

ART209: Digital Art & Design
Adobe Photoshop — Lesson 1

1. Create a new document.
 - a. File > New...
2. Set the document size to:
 - a. 8.5" wide
 - b. 11" tall
 - c. 150 ppi
 - d. RGB color
3. Open the file entitled "01_Clouds.jpg".
4. Drag the "Clouds" image onto the blank canvas of the new file with the Move tool (V).
5. Rename the layer "Clouds."
6. Resize and rotate the "Clouds" image as desired, using the Free Transform tool.
 - a. Edit > Free Transform (Ctrl + T)
7. Close "01_Clouds.jpg." Be careful not to close your new, working file.
8. Open the file entitled "02_Hands.jpg"
9. Unlock the layer from its background by double-clicking on the "Background Layer" in the Layers Panel.
10. Select the white pixel content surrounding the hands with the Magic Wand tool (W) — be sure to get even the small white space between the hands.
11. Delete the white background selection with the delete (backspace) key.
12. Resize "02_Hands" artwork to 8.5" wide (x corresponding height) @ 150 ppi.
13. Drag the "02_Hands" image onto your new file canvas and rename the layer "Hands."
14. Close "02_Hands.jpg."
15. Save your working file to a location on your computer desktop. Title it "YourLastName_Lesson01.psd" (replace "YourLastName" with your actual last name).
16. Open the file entitled "03_Butterflies.jpg".
17. Use a Marquee selection tool to select a single butterfly to copy.
18. Make a copy of the selection.
 - a. Edit > Copy (Ctrl + C)
19. Create a new Photoshop document.
 - a. File > New (Ctrl + N)
20. Paste in the copied image data.
 - a. Edit > Paste (Ctrl + V)
21. As with the "02_Hands" image, select the white pixel content surrounding the butterfly image with the Magic Wand tool (W).
22. Delete the white background selection with the delete (backspace) key.
23. De-select the image (Ctrl + D)
24. Drag the "butterfly" art to your new file canvas and rename the layer "Butterfly 01."

25. Close "03_Butterflies.jpg."
26. Resize and reposition the butterfly with the Free Transform tool.
 - a. Edit > Free Transform (Ctrl + T)
27. Save your file.
 - a. File > Save (Ctrl + S)
28. Make a duplicate of the "Hands" layer by dragging the layer to the "Create a New Layer" icon at the bottom of the Layers panel.
29. Make a duplicate layer of the "Clouds" layer by right-clicking on the layer and selecting "Duplicate Layer..."
30. Desaturate both the "Hands" and "Clouds" layers.
 - a. Image > Adjustments > Desaturate
31. Change the Opacity of the "Hands copy" layer to 35% using the Opacity slider at the top-right corner of the Layers panel.
32. Change the Blending Mode of the "Clouds copy" layer to "Color" using the Blending Mode drop-down menu at the top-left corner of the Layers panel.
33. Add a white-to-black linear gradient to a new layer on top of the "hands" and "clouds" layers.
34. Apply a MULTIPLY layer blending mode, and adjust the opacity to 35%.
35. Create duplicate layers from the "butterfly" layer (3-4).
36. Resize and reposition the new "butterfly" images as desired.
37. Recolor the new "butterfly" images as desired – OR – merge the "butterfly" layers together, desaturate the color, and create a full spectrum color gradient from the selection as a new layer.
38. Apply a COLOR layer blending mode to the new gradient, adjust opacity to 90%.
39. Create a duplicate layer of the grayscale "butterfly" layer, and bring it to the front – then apply the SOFT LIGHT layer blending mode.
40. Add a drop shadow to the background "butterfly" layer, and apply the MULTIPLY layer blending mode.
41. Defringe the "hands" artwork – Layer > Matting > Defringe > 1 pixel
42. Add a drop shadow and outer glow to the "hands" artwork.