




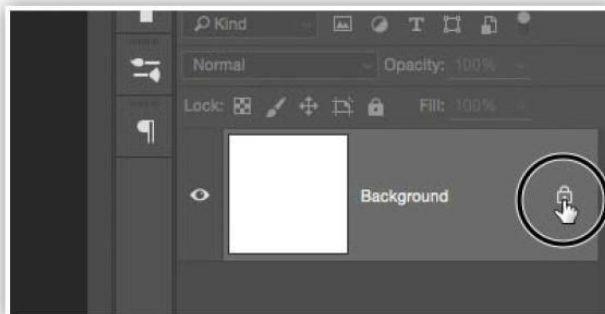
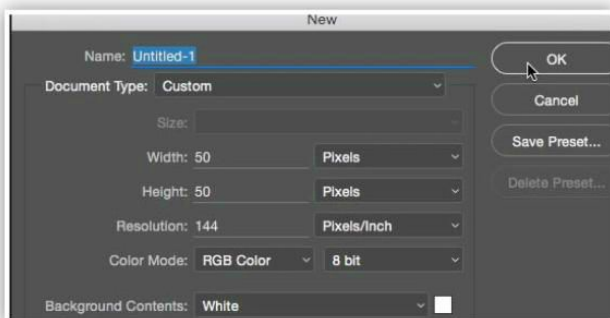
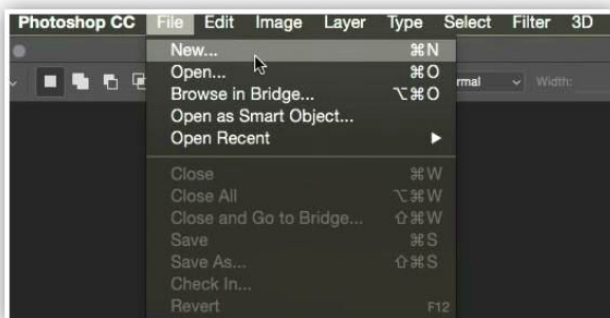
Lego Portraits

An unusual and fun way to enhance a portrait

It's a safe bet that most people have had an encounter with Lego or by a few degrees of separation, knows someone who has. Lego is the popular construction toy, consisting of coloured interlocking plastic bricks for building just about anything you care to mention. With that as our inspiration, we are going to create a portrait that looks like it was made out of Lego bricks.

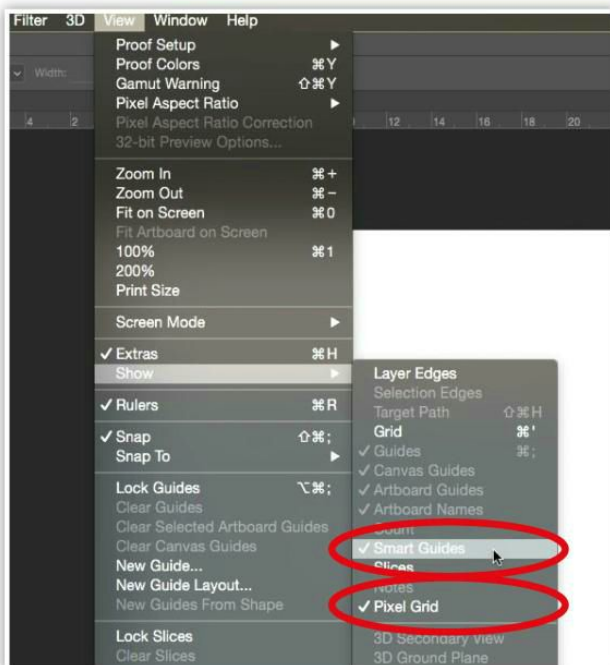

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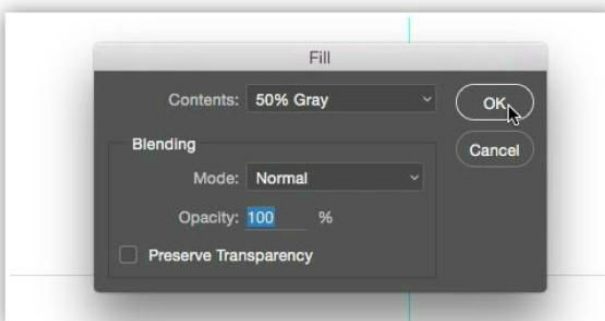


01 First, we are going to make a basic Lego-shaped pattern. Go to your File menu and select New (Cmd + N) and make a new document that is 50 pixels wide x 50 pixels high. Click OK when you are ready and the document will be created.

02 The document is very small but if you press Cmd + 0, it will fill the screen with the document so you can view it with greater ease. If you also click the lock icon on the Background layer, you can release it and use it as Layer 0.



03 To help you work accurately, especially at large magnifications like this, make sure you go to View > Show > Smart Guides and also Pixel Grid in the same menu. You can even drag in two guidelines from the rulers to show you where dead centre is.



04 The first step is to go to Edit > Fill (Shift + F5) and choose 50 per cent Grey as your fill colour. This will be the base of our Lego brick. The other Fill default settings can be left as they are. Click OK when you're ready to continue to the next step.