenting, save your work in your **digital_art** folder in your **G: drive**.

