Animated Ducks – prepare the ducks

NOTE: You will need to have the ducks image downloaded. **Rename** it when you do as it doesn't have a very helpful filename

1. Open **Photoshop 2023**
2. **File** > **Open** > find the duck image file and open it

Square cropping

3. Choose the **Crop tool** on the **left toolbar**
4. At the **top**, change the box that says **Ratio** to **1:1 (Square)**
   This forces a perfectly square crop which will look cooler
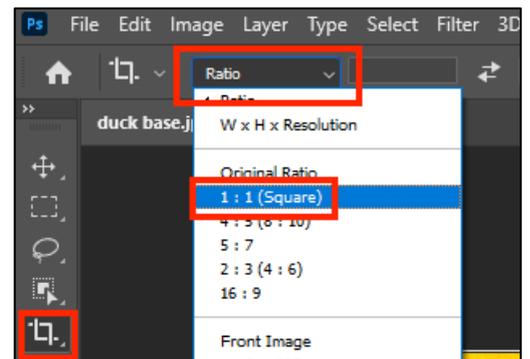
5. **Crop** the image so that only one duck is showing

6. **IMPORTANT:** At the **top**, **click the tick** to confirm the crop
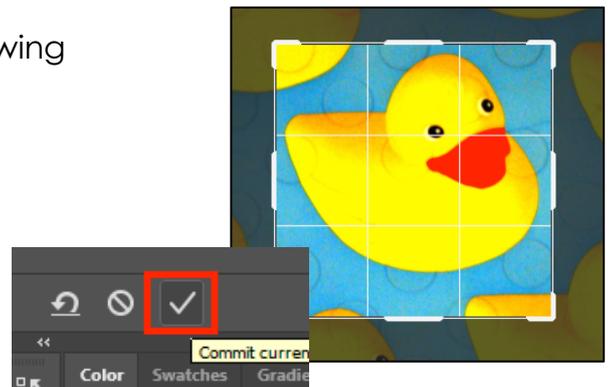
It's helpful to zoom in at this point

Unlock the layer

IMPORTANT: we need to unlock the background before we can remove it

7. Find the **Lock icon** in the **Layer Stack** at the **bottom right** of the screen
8. **Double click** the **lock icon** > click **OK** on the popup
   This should remove the lock
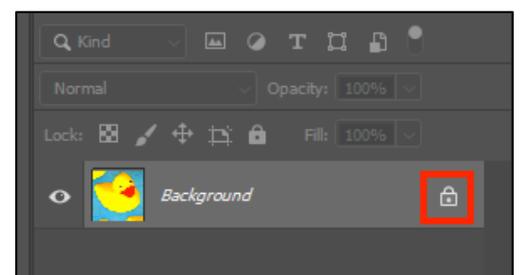
Removing the background

9. Find the **Object Selection Tool** - it's on the left toolbar just above the Crop tool

10. **Click and hold** the mouse down on this tool > choose the **Quick Selection Tool**

11. Use the **quick selection tool** to select the background of the image – not the duck. Click and drag it around the outside.

12. If you make a mistake, click **Select** > **Deselect** to start again

13. Press the **Delete key** on the keyboard to remove the background

14. **IMPORTANT:** if a popup box appears, press **Cancel** and go back to **Step 7** and unlock the layer.
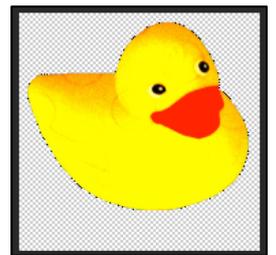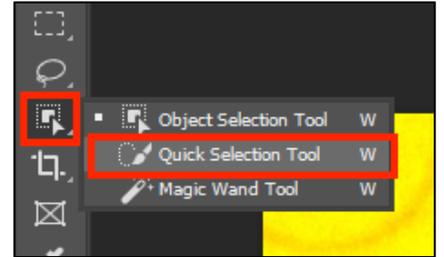
Exporting the duck as a PNG

15. Click **File** > **Export As**

16. Check the box at the **top right** says **PNG** and that the **Transparency** is ticked

17. Click **Export** at the **bottom.** Call the export **DUCK YELLOW**

Changing the colour

18. **REALLY IMPORTANT:** your duck is probably still selected. Click **Select** > **Deselect** to remove the selection lines

19. At the **top**, click **Layer** > **New Adjustment Layer** > choose **Hue/Saturation** > **OK**

20. Look on the **right** of the screen above the Layer Stack and find the Hue and Saturation sliders

21. Drag the **Hue slider** a little way to the **left** until the duck turns orange – if this doesn't work, **delete** the Hue/Saturation layer and **go back to step 18**
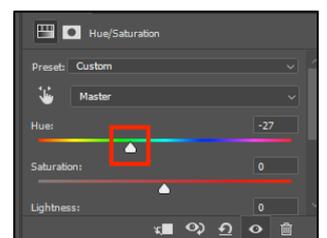
22. Click **File** > **Export As** > check it is a **PNG** > **Export**. Call the file **duck orange**

23. Now drag the slider further **left** until the duck is **red**. Export this as **duck red**

24. Keep doing this to create many different colours of duck **Export** each duck. This creates a flock of coloured ducks

Now use the separate instruction sheet to create the animation