# 20 Useful Photoshop Shortcuts!

There are many different ways of doing things in Photoshop, so many in fact that for the new user of the program it can be a bit bewildering. One of the greatest boons to using the program efficiently is to learn some of the timesaving keyboard shortcuts.

Here I've provided you with a quick list of the shortcuts that I personally use most often. Indeed I use these so frequently that they are now second nature. The list is available here as a downloadable and printable PDF file for personal use by my blog readers. Keep it near your computer as a handy ready reference! ~KD.

| Function | Accessing via Menu. | Keyboard Shortcut |
|---|---|---|
| Image size | Image/Image | Size Alt+Ctrl+I |
| Canvas Size | Image/Canvas Size | Alt+Ctrl+C |
| New Layer via Copy | Layer/New/Layer via Copy | Ctrl+J |
| Merge Visible | Layer/Merge Visible | Shift+Ctrl+E |

## Selection Tools:

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| Marquee Tool | | M |
| Lasso Tool | | L |
| Quick Selection Tool | | W |
| Deselect | Select/Deselect | Ctrl+D |

## Using Brushes:

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| Brush Tool | | B |
| Changing brush on the fly: | | Left Square Bracket key [ for smaller brush diameter |
| | | Right Square Bracket key ] for larger brush diameter |
| | | Shift + [ for softer brush edge |
| | | Shift + ] for harder brush edge |

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|---|---|---|
| Brush colours | | |
| Default black and white | | D |
| Switching foreground and background brush colours | | X |

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|---|---|---|
| Clone Stamp | | S |
| Healing brush | | J |

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|---|---|---|
| Crop Tool | | C |
| Free Transform | Edit/Free Transform | Ctrl+T |
| Save for Web and Devices. | File/Save for Web and Devices | Alt+Shift+Ctrl+S |

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