

Mini-Skills

01_SELECTION PRACTICE

1. Create a New Photoshop document (File > New):
Preset: Default Photoshop size (7 x 5 inches, 72 pixels/inch)
 2. Show the Rulers (View > Rulers)
 3. Click and drag down on the horizontal ruler to set a horizontal guide at 2.5 inches
 4. Click and drag to the right on the vertical ruler to set a vertical guide at 3.5 inches.
You now have an intersection at the center of the rectangle
 5. Using the marquee tool (rectangular or elliptical), click and drag from the center outward
 6. Repeat step #5, but this time hold the SHIFT key to get a perfect square or circle
 7. Repeat step #6, but this time hold both the SHIFT and the OPTION/ALT key.
This will select a perfect square or circle that will enlarge from the center starting point
 8. While drawing with the marquee tool, always keep your finger on the LEFT mouse button until you are satisfied with your selection
 9. While making a selection, remember:
 - The mouse dragging changes the *shape & size* of the selection
 - The SPACEBAR changes the *position* of the selection
 10. Make sure the Layers panel is open (Window > Layers). Double-click the layer called *background*, then click "OK". This unlocks the layer, and makes transparency possible (for cutting holes)
 11. **ADD** to a selection by holding the SHIFT key. Press the delete key and see what happens.
Undo the deletion
 12. **SUBTRACT** from a selection by holding the OPTION / ALT key. Press the delete key and see what happens.
Undo the deletion
 13. Practice these basic moves until they become familiar
- * Selections can be made two ways:
- By shape
 - By color