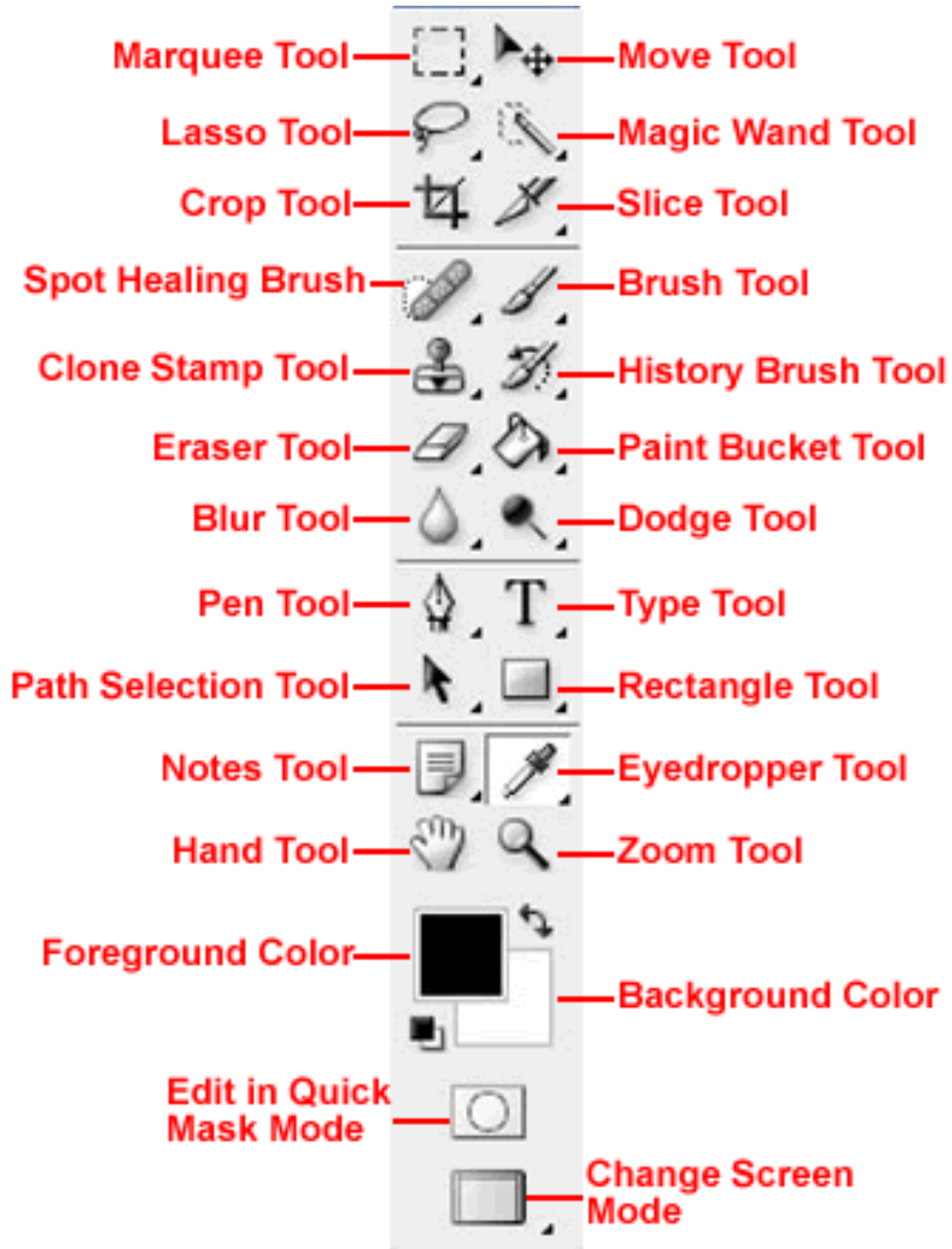


ADOBE PHOTOSHOP

Adobe Photoshop is a software application for image editing and photo retouching for use on Windows computer. Photoshop offers users the ability to create, enhance, or otherwise edit images, artwork, and illustrations. Changing backgrounds, simulating a real-life painting, or creating an alternative view of the universe are all possible with Adobe Photoshop. It is the most widely used software tool for photo editing, image manipulation, and retouching for numerous image and video file formats. The tools within Photoshop make it possible to edit both individual images as well as large batches of photos. There are several versions of Photoshop, including Photoshop CC, Photoshop Elements, and Photoshop Light room. Adobe Photoshop is available on its own as a subscription that includes Photoshop Light room, and as part of the larger Creative Cloud subscription.

Photoshop Used: Adobe Photoshop is a critical tool for designers, web developers, graphic artists, photographers, and creative professionals. It is widely used for image editing, retouching, creating image compositions, website mockups, and adding affects. Digital or scanned images can be edited for use online or in-print. Website layouts can be created within Photoshop; their designs can be finalized before developers move on to the coding stage. Stand-alone graphics can be created and exported for use within other programs.

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- **The Layer Tool:** A layer can be used for an image, text; brush strokes, background colors, patterns, and filters. I like to think of layers as sheets of glass stacked on top of one another that you'll use to create a final product. Each sheet can be modified individually without affecting the project as a whole, which can save you tons of time when making edits to individual elements of your graphic.
- **The Color & Swatches Tool:** The Color and Swatches tool lets you use, modify, copy, and save custom colors for your content. While this may seem like a pretty self-explanatory element, it actually has powerful features that will keep your visual content vibrant and unify your color schemes.**Custom Fonts & the Text Tool:** The Text tool lets you add custom fonts to your database, and it gives you access to advanced font settings that give your text some serious style.
- **Custom Brushes & the Brush Tool:** Just as with fonts, you can add your own, royalty-free, custom brush tips. With the brush settings, you can change the size, shape, and transparency of your brush strokes to achieve a number of different visual effects.Brushes is a great way to add some visual accents to your content. Photoshop starts you off with a nice selection of brush tips that you can use to clean up your graphics and create some basic visual effects.
- **The Select Tool:** When used correctly, this tool will let you select individual elements, entire graphics, and determines what is copied, cut, and pasted into your graphics.
- **The Move Tool:** This is a fairly basic tool that allows you to move individual elements of your graphic. The Move tool works on individual layers and on the graphic as a whole if (remember how to do this?) you highlight all of your layers. It comes in handy when you're trying to reposition images, text, and other design elements.

- **The Zoom Tool:** The Zoom tool lets you zoom in close to certain areas of an image, and zoom out to get more of a bird's eye view of what's happening.
- **The Eraser:** The Basic Eraser functions a lot like the brush tool. You can change the size and hardness of the eraser tip to achieve a variety of effects, like blending and fades. The Background Eraser uses differences in color to help you erase unwanted background areas from your images. The eraser is one of the most useful tools in Photoshop. Yes, I understand it's technically just an eraser, but you've never used an eraser like this.
- **The Crop Tool:** The Crop tool lets you crop an image. It works like any crop tool you've ever encountered: Simply choose your area and crop it out. I know this is a basic tool, but you'll find yourself using this just as often as any other tool in Photoshop, especially when you've completed your graphic and need to clean up some of the free space around the edges.
- **The Fill Tool:** The Fill tool, formerly the Paint Bucket tool, fills any solid area with the color of your choice. It's great for solid backgrounds or coloring large areas. It can also be used to apply patterns to your images. The Gradient tool within the Fill tool lets you create a nice, faded background effect of the color of your choice.
- **The Eyedropper:** This handy little tool lets you extract and use any color from any image in Photoshop.
- **Blending Options:** Blending options include quite a number of features to enhance the look of your graphic. For example, you can use the "Outer Glow" effect to make letters appear like they're glowing. Or you can use the "Drop Shadow" effect to add a shadow to your letters. Take some time to play around with all the layer effects and find out which ones tickle your fancy.