

1. **Photoshop:Using masks**
If you want your Layer mask to have clean sharp edges, add a Vector mask instead. To do this, hold down Alt, while clicking on the 'Add a Mask' button, at the bottom of the Layers palette. Mask a Layer, or set of Layers with Layer Masks already attached, by adding them to a Layer set, and adding a Mask to that set. To quickly and easily copy your Layer Mask, in the Layers palette, just click on the Layer you want the mask copied to, then click directly on the Layer Mask you want copied, and drag it down to the Layers Mask icon, at the palette's bottom.

2. **Photoshop:View text at 100 per cent:**
No matter what your current zoom level is, to view your image at 100 per cent, just double-click on the Zoom Tool icon.

3. **Photoshop:Advanced blending**
Double-click on your layer to bring up the Advanced Blending Options. When using the two slider bars at the bottom, press the Alt key while dragging one of the sliders, and it will split into two, giving you even more control.

4. **Photoshop:Toolbox shrinking trick**
This is a simple trick, but always useful; shrink your toolbox without closing it, by just double-clicking on the top of the toolbox (above the graphic).

5. **Photoshop:Better background eraser**
To make the Background Eraser Tool more useful, lower the Tolerance to 20, and pick a large hard-edged brush in the Brushes Palette. Using the Pen tool, draw an approximate path around your object. Under the Paths Palette, choose Stroke Path, and under Tool, choose Background Eraser, and click OK.

6. **Photoshop:Lasso Tool and Navigation:**
When using the Lasso tool, you can still resort to many of your navigation tools without stopping your selection. Holding the spacebar will change to the Hand tool, Ctrl - + and - still work to zoom in and out