



Adobe Photoshop Elements (Mac) cheat sheet

Tool selection

Shift	(press keyboard shortcut (preference setting, Use Shift Key for Tool Switch, must be enabled)) Cycle through tools that have the same keyboard shortcut
Option + Left click	(click on a tool) Cycle through nested tools
V	Move tool
Z	Zoom tool
H	Hand tool
I	Eyedropper tool
M	Rectangular Marquee tool
M	Elliptical Marquee tool
L	Lasso tool
L	Magnetic Lasso tool
L	Polygonal Lasso tool
A	Magic Wand tool
A	Selection Brush tool
A	Quick Selection tool
A	Refined Selection tool
A	Auto Selection tool
T	Horizontal Type tool
T	Vertical Type tool
T	Horizontal Type Mask tool
T	Vertical Type Mask tool
T	Text on Selection
T	Text on Shape
T	Text on Path
C	Crop tool
C	Perspective Crop
C	Cookie Cutter tool
W	Recompose tool
P	Straighten tool
Y	Eye tool
J	Spot Healing Brush tool
J	Healing Brush tool
S	Clone Stamp tool
S	Pattern Stamp tool

E	Eraser tool
E	Background Eraser tool
E	Magic Eraser tool
N	Pencil tool
B	Brush tool
B	Impressionist Brush
B	Color Replacement tool
F	Smart Brush tool
F	Detail Smart Brush tool
K	Paint Bucket tool
G	Gradient tool
U	Custom Shape tool
U	Rectangle tool
U	Rounded Rectangle tool
U	Ellipse tool
U	Polygon tool
U	Star tool
U	Line tool
U	Shape Selection tool
R	Blur tool
R	Sharpen tool
R	Smudge tool
O	Sponge tool
O	Dodge tool
O	Burn tool
Tab	Show/Hide all panels
D	Default foreground and background colors
X	Switch foreground and background colors

Layers panel

Option + Left click	(click New button) Set layer options
Option + Left click	(click Trash button) Delete without confirmation
Shift + Enter	Apply value and keep text box active
Cmd + Left click	(click layer thumbnail) Load layer transparency as a selection
Cmd + Shift + Left	(click layer thumbnail) Add to

click	current selection
Cmd + Option + Left click	(click layer thumbnail) Subtract from current selection
Cmd + Shift + Option + Left click	(click layer thumbnail) Intersect with current selection
Cmd + Shift + E	Merge visible layers
Option + Left click	(click New Layer button) Create new empty layer with dialog
Cmd + Left click	(click New Layer button) Create new layer below target layer
Option + . or Option + ,	Activate bottom/top layer
Option + [or Option +]	Select next layer down/up
Cmd + [or Cmd +]	Move target layer down/up
Cmd + Shift + Option + E	Merge a copy of all visible layers into target layer
Cmd + E	Merge down
Option	(use Merge Down command from the panel pop-up menu) Copy current layer to layer below
Option	(use Merge Visible command from the panel pop-up menu) Copy all visible layers to active layer
Option + Left click	(click the eye icon) Show/hide all other currently visible layers
/	Toggle lock transparency for target layer, or last applied lock
Double click	(double click the text layer thumbnail) Select all text; temporarily select Type tool
Option + Left click	(click the line dividing two layers) Create a clipping mask
Double click	(Double-click the layer name) Rename layer
Shift + Option + [or Shift + Option +]	Add to layer selection in Layers panel
Alt + Left click + Move the mouse	(drag layer mask) Copy the mask from one layer to another, and ask to replace if the mask is already present

Using text

Cmd + Left click + Move the mouse	(drag type when Type layer is selected) Move type in image
Shift + Arrow keys or Cmd + Shift + Arrow keys	Select 1 character left/right or 1 line down/up, or 1 word left/right
Shift + Left click	Select characters from insertion point to mouse click point
Arrow keys or Cmd + Left arrow / Right arrow	Move 1 character left/right, 1 line down/up, or 1 word left/right
Double click	Select word
Click three times (rapidly)	Select line
Double click then Double click	Select paragraph
Cmd + Left click + Move the mouse	(drag a bounding box handle) Scale and skew text within a bounding box when resizing the bounding box
Cmd + Shift + L	(when Horizontal Type tool or Horizontal Type Mask tool selected) Align left
Cmd + Shift + C	(when Horizontal Type tool or Horizontal Type Mask tool selected) Align center
Cmd + Shift + R	(when Horizontal Type tool or Horizontal Type Mask tool selected) Align right
Cmd + Shift + L	(when Vertical Type tool or Vertical Type Mask tool selected) Align top
Cmd + Shift + C	(when Vertical Type tool or Vertical Type Mask tool selected) Align center
Cmd + Shift + R	(when Vertical Type tool or Vertical Type Mask tool selected) Align bottom
Cmd + Shift + Y	Return to default font style
Cmd + Shift + U	Turn Underlining on/off
Cmd + Shift + /	Turn Strikethrough on/off
Cmd + Shift + <	Decrease type size of selected text 1 pt/px
Cmd + Shift + >	Increase type size of selected text 1 pt/px

Selecting and moving objects

Cmd + D	Deselect a selection
Space + Left click + Move the mouse	Reposition marquee while selecting
Shift + Left click + Move the mouse or Option + Left click + Move the mouse	(on any selection tool) Add to or subtract from a selection
Shift + Option + Left click + Move the mouse	(on any selection tool except Quick Selection tool and Selection Brush tool) Intersect a selection
Shift + Left click + Move the mouse	Constrain marquee to square or circle (if no other selections are active)
Option + Left click + Move the mouse	Draw marquee from center (if no other selections are active)
Shift + Option + Left click + Move the mouse	Constrain shape and draw marquee from center
Cmd	(except when Hand or any shape tool is selected) Switch to Move tool
Option + Left click + Move the mouse	Switch from Magnetic Lasso tool to Polygonal Lasso tool
Del	Delete last anchor point for Magnetic or Polygonal Lasso tool
Enter or Esc	Apply an operation of the Magnetic Lasso tool
Option + Left click + Move the mouse	(when move tool selected, Option + drag selection) Move copy of selection
Arrow keys	(on any selection) Move selection area 1 pixel
Arrow keys	(move tool) Move selection 1 pixel
Cmd + Arrow keys	Move layer 1 pixel when nothing selected on layer
[	(Magnetic Lasso tool) Increase detection width
]	(Magnetic Lasso tool) Decrease detection width
Enter or Esc	(crop tool) Accept cropping or

exit cropping

/ Toggle crop shield off and on

Painting and brushes

Option	(on any painting tool or shape tool, except Impressionist Brush) Switch to Eyedropper tool
Option + Left click	(on Eyedropper tool) Select background color
[0 - 9]	(on any painting or editing tool. When airbrush option is enabled, use Shift + number keys) Set opacity, tolerance, or exposure for painting
Shift + + or Shift + -	Cycle through blending modes
Option + Backspace or Cmd + Backspace	Fill selection/layer with foreground or background color
Shift + Backspace	Display Fill dialog box
/	Lock transparent pixels on/off
Shift + Left click	(on any painting tool) Connect points with a straight line (draw a straight line)
Option + Left click	(click on a brush) Delete brush
[	Decrease brush size
]	Increase brush size
Shift + [	Decrease brush softness/hardness in 25% increments
Shift +]	Increase brush softness/hardness in 25% increments
,	Select previous brush size
.	Select next brush size
Shift + ,	Select first brush
Shift + .	Select last brush
Caps Lock	Display precise crosshair for brushes

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