

Desk Layer Activity

Step-by-Step Instructions Using Photoshop

1. Reset all tools.
2. Open desk.jpg.
3. Unlock and Re-name Background layer as desk.
4. Open the textbook image, move textbook onto desk image.
5. Use a selection tool to select the textbook, use quick mask to make selection clean.
6. Use Layer Mask to hide areas so that only the textbook will show, paint with black or white to clean up your image.
7. Re-name new layer as textbook.
8. Save your new desk with textbook document as lastname+firstname+desk as a psd file.
9. Open notebook image, move notebook onto desk image.
10. Use a selection tool to select the notebook, use quick mask to make selection clean, get rid of any white areas on notebook.
11. Use Layer Mask to hide areas so that only the clean notebook will show, paint with black or white to clean up your image.
12. Re-name layer as notebook.
13. Ctrl S to save. (Always save after every permanent change!)
14. Repeat steps 9 through 12 for all other images (pencil, iPhone, calculator, etc...) and place each item so all items are visible. **Everything on your desk should touch!**
15. Look over all layers. If you need to clean up any edges to get rid of any white around any layers (ex. notebook), use layer mask thumbnail to clean up the edges.
16. Add something new to the desk to give your design a well-rounded look.

Reminders:

- To alter anything about a layer, that layer must be selected. To select a layer, click on it in the layer palette.
- The layer is active when it is highlighted in the layers palette and there is a double frame around the image on the layer.
- To rearrange the order of layers, click on layer in layers palette and drag up or down in the palette.
- Click on eyeball to hide layers.
- To link layers, hold shift or ctrl and click on the layers you want to link. Then the layers will be temporarily locked together so they will move with each other.
- To delete a layer drag it to the trash can icon on layers palette.
- To alter Background Layer, double click and rename.