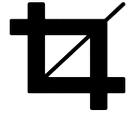


# CD Cover – Combining Images

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Add images on top of a base image is a really important skill to try out.

1. Open **Photoshop**
2. Open the **tree image**: click **File > Open** and find the image
3. **Crop** the image first – use the crop tool and choose a **square crop** at the top

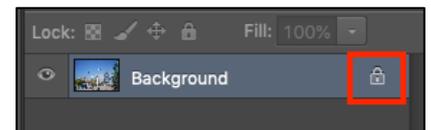


## Removing a background (method 1)

To add an image on top you really need to get rid of the background.

4. Now open the **ducks** image (**File > Open**)
5. **IMPORTANT**: find the **layer stack** at the **bottom right**.

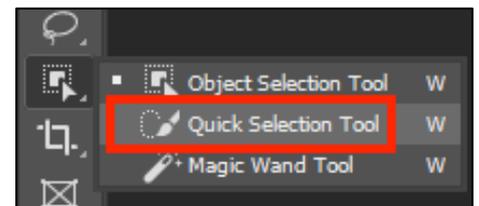
Double click the **lock** on the layer > **OK**



This will let you get rid of the background

6. **Crop** the image so that only **one** of the ducks is in the image
7. On the **left toolbar**, find the **Object Selection Tool**.

Click and hold on the tool to choose the **Quick Selection tool**



8. Use the tool to select the background of the image – aim to get everything other than the duck

If you select part of the duck, click **Select > Deselect** to start again

9. Press the **delete key** to remove the background

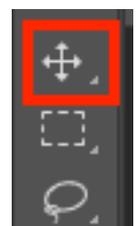
If you get a pop up box, press **cancel** and **do step 5 now!**



## Combining the images

Now we need to copy the duck on to the tree image

10. **IMPORTANT**: Click **Select > Deselect** first
11. Then click **Select > All**
12. Then **Edit > Copy**
13. Switch to the **tree image** and **Edit > Paste**
14. Use the **Move Tool** to drag the duck around

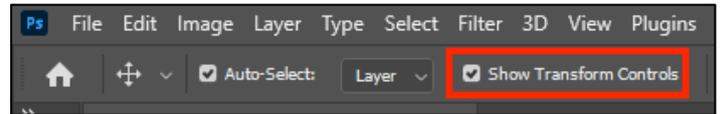


## Resize the image

The duck image is a lot bigger than the tree one, so the duck is far too big.

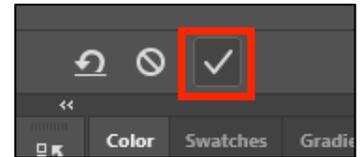
15. On the **left toolbar**, switch to the **Move Tool**

16. **VERY IMPORTANT:** At the **top**, make sure **Show Transform Controls** is ticked



17. **Resize** the image and move it into position

18. **Click the tick** at the **top** of the screen



## Repeat the skill

19. Open the boat image. This will need **cropping** down quite a long way

20. **Zoom** in

21. **IMPORTANT:** Unlock the background layer (**double click** the lock)

22. Use the **Quick Selection Tool** to remove the background – it's a little tricky, so switch to **deselect** at the **top left** (the one with the minus sign)

23. Press **delete** to remove the background – don't forget to unlock the layer

24. To flip the image, click **Image > Image Rotation > Flip Canvas Horizontal**

25. Now add it to the main image – **resize** as needed

## Removing a background (method 2)

26. Open the **helicopter** image. The Quick Selection Tool is tricky to use here – I kept on selecting the rotor blades

27. Instead, **click and hold** on the **Quick Selection Tool** and choose the **Magic Wand**



28. Click on the background to select part of it

29. Hold down **SHIFT** and keep clicking to add to the selection. It will take some time, but you'll get there in the end

30. **Remove** the background (**unlock it!**) and add the image

## Split the sky away

31. Use the **Magic Wand** to select the **sky** section of the **Background layer**

32. Click **Select > Inverse** to swap the selection to the sea and tree

33. **Layer > New > Layer via Copy** – and then arrange the **layer stack**