

BASIC PHOTOSHOP 'TUTORIAL' ~ INFORMATION

This isn't exactly a tutorial, just tips, for people using this program on your first time ^_^ .

This tutorial is based in vr.5. I prefer use Photoshop 5.0, I think this version is too fast for me and my PC, and have all functions / tools I need.

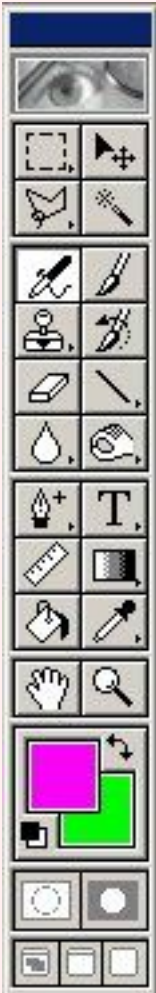
If you prefer 5.5, 6 ,7 and CS versions, no problem, because vr.5 have all tools, and this "tute" will work to you properly.

The main differences into these versions are just new skin to program, new brushes (but you can add more brushes in old versions to update) and filters (you can add more too). I think it isn't too many differences, so I can work very well with old version :P

I hope you like my little 'tute', and please sorry for my bad english!

TOOLBAR

Photoshop when started, present a main tool bar in left side.



The bar appearing will be like that.



You'll note in some icons a little arrow. When pressed more time than a clicking, the tool/icon will expand with more options to you, like this example.

TOOLS

You need know the tools, and how works before paint or edit a image. The main tools are:



Rectangle selection: click and drag to select an area.



Poligonal selection: select point to point. Click around the area you want select. To close selection, touch the begin of selection or do a double click in.



Mover: Just click and drag or use keyboard to move a layer or pasted image.



Magical Wand: this select a large area without you choose spaces. Ideal to closed areas. Just click in the place you want select. Verify the options in 'option' window for more effects (tolerance and alias).



Airbrush: Click or click and drag. Verify the 'option' window for more effects (merging effects, opacity). Change the size in 'brush' window. You can change the brush size leaving a double click on icon brush (5 and 5.5 versions) or changing the size in drop-n-drag in side the icon brush on top (6+ vr.)



Rubber stamp: select a area, copy and click in a place where you want a copy of selection, how you do with a common rubber stamp.



Eraser: click or click and drag to erase an image or selection. Change the size in 'brush' window. Use 'option' window to change options about pressure and opacity.



Blur: Click in or click and drag for blurr image. Change the size in brush window. Verify 'option' window for more options.



Anchor: draw your image/retouch, give a right click, select a brush and trace.



Ruler: if you want know the size in some parts of your image, use it how a ruler ;)



Bucket: paint bucket. Fill big areas, just select your color on color window and click in. You can do a selection and fill it too ^^



Hand: use it to move your canvas for easyest edition.



Brush: Click or click and drag. Verify the 'option' window for more effects (merging effects, opacity). Change the size in 'brush' window. You can change the brush size leaving a double click on icon brush (5 and 5.5 versions) or changing the size in drop-n-drag in side the icon brush on top (6+ vr.)



undo: undo the changes on image, with a brush. Change the size in 'brush' window. Just work correctly on 'background' layer/image.



Line: for draw a line, click in an origin and end point you want. For size options, use 'option' window.



Superexpose: Just click or click and drag for darken a place with superexpose. Change the size in brush window, and nuances (superexpose by shadows or superexpose by lights) in 'option' window.



Text: use this tool to put a text on your image. Is very simple, how a common txt editor. click in, select your font, etc... remember, in Photoshop, each text have your own layer. If you want edit a text, just double click on layer to open edit options.



Degradee: if you wanna do a degradee with 2 or more colors, use this tool. select an area or just click and drag. in "option" window you'll see more options (transparency, colors, spectre, etc)



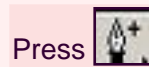
Dropper / color select: click upper the color you wanna select. This color will appear in your pallete.



Zoom: click to zoom a detail on image. Hotkeys: CTRL+ to zoom in CTRL- to zoom out.

SUBOPTIONS

When pressed, some icons expand in new options.



Press to expand these items. Unhapply I don't know how use them very well, sorry... ^_^^



Press to expand contrast and finger tools. Just click or click and drag to strengthen contrast in a area or spread/blend color with finger. Change the size in brush window.




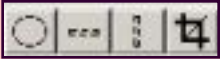
Press for activate color info. Click in image an this tool will informe data about colors in area.




Press to activate pencil. Change size in brush window. Draw commonly.




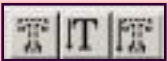
Press  to activate lasso and magnetic lasso. These are freehand selection tools.




Press  to open rounded selection, horizontal line selec., vertical line selec. and crop options. Click and drag to select an area. In rounded, the selection works how a circle, and in 'line selection' options, just select 1px. If you want crop a image, select 'crop', choose the area and press enter.



Press  for show subexpose and sponge. Subexpose will lighten the image, and sponge remove saturation. Change the size in brush window.



Press  for activate horizontal text mask, vertical text and vertical text mask. The masks will compose to you a selection how a text, using the font how orientation, and vertical text is a text on vertical XD. It works how a common text tool.

ANOTHER TOOLS



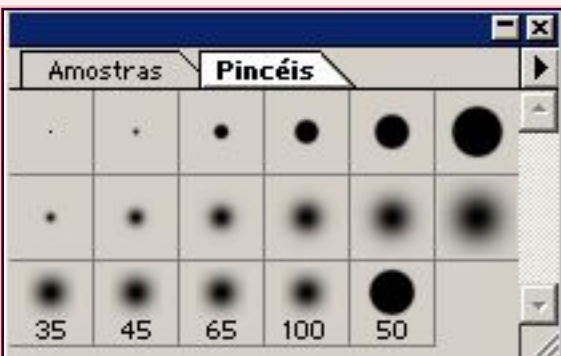
Color options. Click in coloured boxes to open color window and choose the color that you prefer. You can choose 2 colors (how example), click in arrow to turn 2nd plane color (green, on example) your 1st plane color (pink, on example). You can choose color in color window/pallete too.



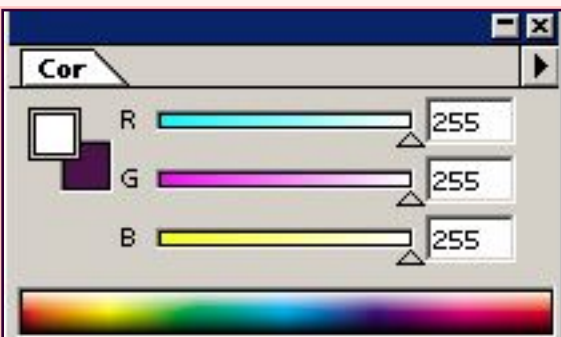
Click on top items for do a quick mask. the under items changes the screen mode.

MAIN TOOL WINDOWS

if you want activate / deactivate a window, just go to WINDOW menu and select what you want. Photoshop have defaults windows opened in the first time started.



Brushes: This window is common in old versions. In new versions, the brushes are presented in a drop-n-drag menu, on top, with size on side.



color: you don need this window open. You can close if you want, you can choose the colors clicking in this icon:





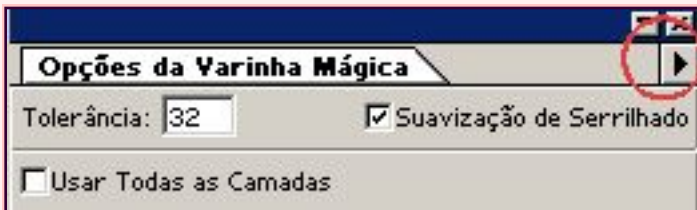
History: This window show all changes and steps you do on edition. If you go back and undo, just click on step you like return ^^



Layer: you can do layers on Photoshop. This window show to you what layer you are working on. Click on layer you like work in moment.



Navigator: in first time started, options and navigator will be in just one window. If you don't like use hand tool, you can use navigator. You can change zoom adjustments too on this window.



Options: Some tools have extra options. In this screencap, these are magic wand options (tolerance and alias). When you see the arrow (in red circle) have more options, you need click to activate.