Photoshop – Colour and Layers

Using layers allows you to be creative with colours in your images. This is sometimes called colour popping.

How to colour pop

- 1. Open the image you want to edit in Photoshop
- 2. Click Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Black and White

This will turn the image black and white and add a new layer at the **bottom right** of your screen

- 3. Click on the white rectangle on the new layer this is called the layer mask
- 4. Choose the Brush Tool from the left toolbar
- 5. Set the brush colour to **black**. Check the colour at the bottom left of the screen – the black needs to be on top If you have white on top, click the little two headed arrow to switch the colours
- 6. Resize the brush at the top left. You're better off with a 100% hard brush to begin with for this task
- 7. Now **paint over** the top of one of the ducks to reveal the colour underneath
 - Change the size of the brush and zoom in at the edges
 - As you paint over you'll see black marks on the layer mask
 - If you make a mistake, don't worry we can correct that...

Correcting mistakes

- 1. Switch the brush colour to white use the double headed arrow
- 2. Now paint over your mistake the colour should disappear again
- 3. Select the **Blur Tool** and run your mouse around the edges of the image to reduce the impact of any sharp edges







