

Photoshop: making selections

If you can select just a piece of an image, you can manipulate just that piece. You can:

Copy it (Edit/Copy)

Paste it (Edit/Paste)

Move it (Use move tool)

Apply a filter to it (Filter menu)

Resize it (Edit/Free Transform)

Copy it to a new layer (Command J)

Move it to another document (use move tool & drag)

Cut out the background (inverse/delete)

Keep only that part color (inverse then desaturate)

Use the two files provided to practice making selections, moving elements, working with layers and resizing.

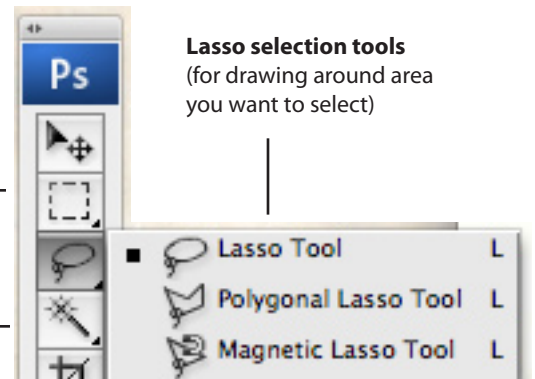
Have both open on your screen while you work.

Be creative! Practice using all the selection tools.

Marquee selection tool
(for making rectangular and oval selections)

Magic wand selection tool
(for selection areas of similar color)

Lasso selection tools
(for drawing around area you want to select)



a few tips

DESELECT

(to start over or just unselect)

Select/Deselect (or Command D)

INVERSE

(to select the opposite of what you currently have selected)

Select/Inverse (or Shift/Command I)

TRANSFORM

(to resize or rotate a selection or an entire layer)

Edit/Free Transform (or Command T)

EDIT A SELECTION

(you don't have to start over if you make a mistake)

Hold the shift key down to ADD TO a selection

Hold the option key down to SUBTRACT from a selection

selections.psd (this file has two layers)



selections objects.jpg

