

- 1. SELECTION TOOLS** -use **the magnetic lasso, magic wand, and quick selection tools** to isolate images from their backgrounds or to cut away portions of images. Selections should have very clean edges, and a layer mask applied.
- 2. CREATING A LAYER MASK**—After selecting the outline of an image, to separate it from it's background, go to the Select drop-down menu on top then click on inverse (when using the magic wand tool only.) -Go over to the right layers pallet, bottom, **make a new layer mask. Adjust and clean up the layer on the layer mask** only using the brush tool (be sure you are in the black and white mode in the bottom of the tools bar) go back and forth painting in and removing from the image. Black is transparent and removes. White is opaque and adds.
- 3. TRANSFORMING IMAGES**- CMD T. **Click on the right side of your trackpad and choose perspective, scale, rotate, warp, flip, etc.** When scaling double click on what I showed you to lock.
- 4. GRADIENT TOOL**—Create a layer mask. **Click on the gradient tool**, choose the black and white option. Click on the top of the document layer drag down and click on the bottom of the layer. Be sure to only work on the layer mask.
- 5. ADJUSTMENT LAYERS**- They can be found above your layers menu, in its own symbols window. **Try using vibrancy, hue saturation, color balance, etc. to adjust and change layers.**
- 6. BLENDING MODES**— On the top of the layers window you will see a drop-down area labeled normal next to the opacity slider. If you click on the normal drop-down menu, you can select and **play with various blending modes**. Suggestions: Multiply, dodge, color, overlay, etc. Again, work on the layer mask only.
- 7. TRANSPARENCIES**—Can be made in either the layer mask or the image.
- 8. LAYER STYLES**— Double click on the layer for the pop-up menu to find options.

History Window Is your form of “undo” in Photoshop. Use CMD+alt+Z or click on the different levels in the History Window to undo. The number of times you can go back in your history window depends on upon your settings.

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