

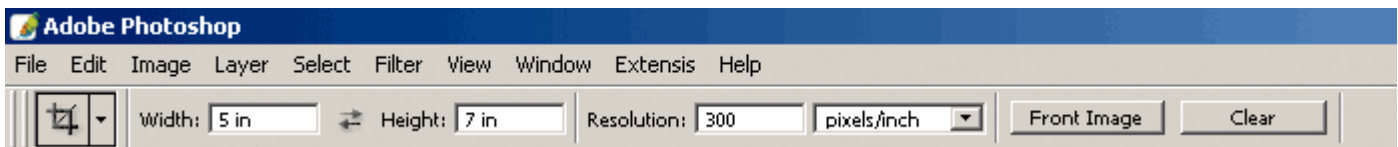
CROP TOOL TIPS

To Cancel a Crop, Press the "Escape" Key. To commit a crop, press enter/return or double click inside the image.

TIP #1 – **CROP TO SPECIFIC SIZES** – fixed frames sizes for example

1. Open an image that you want to crop. Click on the Crop Tool and look to the top tool bar for the Crop Tool Options. Set the width and height (**with either "in" for inches or "px" for pixels**) and the resolution you need.

NOTE: With Photoshop CS, you can reverse the numbers easily by clicking the arrows between the numbers.



2. **CLICK/HOLD and DRAG** out the area you want in your image. You do NOT need to get it right the first time!

Once you see your "bounding box", you can reposition the "handles" to anywhere you want. The result will always be constrained to the size and resolution you indicated. Remember, though, that if you make the area really small, you will be "upsizing" the image considerably and will probably lose quality.

This method of cropping uses "Bicubic" for the interpolation. Bicubic does a great job if the crop is not too extreme.

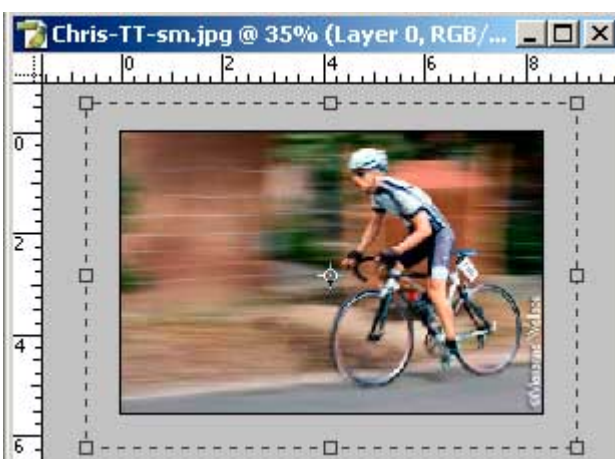
TIP #2 – **Use Dimensions of One Image to Crop another**

1. Open an image with the desired Width, Height and Resolution.
2. Click on the Crop Tool and click on "Front Image" on the Options Bar – this will enter the dimensions and resolution of this image in the Options Bar.
3. Use the crop tool on another image and the dimensions will be exactly that of the first one.

TIP #3 – **Use the Crop tool to add Canvas to your image** – Use to add a QUICK frame!

1. It's helpful to bring up Rulers. Press Control/Command "R".
2. Drag out the amount you want to add on each edge of your image.
3. Press Enter/Return or double click inside your image. The area **will fill with your background color**.

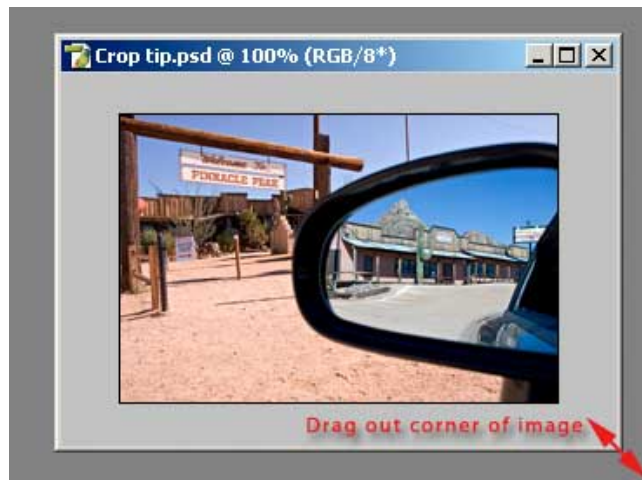
Be SURE to click "**CLEAR**" on the Option Bar when done or EVERY crop you perform from then on will use these numbers!



NOTE: If you want the added area to be transparent (so you can add Layer Styles to your image), you will need to change the background to a Layer first. Just double click the Layer and name it if you want. It is now a Layer. Follow the steps above to add canvas and then add a blank layer UNDER the image layer and fill it with any color you want. Click back on the image layer and add a drop shadow or other styles if desired.

TIP #4 Straighten Horizon and Crop all in one step

1. Open an image that needs straightening. Drag out the corner of the image box so you can see some gray workspace around it.

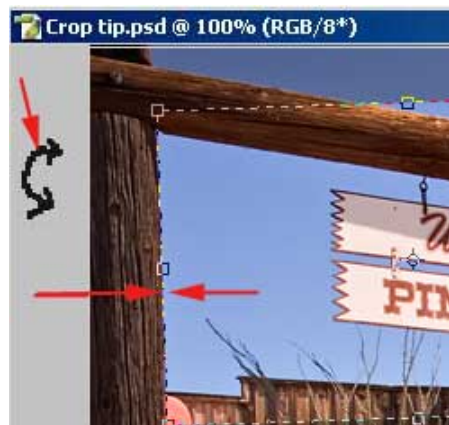


2. Click the crop tool and drag out any sized crop in your image. Don't worry about how it looks since you will be moving every boundary line anyway. You should now have a "bounding box" in or around your image.

Locate the horizon or any edge you know should be straight. Drag one of the boundary lines close to this edge. In my case, I'm using the pole on the left as a reference. I'll drag the left boundary line close to it.



3. Move your cursor outside the image (into the gray area) or anywhere you can see the cursor change to a "curved double arrow" (similar to the picture below). Click/Hold and then drag either up or down until the edge of the boundary box is lined up with the straight edge in your image. If this were a horizon, you'd drag the top boundary line from the top and position it close to the horizon.



- Once you have a boundary line matched up to what should be a straight edge in your image, you might need to drag the line a little closer to the edge you're trying to straighten. Then repeat step 3 until the boundary line and edge are perfectly lined up.

When done, drag out all the boundary box lines to the edges of the image or to where you would like to crop your image. Note that your crop outline will be angled similar to the screenshot below.

NOTE: If you're having trouble controlling the boundary line as you get close to the edges, hold your Control/Command key and drag again. This will turn off the "snap to" feature.



- To commit the crop, you have a few options. A. Click the Check Mark on the Options bar. b. Press Enter/Return. c. Double click inside the image. Here's a before an after.

In my image, the rotation was minimal. You can see it best at the base of the left pole and fence post.



Before



After