

# Selection, Selection, Selection!

The biggest hurdle to overcome in Adobe Photoshop is creating accurate selections. They are what makes what you do in Photoshop look the best it can be.

Selections are what you create when you want to take something out of a picture, move it to a new one, etc. If you get sloppy then it will show in the final product.

**1. Marquee Tools:** This set of tools allows you to create selections that are a preset shape. Rectangles, squares, circles, ovals and single row and column of pixels.

**2. Lasso Tools:** These are freeform tools that create selections from straight lines. To turn corners, you use a series of small clicks to turn a corner. to undo an area that you chose, press the delete key to back up to the previous click.

**Lasso Tool:** Using this tool, you can freehand your selection with the mouse or a Wacom tablet. By holding down the option/alt key and using this tool, you keep the lines constrained to a straight line. if you let go while in the middle of this option, it will snap to where you started and create your selection.

**Polygonal Lasso Tool:** This works like the previous tool but you don't have to hold down the option/alt key.

**Magnetic Lasso Tool:** When you start using this tool, it will cling to the object as if it were magnetic. If you select an area that you don't want, press the delete key to back up.

**3. Move Tool:** This will let you move your selection, once created, to a new area or a new document. The Move Tool is also used to move Layers around and change their order in the Layers Palette.

**4. Magic Wand:** Lets you select an area of similar pixel color. Use the Tolerance, in the options palette, to choose how much you want to select. 0 (zero) is the smallest amount it will select and 255 is the largest.

**5. Pen Tool:** Allows you to create selections by using Bezier Curves. This is the most accurate way to create selections. The reason for this is that you can go back and edit your selection and adjust for any area that you might have messed up on.

You can also add, delete and change direction of your anchor points.

