

Pixelstyle Photo Editor

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USER'S MANUAL

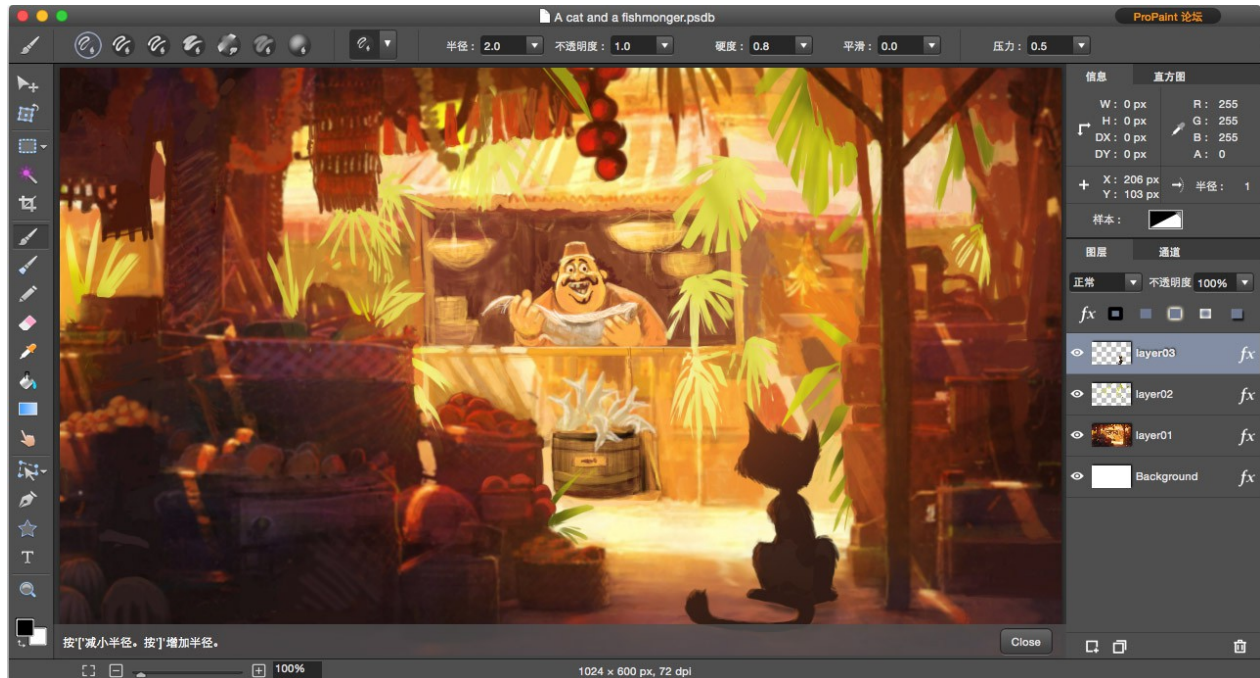
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1 WELCOME TO PIXELSTYLE PHOTO EDITOR



PixelStyle Photo Editor is an all-in-one Mac Photo Editor with a huge range of high-end filters: lighting, blurs, distortions, tilt-shift, shadows, glows and so forth. PixelStyle Photo Editor for Mac endows full-featured graphic design tools and powerful image editing tools for all professional photographers and hobbyists.

With this tutorial, we will show you how to edit your photos and design graphics on Mac using PixelStyle Photo Editor. The latest Mac version can be found on [the product page](#) and you may download for trial.

GETTING STARTED - NEW USERS

1. See [Install and Uninstall](#) to know how to quickly install and easily uninstall your copy of PixelStyle Photo Editor.
2. See [Registration](#) to know how to register for full version.
3. See [Quickly Start Tutorial](#) to quickly start your new experience in PixelStyle Photo Editor.

GETTING STARTED - OLD USERS

1. See [Frequent Asked Questions](#) to find solutions or answers to your questions.
2. See [Tips](#) to acquire more neat tricks on how to get the most out of PixelStyle Photo Editor.

2 INTRODUCTION

This chapter gives a brief introduction to the features, advantages and update history of PixelStyle Photo Editor.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. See [Registration](#) to know how to register for full version.
2. See [Quickly Start Tutorial](#) to quickly start your new experience in PixelStyle Photo Editor.

LEARNING MORE

1. See [Frequent Asked Questions](#) to find solutions or answers to your questions.
2. See [Tips](#) to acquire more neat tricks on how to get the most out of PixelStyle Photo Editor.
3. See [Work Area Overview](#) to familiar with the interface of PixelStyle Photo Editor.

2.1 WHY CHOOSE PIXELSTYLE PHOTO EDITOR

1. Easier: Including all the essential tools needed for basic and professional photo editing, PixelStyle Photo Editor is designed easy for both novice and professionals. You will find all tools at your hand and start your work in five to ten minutes after first try.
2. Faster and smoother: Taking full advantages of the latest OS X technologies and unique smart processing engine, PixelStyle Photo Editor occupies less disk and memory space, also runs faster and smoother.
3. More inspiring: PixelStyle includes more than 100 exquisite drawing brushes for oil painting, sketch, texture painting and more to bring your creativity into full play.
4. Best-in-class Photo Noise Reduction: Reduces low light and high ISO noise.
5. Comprehensive RAW Editing: Smart RAW processing engine.
6. Handy Geometric Drawing and Editing: PixelStyle supports a variety of geometric drawing tools, such as: straight lines, rectangles, circles, ellipses, polygons, stars, clockwise spiral and much more.

2.2 UPDATE HISTORY

V3.5.1 (11/10/2016)

- 1.App stability improvement.

V3.3.5 (10/11/2016)

- 1.Optimized for MacOS Sierra.
- 2.Optimization of free vector transform function.
- 3.Automatically select layer(s).
- 4.Auto-reduction of displaying images once opened.
- 5.Automatically enter transformation mode after dragging or importing images.
- 6.Enable moving layer(s) directly once the transformation is set.
- 7.The app has been localized to Chinese.

V3.3.2 (09/22/2016)

- 1.Drag and drop an image to PixelStyle from a web browser.
- 2.Drawing anywhere beyond the original size of the layer.
- 3.Keep aspect ratio while making scale transform.
- 4.Adding eight direction cursors for the rotation transform tool.
- 5.Soft the check board image for background.
- 6.Can now click a tool item directly after clicking a group of tool items.
- 7.Improve the robust of the rendering engine.
- 8.Remove a crash bug for the shape tool.
- 9.Remove a bug for clicking to show layer or hide.

V3.3.0 (09/16/2016)

- 1.Support Chinese version.

V3.2.0 (09/12/2016)

- 1.Deleting points is allowed when drawing with the pen tool.
- 2.A layer can be filled with transparent color.
- 3.Fix a bug that the name of text layer is displayed falsely.
- 4.The angle can be changed when shapes are filled with gradient colors.
- 5.The background auto save feature is available.
- 6.More shortcuts are supported.
- 7.Many minor bugs are fixed.

V3.0.5 (06/06/2016)

1. Optimize the display of cursors.
2. Add some shortcuts.
3. Remove some bugs.

V2.9.5 (05/25/2016)

1. Several effects of 'fx' layer style support multi-color processing with a variety of style including linear, radial, burst, etc.
2. Replace the area that is cut with transparent color.
3. Replace the erased area with transparent color.
4. Fix a bug where the function of undo can not work when using the eraser tool.
5. Fix a problem where the selection doesn't change following the image when using the transform tool.
6. Fix a bug that the revert can't work correctly sometimes.
7. Fix a bug when the app starts.
8. Fix a problem when you apply the amazing effect to the current layer directly.
9. Fix other minor bugs.

V2.9.2 (05/10/2016)

1. Automatic alignment mechanism: moving the layer up and down close to other layers or image canvas edge, the layers align automatically.
2. You can now drag and drop images from other documents into PixelStyle's current document.
3. When you are moving the layers, the selections will move as well.
4. Fixed a bug where the tool could not be selected directly after you have done some transform for the selected layers.
5. Fixed a problem where selections weren't scaled correctly sometimes.
6. Fixed a bug where the channel can't work correctly sometimes.
7. Fixed a problem when you switch back from the channel view.
8. Fixed a problem where you can't redraw a selection in the add/subtract mode.
9. Fix some other small bugs.

V2.9.0 (04/29/2016)

1. Converting Text into Bézier Shapes: You can modify the text with the anchor points and control handles.
2. Sumdige tool: the tool is used to smear paint. It takes a color from where you start clicking and smears it into other colors of your image as you drag your cursor. This is useful for removing flaws from photos.
3. Burn tool: darkens pixels where you paint. This is great if you want to darken certain areas of your image. The tool has an exposure option which controls how intense the effect is.

4.Dodge tool: lightens pixels where you paint. The dodge tool works in the same way as the burn tool, only it lightens the pixels, rather than darkens them.

5.Sponge tool: saturates or desaturates the pixels where you paint. You can use the tool to paint in localized adjustments that will modify the saturation of an image. It has two modes: desaturate and saturate. Desaturate mode dulls the colors, turning them gray. Saturate mode intensifies the color, making them brighter. The pressure option controls how strong the effect is applied.

V2.8.0 (04/25/2016)

- 1.Copy the selected shapes.
- 2.Red eye remove tool: reduce the effect of red eye caused by your camera flash.
- 3.Basic SVG support! You can now import SVG files.
- 4.Beautify the UI of toolbar.
- 5.Fix some other small bugs.

V2.7.0 (04/12/2016)

- 1.Add anchor points: add more points to the shapes.
- 2.Delete anchor points.
- 3.Reset control Points: Click curve point to change to corner point, Click converts back to curve point.
- 4.Beautify the UI of toolbar.
- 5.fix a problem in copying the text layer.
- 6.Fix a bug where the text distortion effects disappear when you open the project file.
- 7.Fix a potential crasher when use the brush tool after rasterizing the vector layers.
- 8.Fix some other small bugs.

V2.6.0 (04/05/2016)

- 1.Pen tool: the pen tool is a shape tool used to create vector shapes by clicking.
- 2.Freeform pen tool: the tool is a shape tool used to create custom vector shapes. The path is not closed.
- 3.Closed freeform pen tool: create custom closed vector shapes.
- 4.Path eraser tool: eraser the vector shapes.
- 5.Basic SVG support! You can now export documents and shape layers as simple SVG files. SGA: This is a pure vector export- any bitmap operations like layer filters or masks are ignored for SVG export.
- 6.Do some transform for selected shapes.
- 7.Fix a bug in transforming the vector layers after the layers moved.
- 8.Fix some other small bugs.

V2.5.0 (03/28/2016)

- 1.Smart Filters:
 - 1.1 Flatten Image: You can apply the amazing effect to the current layer directly.

1.2 Beautify the UI of smart filters.

1.3 Add more filters.

2.Vector tool:

2.1 Apply transformations to the vector layer, such as rotate, scale, skew and perspective transformation of the entire layer.

2.2 You can change the mode for the selected path. It provides multiple interactions: unite paths, intersect paths, subtract from paths, exclude paths and much more.

2.3 Choose one or more shapes, then you can do some action for them together.

2.4 Adjust the setting for the selected shapes.

2.5 Drag the selected shapes.

2.6 Align the selected shapes.

2.7 Arrange the selected shapes.

2.8 Draw multiple shapes in a layer.

3.Fixed a bug that the displayed image scaling factor is different from the actual scale.

4.Fixed a bug that the position of vector sharps will go wrong after the vector layer has been moved.

5.Automatically update the thumbnail when users have finished drawing the shapes.

6.Fixed a potential crash when refreshing.

V2.4.0 (03/14/2016)

1.Smart Filters:

Add some powerful smart filters, which contains hue, saturation, brightness, contrast adjustment and much more. All of these filters are non-destructive and easy to use. Merge layer styles and smart filters into one beautiful UI so as to create more amazing effects. You can always change your mind later on.

2.Fix a bug where the undo action would not work correctly after you had done some redo actions.

3.Fix a bug in saving layer settings.

4.Fix a problem where the rectangle selection tool would not work correctly in new selection mode.

5.Fix a potential crash when being scaled quickly.

V2.3.0 (03/07/2016)

1.Geometric drawing tools.

Supports a variety of geometric drawing tools, such as: straight lines, rectangles, circles, ellipses, polygons, stars, clockwise spiral and much more. Some of these shapes can be adjusted. The default setting is vector drawing, which can be converted to raster. Each geometric tool will support fill, stroke, lights effect settings. What's more, you can also change the settings of line type.

2.Fix a potential crasher when click the inverse item of the select menu after having done the select all action.

3.Fix a bug where the transform tool would not rotate correctly.

4.Fix an issue where the rectangle selection tool would sometimes copy the current layer.

5.Fix some other small bugs.

V2.2.5 (02/29/2016)

- 1.Add the link to enter the PixelStyle easily.
- 2.Add the function of checking/prompting the Latest version.
- 3.Remove some bugs.

V2.2.0 (01/27/2016) (First release)

- 1.Professional Image Processing for Mac.
- 2.Top Mac Drawing Tools.
- 3.Powerful Layer Capabilities on Mac.
- 4.Excellent Mac Font Design Tool.
- 5.Designed exclusively for Mac.

2.3 ABOUT THE TRIAL

19.1MB in size, the trial version is a shareware that has a limitation on exporting your works. Get [the trial version](#) here.

Go our [official website](#) to get [full version](#) now!

2.4 SUPPORTED LANGUAGES

English, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese.

3 INSTALL AND UNINSTALL

This section guides you to quickly install, Register and Uninstall your copy of PixelStyle Photo Editor. Please note:

Before installation, you may turn to System Requirements to see whether this App can be compatible with your Mac system;

Quickly install PixelStyle Photo Editor on your Mac by following the guides for installation; According to uninstall guides, you may easily delete your copy of PixelStyle Photo Editor in your computer.

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3.1 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Applicable system: OS X 10.8, 10.9, 10.10, 10.11, 10.12, iMac, MacBook Mini, MacBook Air, MacBook Pro, Yosemite, Mavericks, El Capitan, MacOS Sierra.

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3.2 HOW TO INSTALL

The latest version is available [here](#).

Step 1. To install PixelStyle Photo Editor, double-click the disk image.



PixelStyle-Photo-
Editor-Mac.dmg

If it doesn't open automatically, right-click to open it, then follow the onscreen instructions.



Step 2. Drag and drop to install.



If you get a warning dialog about installing an app from an unidentified developer, it doesn't necessarily mean that something's wrong with the app. Maybe it was written before developer ID registration began or has not been reviewed by Apple. Anyway, we ensure 100% security of PixelStyle Photo Editor.

To open in a safe approach:

1. In the Finder, locate the app you want to open.

Don't use Launchpad to do this. Launchpad doesn't allow you to access the shortcut menu.

2. Press the Control key, then click the app icon, then choose Open from the shortcut menu.

3. Click Open.

PixelStyle Photo Editor is saved as an exception to your security settings, and you can open it in the future by double-clicking it just as you can any other app.


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3.3 HOW TO UNINSTALL

Click the Launchpad icon in the Dock, hold down PixelStyle Photo Editor's icon until all the icons begin to jiggle, then click its delete button . If an icon doesn't have a delete button, it can't be uninstalled in Launchpad.

Try another way to uninstall: In the Finder sidebar, click Applications. [Drag](#) the app from the Applications folder to the Trash (located at the end of the Dock), then choose Finder > Empty Trash.

If you change your mind before emptying the Trash, select the app in the Trash, then choose File > Put Back.

WARNING: When you empty the Trash, the app is permanently removed from your Mac. If you have any files that you created with the app, you may not be able to open them.

If you later want the app, you can reinstall it from [the product page](#).

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4 REGISTRATION

Once you get a registration code for PixelStyle Photo Editor, you may copy and paste the code to the registering window to register after installation:

Registration

Warm Tips


Thank you for using the trial version of PixelStyle.

Notice: "Save" and "Export" are not available in TRIAL version!

Benefits of purchasing PixelStyle :

- Life time license.
- Get free technical support service.
- Get free regular upgrade.

If you want more details or have any question, please feel free to contact us:
market@effectmatrix.com

 Order a license code For "PixelStyle"

Please enter your registration information:

Create a username for PixelStyle

User Name:

License Code:

Copy and paste your received registration code here

Click to verify registration

Enter your name or create a new name to register the program.

5 FUNCTION SUMMARY

This chapter offers you an overview of PixelStyle's functions, tools, unique features and supported languages for you to see what you can do with PixelStyle Photo Editor.

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5.1 MAIN FUNCTIONS

1. Easily Resize Images

PixelStyle gives you sufficient options to easily resize your images by width and height with or without keeping aspect ratio to fit screen, clipboard or paper size.

2. Apply Dazzling Filters

Apply nearly 50 dazzling filters to your images to achieve particular effects: blur, distort, exposure, sharpen, noise reduction, halftone effects...

3. Add Unlimited Layers

PixelStyle has powerful layer capabilities that support unlimited layers and layer groups for you to freely create, duplicate and delete layers – the only limit is your computer's parameters. Placing layers or automatic adding new layers from Finder and browsers are never laggard with hundreds of layers.

4. Flexibly Adjust Layers

With 'Layer' command in the Menu Bar, you are allowed to make precision adjustment of layers. Combined with other tools, you can resize, scale, rotate, skew, trim, condense, expand layers and adjust layer boundaries.

5. Add layer effects

Easily add one or stacked non-destructive layer effects like shadows, fills, inner glow, outer glow, or strokes.

6. Retouch Photos

As a professional photo editor for Mac, PixelStyle has all the essential tools and unique feature to touch up your photos: color and style adjustments, 50 high-end filters, various layer effects and blend modes, which helps you remove red eye, erase unwanted pixels, lighten and darken a certain area, smudge color on an active layer, heal and repair Images, create retro style effect...

7. Edit Texts

Quickly and easily place your text on a half-circle to create logos and other useful text designs. Modify your text with a full set of advanced typography features like kerning, bold, italic, underline, line-through.

8. Crop Images

Select certain aspect ration to accurately cut out the portion you want. Live Information Panel is for your reference to view its width, height and RGBA value of cursor.

9. Sample Color

Use Eyedropper Tool to sample a pixel or a group of pixels as foreground color or background color. You can set to grab color from just the current layers or from all visible layers or from the background.

10. Select Pixels in an Image

PixelStyle adopts advanced algorithm in selecting a specific color range in an image. You can create, add, subtract, intersect, invert selections and set to soften the edge of selections.

11. Flatten Images

Merge or flatten selected or all layers into one after finishing editing all the layers in your image to reduce the file size.

12. Switch Blend Mode Live

Nearly 30 blend modes of different opacity are available for you to achieve unexpected and special effects when working with layers, painting, retouching and fill tools.

13. 4-Channel Editing

Editing of individual channel, including red, green, blue, alpha channel, is supported in PixelStyle to bring you great convenience in determining background transparency and color of a layer.

14. RAW Editing

PixelStyle endows powerful engine and smart algorithm that comprehensively support Raw editing.

15. Geometric Drawing and Editing

PixelStyle supports a variety of geometric drawing tools, such as: straight lines, rectangles, circles, ellipses, polygons, stars, clockwise spiral and much more. All of these shapes can be adjusted, like move, scale, skew and rotate. The default setting is vector drawing, which can be converted to raster. Each geometric tool will support fill, stroke, lights effect settings. What's more, you can also change the settings of line type.

16. Creative drawing

PixelStyle includes more than 100 built-in drawing brushes (pencil, airbrush, watercolor brush, chalk, charcoal, neon pens...) for oil painting, sketch, texture painting, etc. Exquisite brushwork with customized settings are awaiting you to bring your creativity into full play.

17. Create a Gradual Color Shift

With 8 styles of gradient and 2 repeating patterns, Gradient Tool allows you to create a shift from foreground color to background color of different opacity for a wide range of effects.

18. Fill Objects with Color or Texture

Flood an area or all selected areas of similar color with a single color or texture with live preview.

Apart from nearly 60 types of texture, PixelStyle allows to export any selected images as texture.

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5.2 NEW FUNCTIONS

1. Directly Drag Images from a Webpage

Directly drag images from Safari, Google Chrome, other browsers, or other documents and drop to the Document Window. PixelStyle will automatically add a new layer for one image.

2. Support Vector Transformation

Export your vector art to PixelStyle. It helps you to edit and transform with its unique features like path selection, node editor, path eraser and so forth. Finally export to SVG without any loss.

3. Smartly Select Layers

Click on any part of the Document Screen, it will instantly activate the corresponding layer where the image, shape or texts base, which enables faster editing.

4. Automatically Adjust Newly-Added Images to Canvas

PixelStyle is designed to take every detail into consideration. It will give you options whether to adjust newly-added images to canvas, which is useful when you want to set a uniform standard for image size.

5. Export to SVG

Support export to TIFF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, PSDB, JPEG 2000, PDF, SVG. You may save as PSDB to edit them next time.

6. Align Layers Automatically

Automatic alignment mechanism is newly built. When you move the layer up and down close to other layers or image canvas edge, the layers align automatically.

5.3 TOOLS

PixelStyle Photo Editor provides you a wide range of tools enabling you to select, paint, retouch, draw, transform, move, align, crop, sample color, add text and manipulate.

As the most significant panel in PixelStyle, Tools Panel gives you full solutions to edit images and design graphics. Each tool is meticulously designed to bring out your best experience in designing and creating your works.

To use a tool:

Click the tool icon in the Tools panel.

Please note:

When you put cursor on a tool, it will be convex with lighter color; when you click a tool icon, it will be concave with darker color to let you know which tool is active.

Tools	Shortcut	Description
Basic Tools		
Move and Align Tool	V	Used to move and align layers in different manner.
Zoom Tool	Z	Used to magnify and reduce the view of an image.
Transform Tool	Command-T	Used to scale, rotate, skew layers.
Eyedropper Tool	R	Used to sample colors on an image.
Crop Tool	C	Used to trim images.
Text Tool	T	Used to add texts to layers.
Selection Tools		
Rectangular Marquee Tool	M	Used to make rectangular selections.
Elliptical Marquee Tool	M	Used to make elliptical selections.
Lasso Tool	L	Used to make freehand selections.
Polygonal Lasso Tool	L	Used to make straight-edged selections.
Magic Wand Tool	W	Used to select area of the same color.
Painting Tools		
Art Brush Tool	B	Used to create stylized strokes.
Brush Tool	B	Used to paint brush strokes.
Pencil Tool	B	Used to paint sharp-edged strokes.
Retouching Tools		
Eraser Tool	E	Used to erase parts of images.
Smudge Tool	O	Used to smear an area of an image.

Clone Stamp Tool	S	Used to paint with a sample of an image.
Red Eye Remove Tool	R	Used to remove red eyes.
Burn Tool	O	Used to darken certain areas.
Dodge Tool	O	Used to lighten certain areas.
Sponge Tool	O	Used to saturate or desaturate certain areas.
Paint Bucket Tool	G	Used to fill in areas with colors or textures.
Gradient Tool	G	Used to create a shift from foreground color to
Shape Tools	U	
Line Shape		Used to draw lines.
Rectangular Shape		Used to draw rectangular shapes.
Ellipse Shape		Used to draw ellipses.
Star Shape		Used to draw star shapes.
Polygon Shape		Used to draw polygons.
Clockwise Spiral		Used to draw clockwise spiral.
Vector Tools		
Pen Tool	P	Used to create vector shapes.
Freeform Pen Tool		Used to create customized vector shapes.
Closed Freeform Pen Tool		Used to create customized vector shapes with
Path Selection Tool	A	Used to select and move vector shapes.
Path Eraser Tool	E	Used to erase path of vector shapes.
Node Editor Tool	N	Used to edit nodes of vector shapes.

5.4 UNIQUE FEATURES

1. A set of high-end Filters

A set of high-end filters (lighting, blurs, distortions, sharpening, tilt-shift, glows...) to create unique, inspiring artistic works. With PixelStyle's filter panel, adding effects to your images has never been so easy.

2. Professional Photo Adjustments

Adjust exposure, hue, vibrance, white balance, shadows, highlights, brightness, contrast, blackpoint, clarity and much more to expertly make your images look spectacular.

3. Photo Retouching and Correction

Enjoy a simple and elegant collection of full-featured intuitive, professional retouching tools of PixelStyle to quickly delete unwanted objects and retouch photos so they look absolute best.

4. Best-in-class Photo Noise Reduction

Use PixelStyle's best-in-class photo noise reduction technology to reduces low light and high ISO noise, and see the result in real time.

5. Comprehensive RAW Editing

PixelStyle endows powerful RAW processing engine and smart algorithm that comprehensively support Raw editing.

6. Unsurpassed Drawing Tools

More than 100 built-in drawing brushes (pencil, airbrush, watercolor brush, chalk, charcoal, neon pens...) for oil painting, sketch, texture painting. You can create custom brushes and use different brush sizes, shapes, hardness, and blending modes.

7. Powerful Layer Capabilities

Full support for unlimited layers and layer groups. Easily add non-destructive layer effects like shadows, fills, inner glow, outer glow, or strokes. Support over 50 different filter effects and blending mode options along with channel selection and Alpha channel editing features.

8. Excellent Text Design Tools

With PixelStyle' text tool, you can quickly and easily place your text on a half-circle to create logos and other useful text designs with text layer effects like shadows, strokes, inner glow, outer glow, or fills. Convert type layers into raster layers and enjoy a full set of advanced typography features like kerning, bold, italic, underline, line-through and much more.

9. Designed Exclusively for Mac

Takes full advantage of the latest OS X technologies including OpenGL, Grand Central Dispatch and Core Graphics, PixelStyle uses the Touch trackpad to paint with pressure sensitivity and fully optimized for 64-bit and multi-core processors. Also, support regular, retina and multi-monitor set ups.

10. Superb Geometric drawing

PixelStyle supports a variety of geometric drawing tools, such as: straight lines, rectangles, circles, ellipses, polygons, stars, clockwise spiral and much more. All of these shapes can be adjusted, like move, scale, skew and rotate. The default setting is vector drawing, which can be converted to raster. Each geometric tool will support fill, stroke, lights effect settings. What's more, you can also change the settings of line type.

5.5 SUPPORTED FILE FORMATS

1. Import

PNG, TIFF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, PSDB, PDF, SVG, JPEG 2000, CR2, NEF and more.

2. Export

TIFF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, PSDB, JPEG 2000, PDF, SVG.

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6 QUICK START TUTORIALS

This Chapter guides you to quickly start your work with PixelStyle Photo editor for Mac. You are able to know how to create a new document, make selections, paint, draw shapes, add text, save or export you work, as well as resizing, retouching, transforming your images.

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6.1 HOW TO CREATE OR OPEN IMAGES?

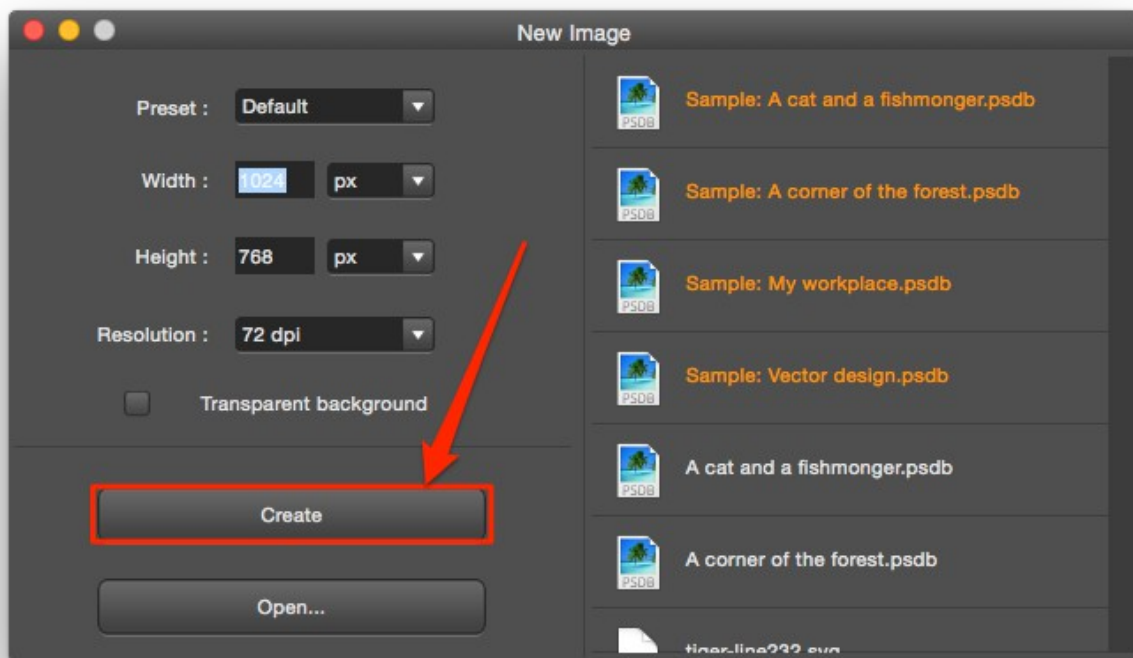
6.1.1 HOW TO CREATE A NEW IMAGE?

To start working in PixelStyle, first create a new document.

Step 1. Double click to open PixelStyle Photo Editor in Applications or Launchpad or on desktop.



Step 2. Choose the new document preset, transparency of background or type the width, height, and resolution for the document when the “New Image” dialog appears. Then click “Create” to begin working on the new document.



PLEASE NOTE:

1. Choose the measurement units in the “Width” and “Height” drop-down menus to specify an image width or height in pixels, inches, or centimeters.



2. Four document preset options are Default (1024px * 768px), Clipboard (1024px * 768px), Screen size (1366px * 768px) and Paper size (US letter, 6.5in * 8.5in).



6.1.2 HOW TO OPEN AN IMAGE?

When using PixelStyle, you can open images in different file formats, including PNG, TIFF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, PSD, PDF, SVG, JPEG 2000, CR2, NEF and more. The following part separately describes how to open an image as a new document or an addition to current document:

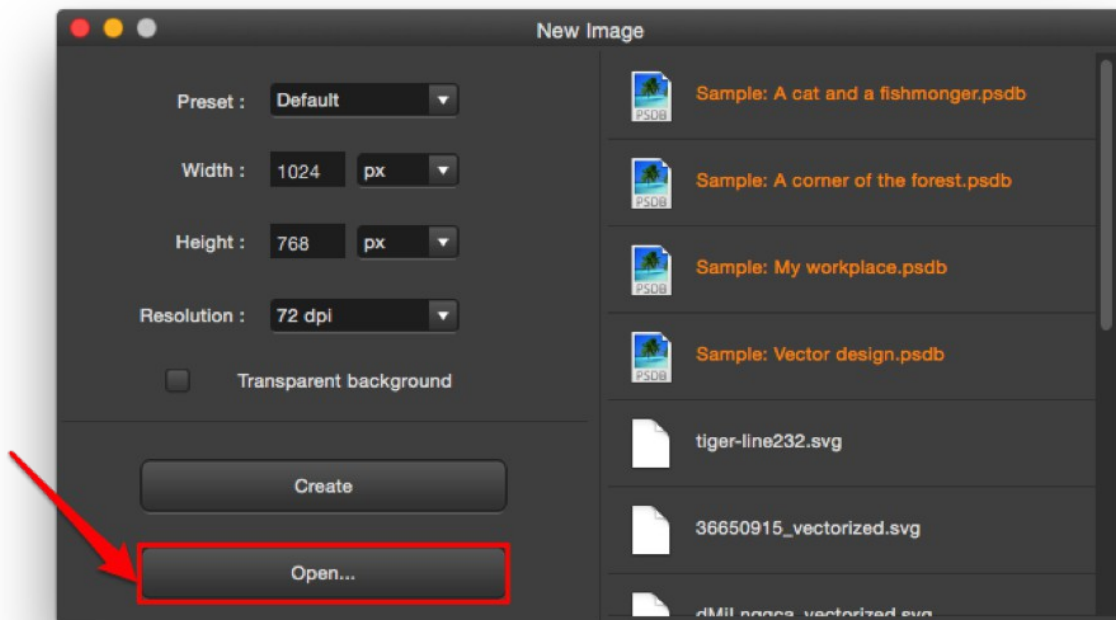
1. To Open an image as a new document, please do one of the following.

(1) Open in “New Image” dialog

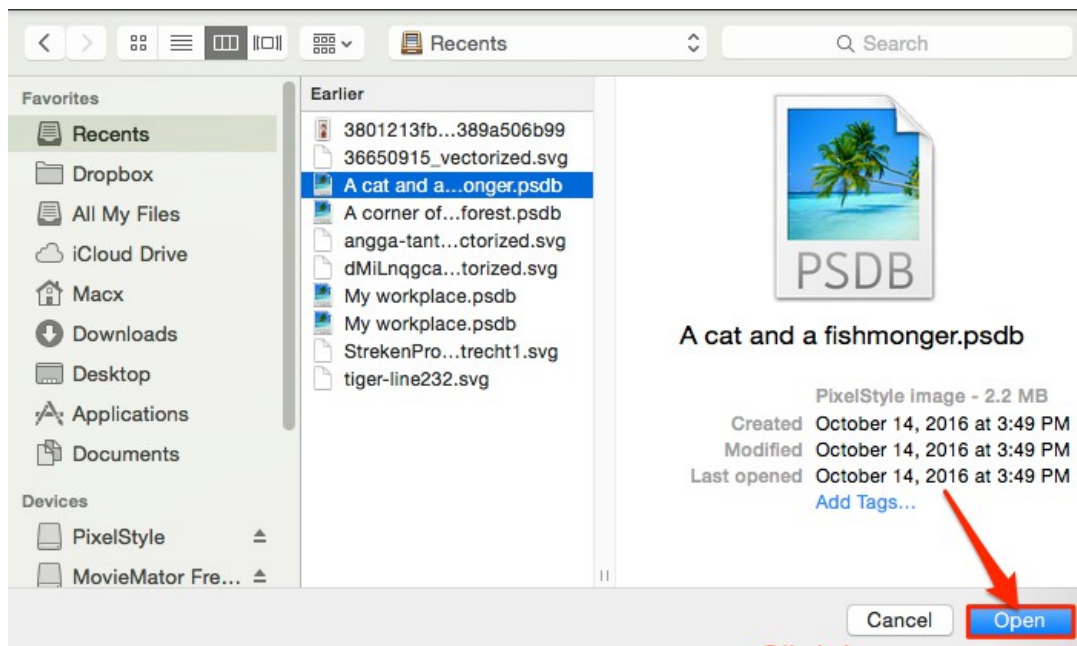
Step 1. Double click to open PixelStyle Photo Editor in Applications or Launchpad or on desktop.



Step 2. Click “Open...” to open an image or a recently used document.



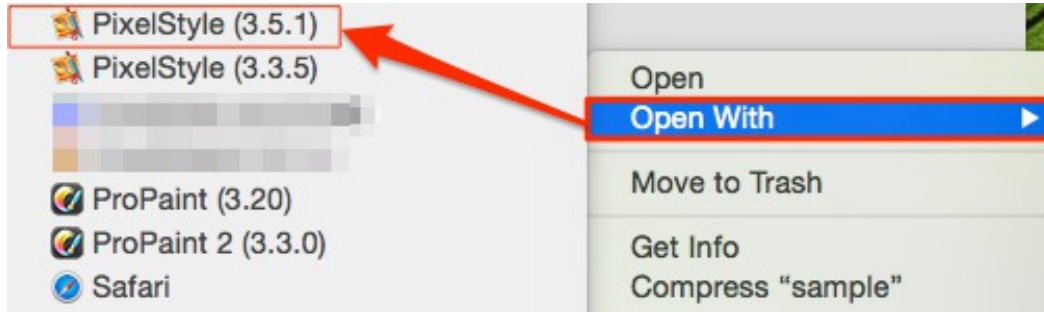
Step 3. Select the file you want to open. Click “Open” or press “Cancel” to quit current action.



Click to open selected document

(2) Choose to open with PixelStyle Photo Editor

Press the Control key, then click the image. Choose "Open With" from the shortcut menu, then choose "PixelStyle".

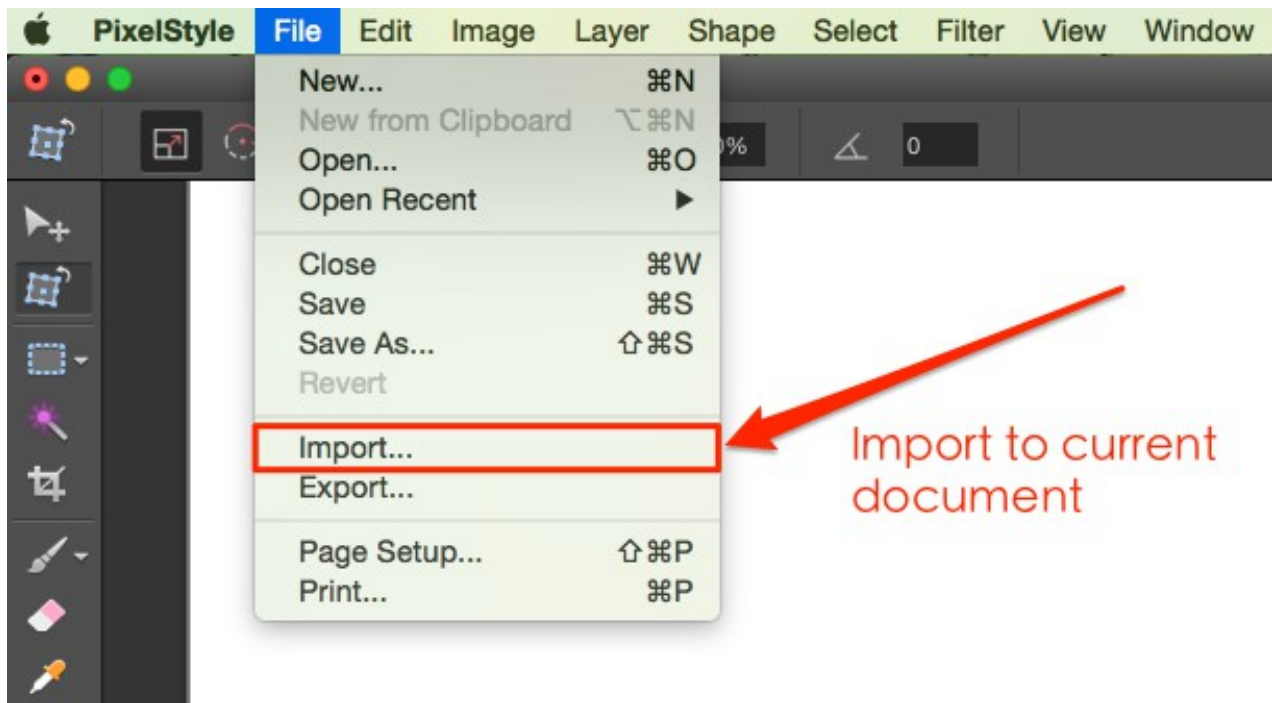


2. To open an image as addition to current document

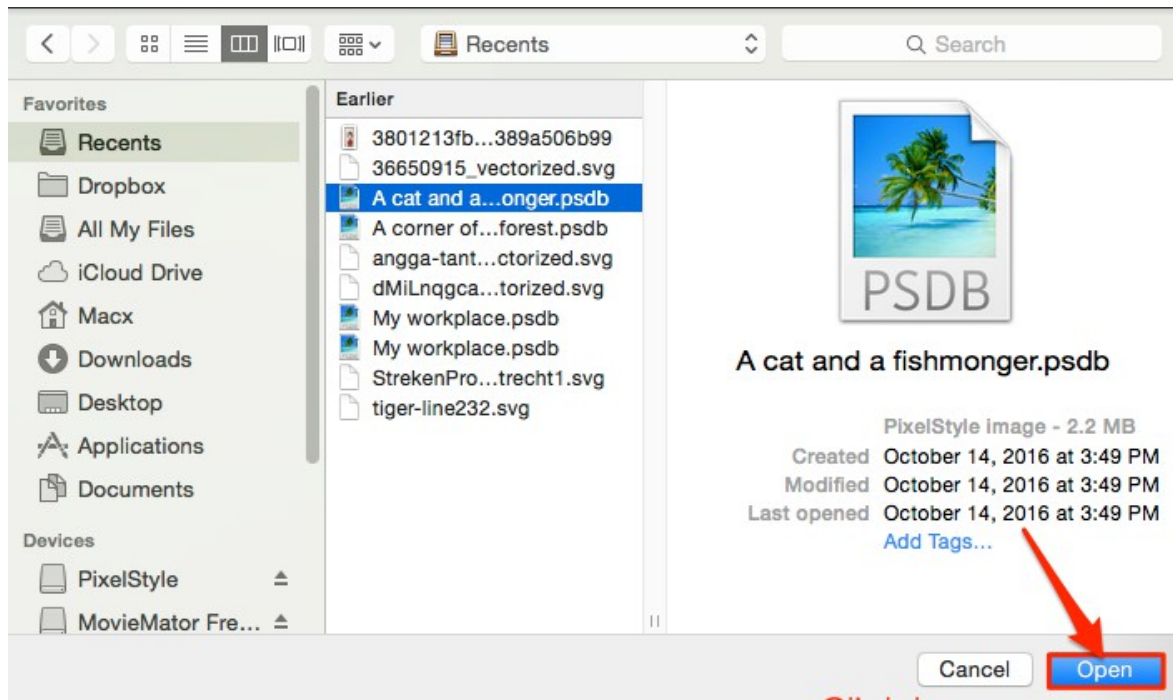
A new image has a single layer, and a document can be composed of many layers. To open an image as addition to current document, PixelStyle provides you several approaches. please do one of the following:

(1) Import your image

Step 1. Choose File > Import.



Step 2. Select the file you want to open, then click “Open”.



Click to open selected document

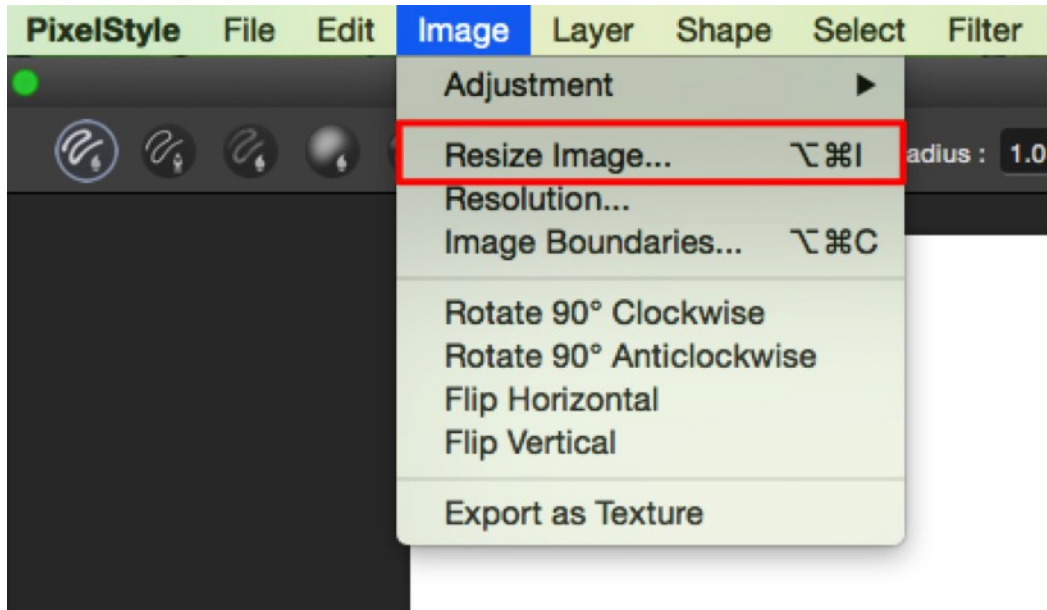
(2) Drag and drop to open

Locate your image, then directly drag and drop to the work area of PixelStyle.

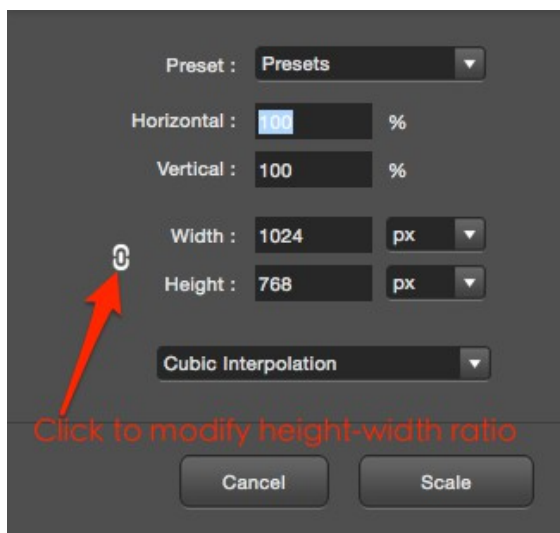
6.2 HOW TO RESIZE IMAGES?

Use the “Resize image” dialog to change to the size you want.

Step 1. Choose Image in the menu bar, then click Resize Image.



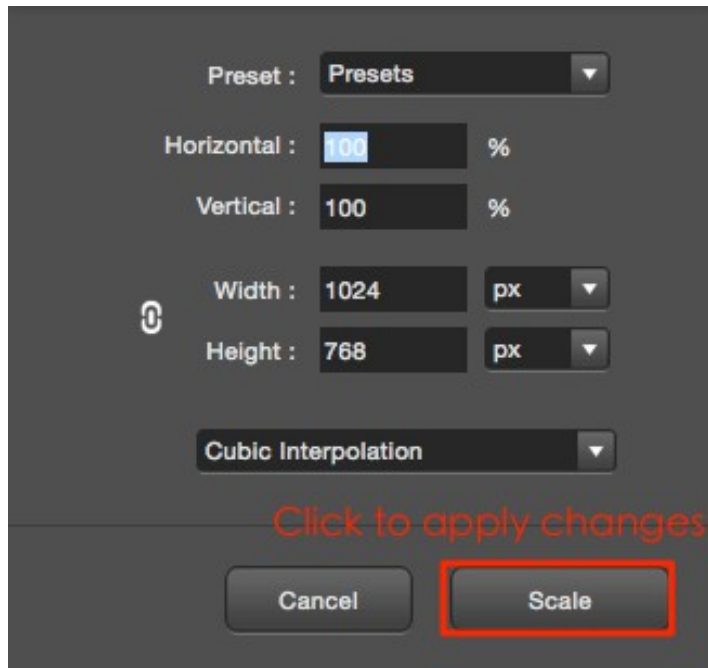
Step 2. In the “Resize image” dialog, type the dimensions for the new image in the width and height fields. You can also change the percentage of horizontal and vertical length.



TIP:

You can click on the chain icon to modify height-width ratio.

Step 3. Click “Scale”.



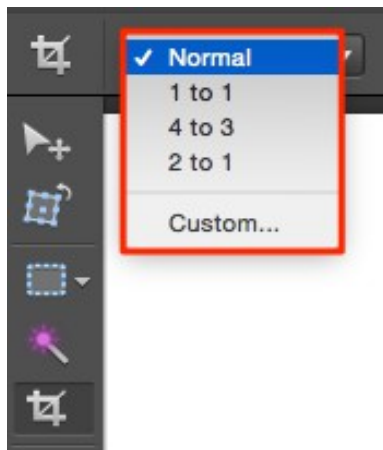
6.3 HOW TO CROP IMAGES?

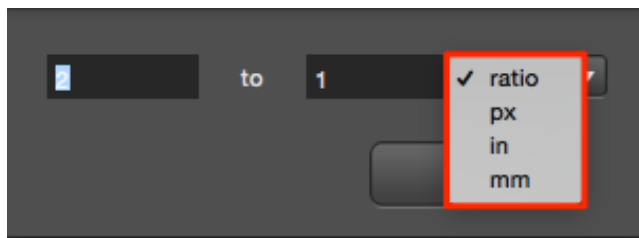
With PixelStyle's Crop Tool, you can remove unwanted portions of an image to create focus.

Step 1. Select the "Crop Tool" in the Tools panel.



Step 2. Set the proportions or certain dimensions for the crop marquee.





TIP:

The default setting "Normal" means crop image without any constrain.

Step 3. Drag over the part of the image that you want to keep.



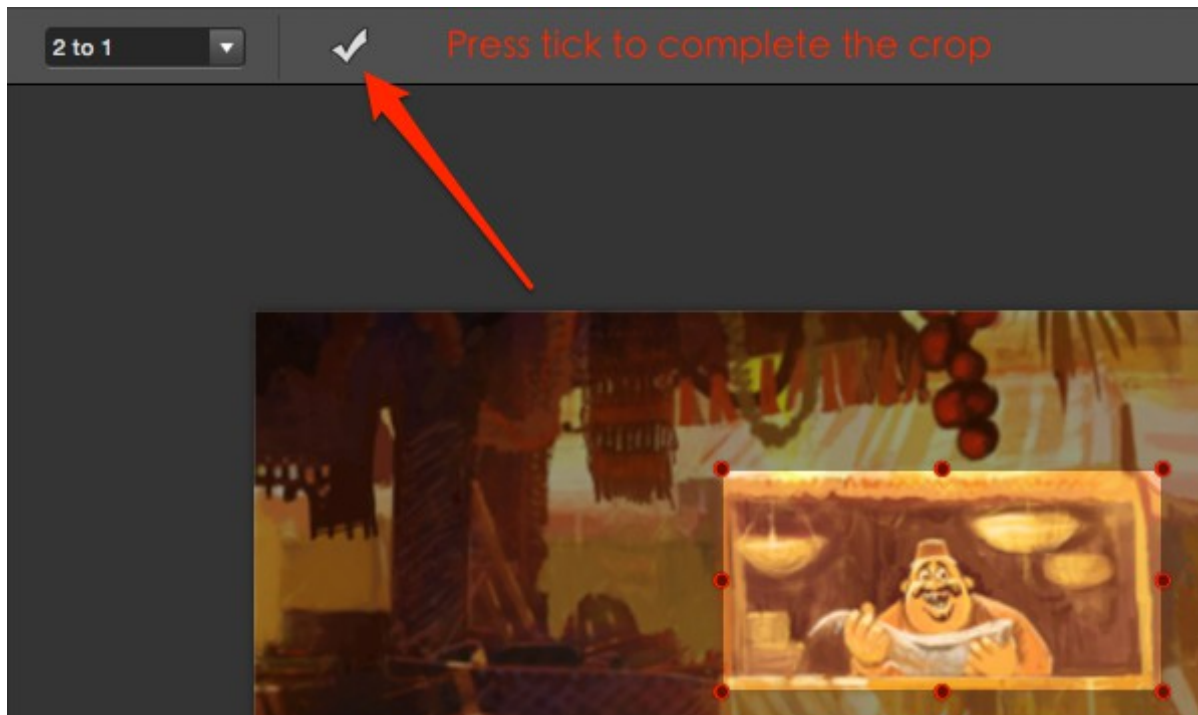
TIP:

Press Shift to crop with 1:1 proportion.

Step 4. Adjust the crop marquee if necessary.

1. To move the crop marquee: drag the entire marquee to another position by placing the pointer inside the bounding box and dragging.
2. Scale the crop marquee by dragging its handles.

Step 5. Complete the crop.



TIP:

To discard the crop, click anywhere outside the bounding box and.

To cancel the crop, press Command and Z.

6.4 HOW TO MAKE FREEHAND SELECTIONS?

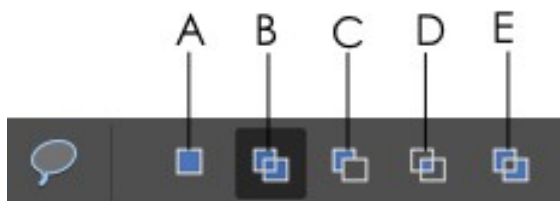
Selections can be great help when you want to alter or adjust one specific portion and leave others unaffected.

Step 1. Select the “Lasso Tool” in the Tools panel.



Step 2. Choose a selection mode in the Options panel.

Lasso Tool has five selection modes available in the Options panel:



A	New selection	Creates a new selection
B	Add to selection	Adds a new selection to an existing selection
C	Subtract from selection	Subtracts from an existing selection
D	Intersect with selection	Selects the overlap of two selections
E	Invert the Intersected selection	Subtracts the overlap of two selections

Step 3. Drag to draw a freehand selection border.



TIP:

To close the selection, release the mouse.

Step 4. Refine the selection if necessary.

You are able to move and scale the selection border by eight handles.

The result after adjusting the color:



6.5 HOW TO PAINT WITH ART BRUSHES?

Select from hundreds of exclusively-designed brush types to paint as realistic as you do on a traditional canvas.

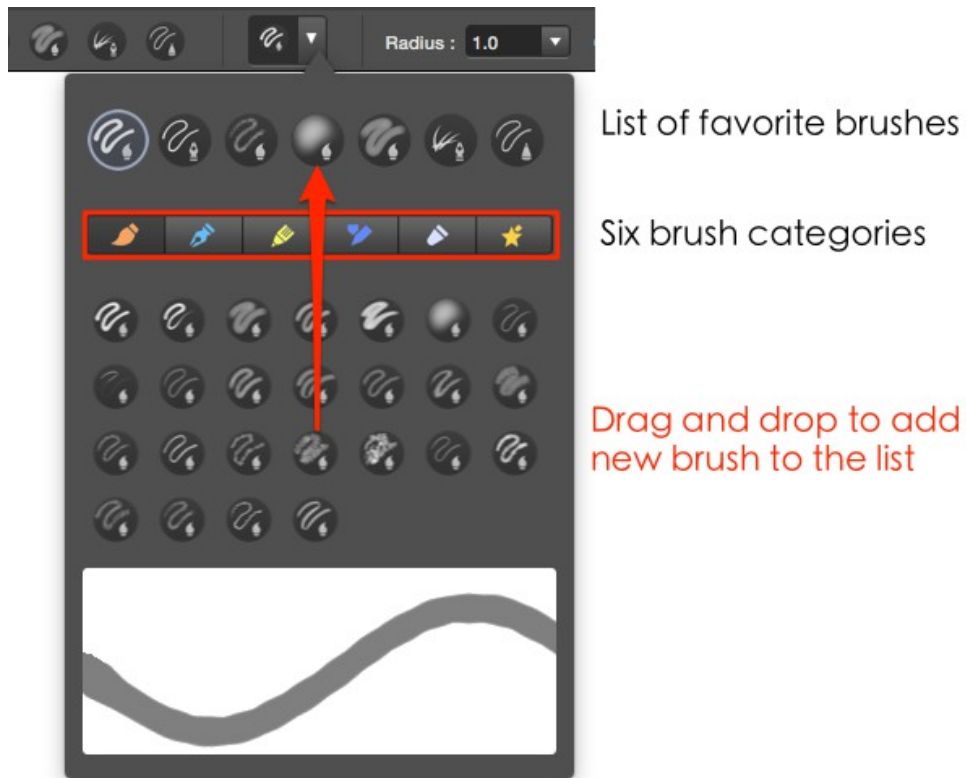
Step 1. In the Tools panel, select the Art Brush Tool to paint soft strokes.



Step 2. Select specific brush tip, stroke, radius and other options.



- A – Displays your most often used brush tips and strokes.
- B – Select a brush type from brushes, pens, pencils, airbrushes, scrawls and more.



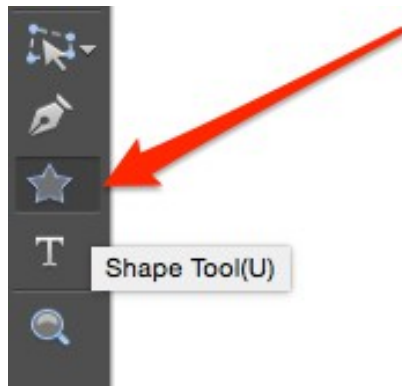
- C – Adjust or type the radius of brush stroke.
- D – Adjust or type the opacity of brush stroke.
- E – Adjust or type the hardness of brush tip.
- F – Adjust or type the smooth of brush stroke.
- G – Adjust or type the pressure of brush tip.

Step 3. Drag in an image to paint.

6.6 HOW TO DRAW BASIC SHAPES?

With PixelStyle' s Shape Tool, you are able to draw vector-based image elements to enhance your photos, create Web elements, icons, logos, post, etc.

Step 1. In the Tools panel, select the Shape Tool.



Step 2. Select a shape, fill color and stroke to add a shape.



A – Click to draw rectangular or square shape.

B – Click to draw ellipse or circle shape.

C – Click to draw star shape.

D – Click to draw polygon shape.

E – Click to draw line shape.

F – Click to draw clockwise spiral shape.

G – Click to select a fill color or gradient color to fill up the shape from the pop-up menu.

H – Set the stroke type for the shape.

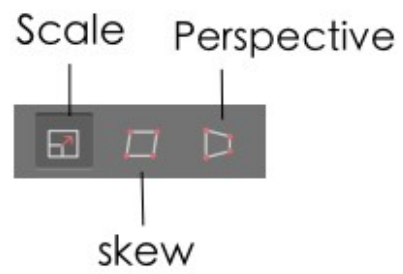
I – specify the number of sides for the polygon shape; the number of points for the star shape; the decay rate of the clockwise spiral shape; corner radius of the rectangular or square shape.

J – Check the checkbox to draw in a new layer.

Step 3. Drag to draw a shape border.

Step 4. Edit the shape.

Three transform modes for you to quickly adjust your shapes.

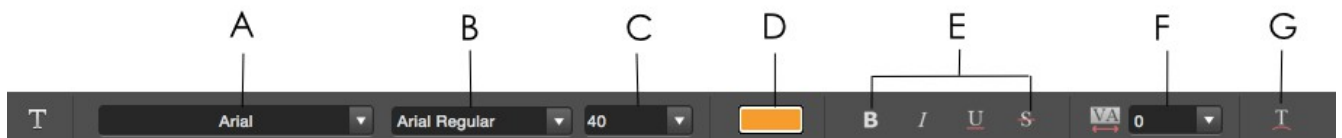


6.7 HOW TO ADD TEXT?

Step 1. Click to select the Type Tool in the Tools panel.



Step 2. In the Options bar, select the type options, such as font, style, size, and color, etc.



A – Choose the font style.

B – Choose the font family.

C – Choose the font size.

D – Choose the font colors.

E – Set typography features including kerning, bold, italic, underline, line-through.

F – Design the text kerning.

G – Design the text deformation.

Step 3. Enter the characters you want.

TIP:

If you click outside the text box before you begin typing, double-click within the text box to replace the insertion point within it, and then begin typing.

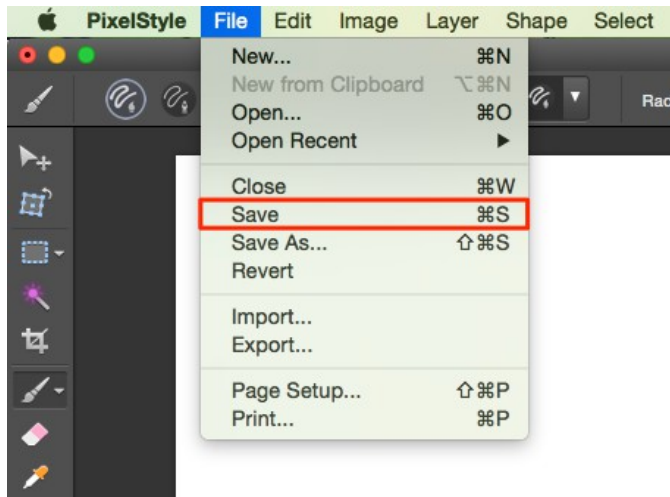
The text appears in its own layer, which is called a Type layer. Each time you click to create a text box, a new Type layer is created.

When you've finished typing, click outside the text box.

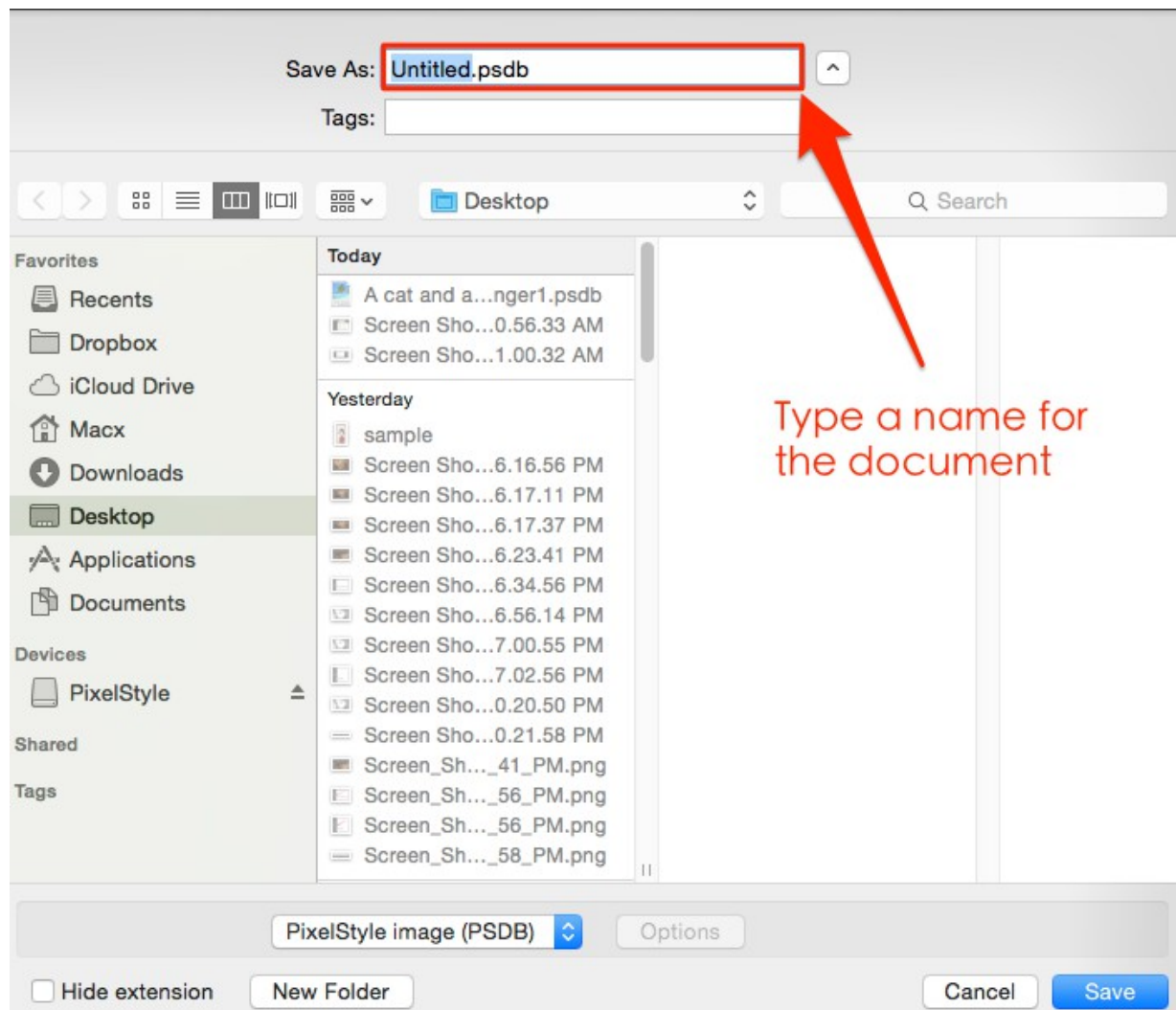
6.8 HOW TO SAVE IMAGES?

Save your documents as TIFF, JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, PSDB, JPEG 2000, PDF, SVG formats in PixelStyle Photo Editor.

Step 1. Choose File in the menu bar > Save.



Step 2. In the Save dialog, type a name for the image.



Step 3. Choose a file format for saving.

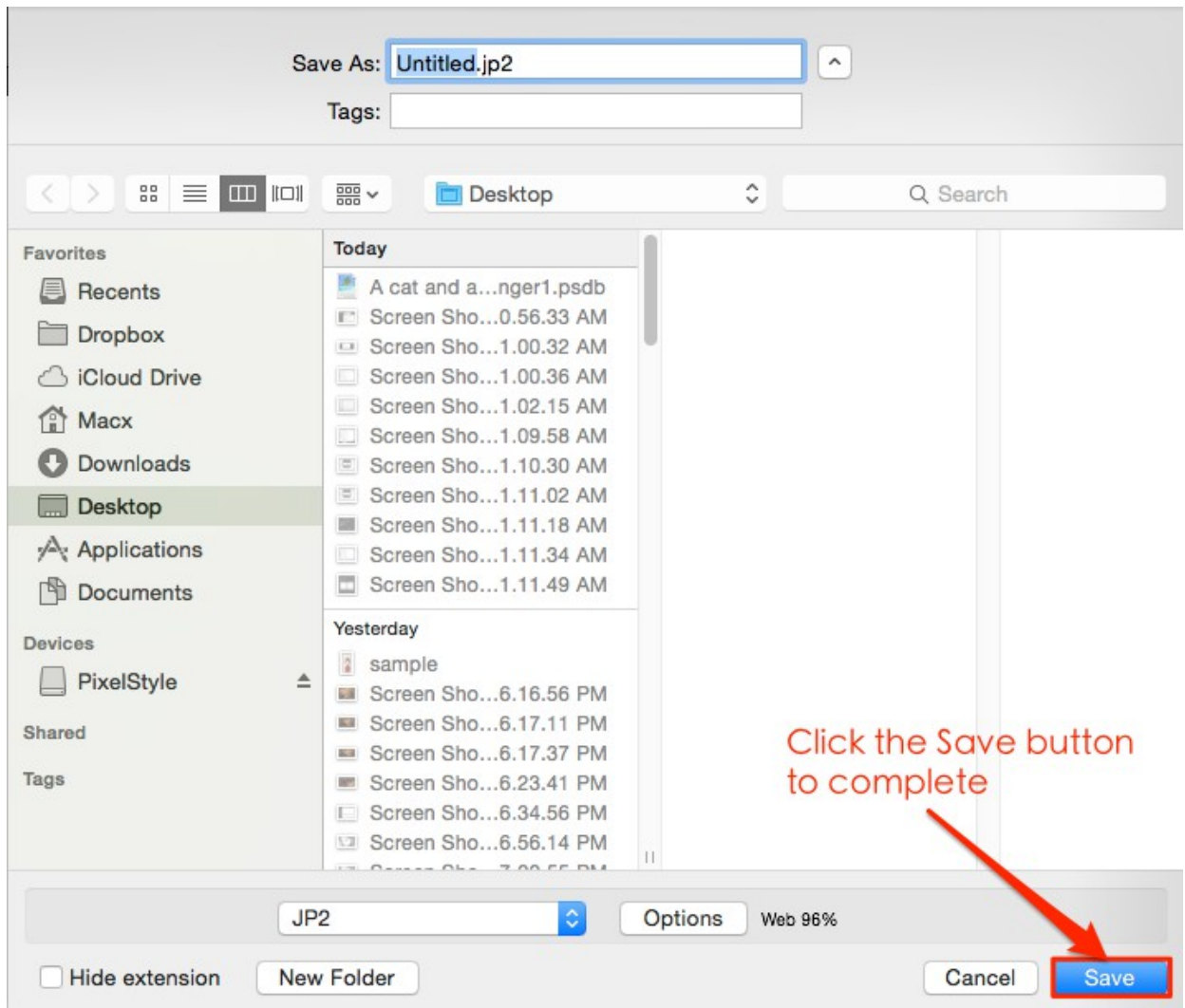
File formats and options available for exporting.



Click a choose
file format

Please note: Save as PixelStyle image (PSDB) if you have not finished editing the document and want to open non-destructively next time.

Step 4. Click the “Save” button to save changes to your document.



7 WORK AREA OVERVIEW

The PixelStyle Photo Editor work area was made easy and handy to enjoyably create graphics and edit photos on Mac. This section guides you how to quickly start your workflow and explain what the various types of settings are and how they work. This is what it looks like.



1. Menu bar

The Menu bar organizes commands in menus that are carefully arranged by topic and contain drop down menu.

2. Title bar

The Title bar shows the name and extension of the open document.

3. Document window

The Document window displays the file that you are working on.

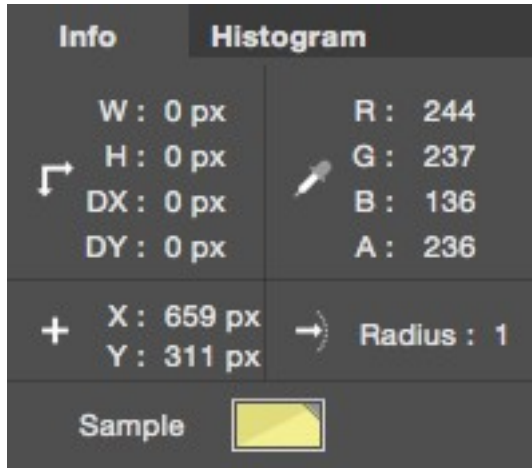
4. Tool panel

The Tool panel is the most important panel from which tools used to create and edit images are selected.

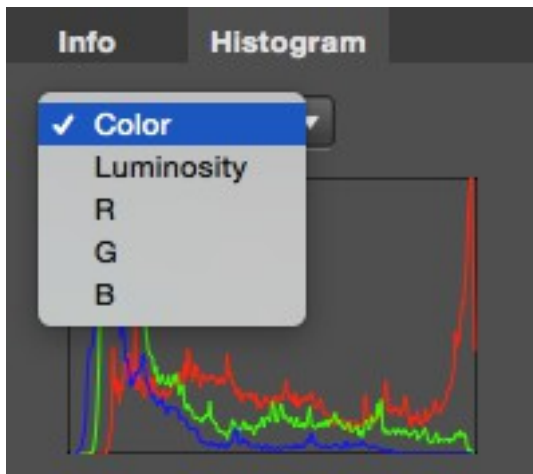
5. Properties panel

The Properties panel reveals the properties of the selected tool.

6. Histogram/Info panel

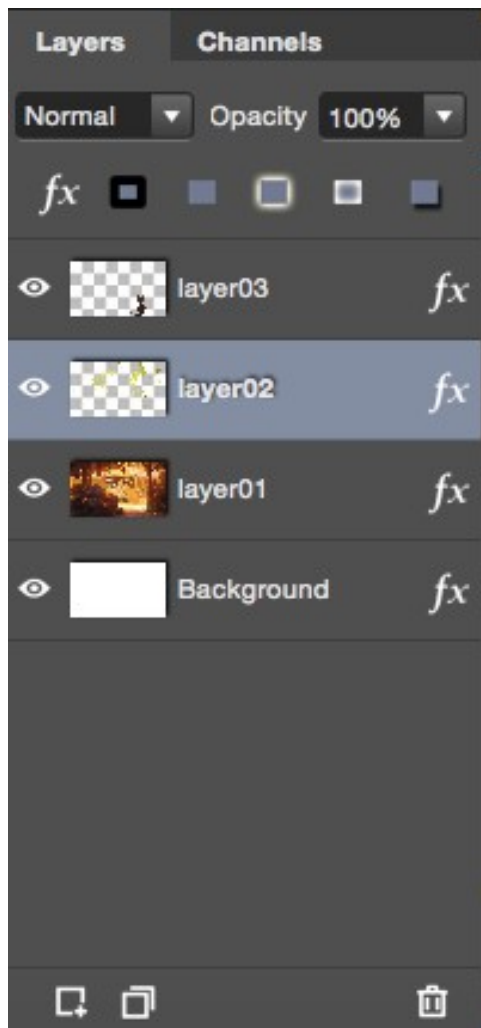


The Info panel shows width and height of the selection, as well as the color value, coordinate, radius and the magnifying color sample beneath a pointer.

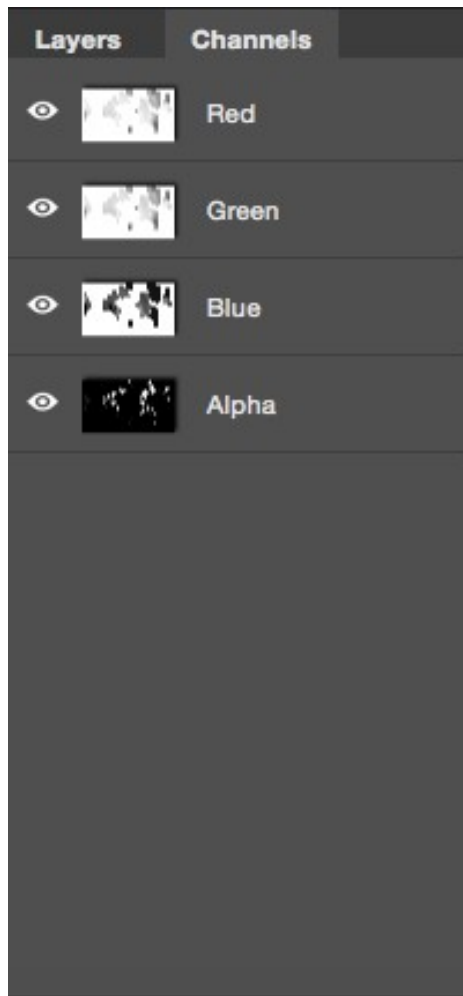


The Histogram panel enables the view of the tonal distribution of a digital image by all color channel, luminosity channel, red channel, green channel and blue channel.

7. Layers/Channels panel



The Layers panel encompasses the operations (add new, duplicate, delete), settings (blend mode, layer effects) and properties (opacity) of layers.



The Channels Panel shows the red channel, green channel, blue channel and alpha channel of the current image.

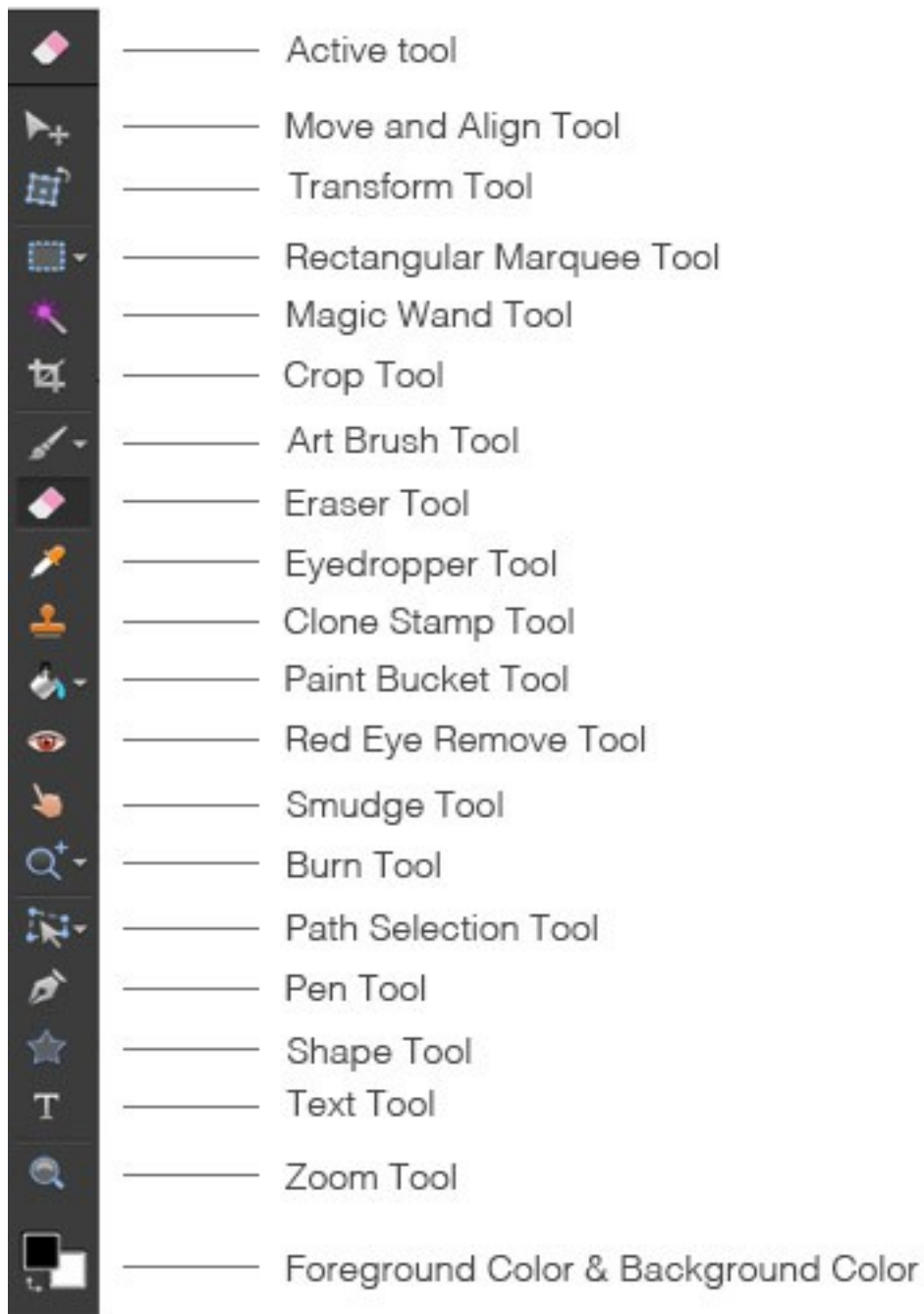
8. ScreenTip

The ScreenTip gives you tips on quickly completing an action using keyboard shortcuts when working with a tool.

9. Status panel

The Status panel shows the zoom level, width, height and resolution of the current document.

7.1 TOOL PANEL



PixelStyle's various tools are available in the Tool panel. When a tool is selected, its icon will be concave with darker color and presented at the top as active tool.

Please note: The Properties panel changes each time that you switch tools, as every tool in PixelStyle has its own unique settings.

7.2 PROPERTIES PANEL

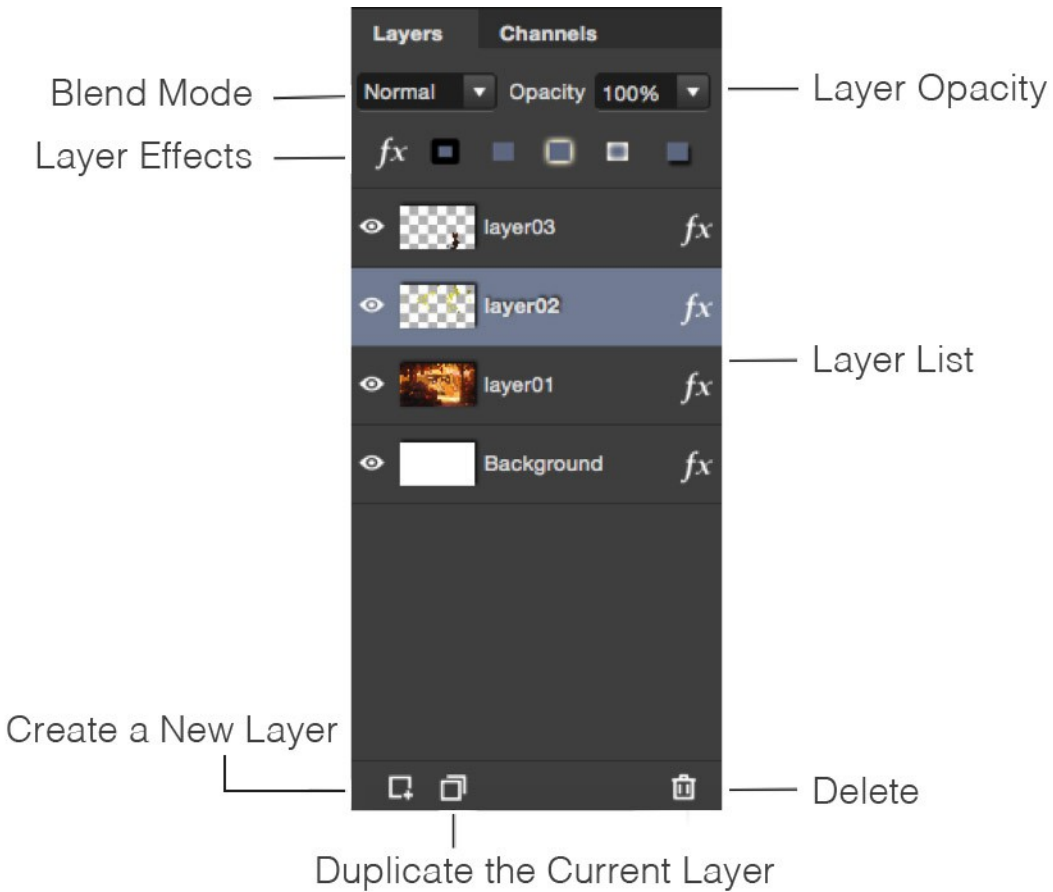


The Properties panel reveals the properties of the selected tool. When a tool is selected, its options are presented in the Properties panel. In this case, the Art Brush tool is chosen and the Properties panel gives you the options to select brush type, modify its radius, opacity, hardness as well we other variables.

TO SHOW OR HIDE THE PROPERTIES PANEL:

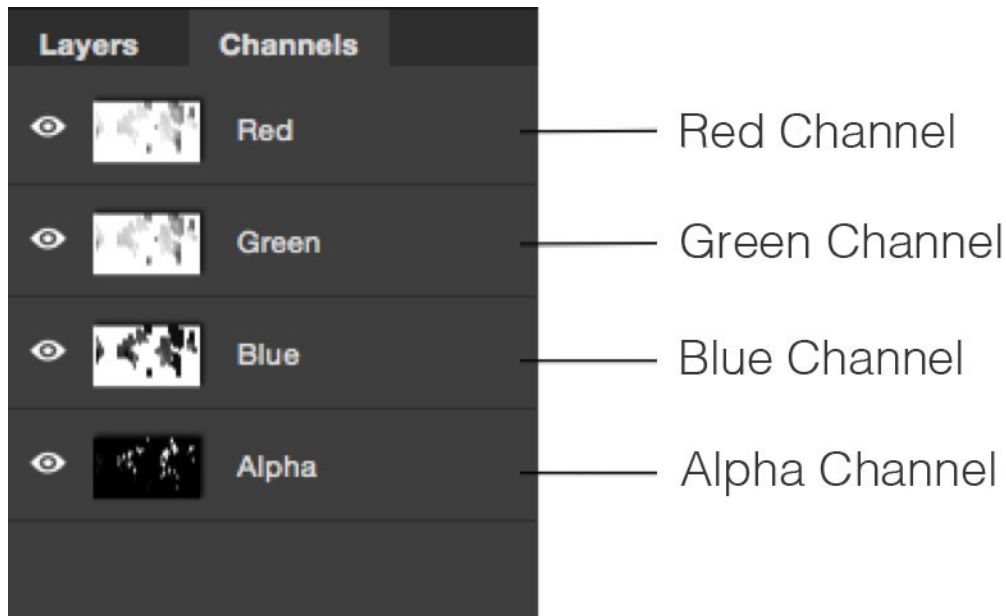
Choose View > Show Options Bar.

7.3 LAYERS/CHANNELS PANEL



The Layer panel defines the blend mode, opacity, effects and order of layers. The layers list contains a list of all your layers. Layers are composited together to form a single image which shows up in your canvas. The Layer panel is located at the right bottom of the interface.

Also, notice a drop down menu for the blend mode, as well as a slider for the opacity of the selected layer.



Each layer in PixelStyle has either two or four channels. In the case of a greyscale image these are the grey and alpha channels and in the case of a color image these are the red, green, blue and alpha channels.

The alpha channel determines a layer's transparency and the primary channels and determine the layer's color. PixelStyle typically works on all channels at once, but also allows you to edit the primary or alpha channels individually.

To show or hide the Layers/Channels panel:
Choose View > Show Layers.

8 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

8.1 WHAT IS PIXELSTYLE? WHAT DOES PIXELSTYLE DO?

1. What is PixelStyle?

PixelStyle Photo Editor is an all-in-one photo editor for Mac. As an alternative to Photoshop, it includes all the essential tools you need for basic and professional photo editing.

2. What does PixelStyle do?

- (1) Exclusively edit and retouch your photos: resize, transform, adjust color, lighten or darken...
- (2) 4-Channel editing of images: red, green, blue, alpha channel.
- (3) Comprehensive RAW Editing.
- (4) Apply dazzling effects to your images: blur, distort, exposure, sharpen...
- (5) Create artwork with unique brush tools.
- (6) Easily add text anywhere on an image.
- (7) Draw and edit smart geometric shapes.

8.2 WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF PIXELSTYLE PHOTO EDITOR?

1. A set of high-end Filters: lighting, blurs, distortions, tilt-shift, glows...
2. Professional Photo Adjustments: Adjust exposure, hue, vibrance, white balance, shadows, highlights, brightness, contrast, blackpoint, clarity and much more.
3. Photo Retouching and Correction: Delete unwanted objects and retouch photos.
4. Best-in-class Photo Noise Reduction: Reduces low light and high ISO noise.
5. Advanced Adjustment Layers: Correct and enhance photos with Levels, Curves, Shadows, Highlights, HSL, White Balance, Black and White ...
6. Comprehensive RAW Editing Smart RAW processing engine.
7. Excellent Text Design Tools: Enjoy a full set of advanced typography features like kerning, bold, italic, underline, line-through and much more.
8. Automatic saving mechanism: Automatically saves all the changes you make as you work on an image, which means you never have to save changes manually.

8.3 WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PIXELSTYLE PHOTO EDITOR AND PHOTOSHOP?

1.Easier: Including all the essential tools needed for basic and professional photo editing, PixelStyle Photo Editor is designed easy for both novice and professionals. It offers tons of easy-to-use tools to help you create and edit beautiful images. You will find all tools at your hand and start your work in five to ten minutes after first try.

2.Faster and smoother: Taking full advantages of the latest OS X technologies and unique smart processing engine, PixelStyle Photo Editor runs faster and smoother when creating or editing your document. It occupies less disk space and memory space to keep itself live.

3.More inspiring: PixelStyle includes more than 100 built-in drawing brushes (pencil, airbrush, watercolor brush, chalk, charcoal, neon pens...) for oil painting, sketch, texture painting, etc. Exquisite brushwork with customized settings are awaiting you to bring your creativity into full play.

8.4 IF I IMPORT A TRANSPARENT IMAGE, WILL IT KEEP THE TRANSPARENCY?

PixelStyle uses gray-and-white pixel grid to present transparent background and will keep the transparency of you images. You have options for a transparent background or opaque background when you are creating a document. By default, PixelStyle uses white color for opaque background.

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8.5 WHAT FILE FORMATS CAN I EXPORT TO?

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9 TIPS

9.1 KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Action	Shortcut
Panels	
Show or hide Layers	Shift-Command-L
Show or hide Point Information	Command-I
Show or hide Option Bar	Shift-Command-R
Show or hide Status Bar	Command-Forward Slash(/)
Select tools	
Move and Align Tool	V
Zoom Tool	Z
Eyedropper Tool	R
Crop Tool	C
Text Tool	T
Rectangular Marquee Tool	M
Elliptical Marquee Tool	M
Lasso Tool	L
Polygonal Lasso Tool	L
Magic Wand Tool	W
Brush Tool	B
Eraser Tool	E
Smudge Tool	O
Clone Stamp Tool	S
Red Eye Remove Tool	R
Burn Tool	O
Paint Bucket Tool	G
Shape Tool	U
Pen Tool	P
Path Selection Tool	A
Path Eraser Tool	E
Node Editor Tool	N
Create new	
Create new file	Command-N
Open file	Command-O
Close Window	Command-W
Save	
Save	Command-S

Save as	Shift-Command-S
View images	
Zoom in	Command-Plus sign(+)
Zoom out	Command-Minus sign(-)
Zoom in or out	Mouse scroll
Fit image in screen	Command-0
Show or hide Rulers	Command-R
Show or hide Guides	Command-G
Enter or leave full-screen view	Command-Control-F
Edit images	
Undo last action	Command-Z
Redo last action	Shift-Command-Z
Fill with color	Shift-F5
Resize image	Option- Command-I
Crop with 1:1 aspect ration	Hold down the Shift key as you drag
Set image boundaries	Option- Command-C
Work with selections	
Select All	Command-A
Select Alpha	Shift-Command-A
Deselect	Command-D
Inverse	Shift-Command-I
Select new area	Control
Add to selection	Hold down the Shift key as you drag
Subtract from selection	Hold down the Option key as you drag
Intersect with selection	Hold down the Shift Option as you drag
Inverse intersect with selection	Hold down the Shift Control as you drag
Copy	Command-C
Cut	Command-X
Paste	Command-V
Flood all selection	Option-click
Preview flood	Shift-click
Duplicate	Shift-Command-D
Work with layers	
Transform Tool	Command-T
New layer	Shift-Command-N
New shape layer	Option-Shift-Command-N
Delete	Shift-Command-Delete
Duplicate	Command-J
Bring to front	Option-Command-Right Bracket(])
Bring forward	Command-Right Bracket(])
Send backward	Command-Right Bracket([)
Send to back	Option-Command-Right Bracket([)
Merge down	Command-E

Merge selected layers	Option- Command-E
Copy merged	Shift-Command-C
Paint	
Increase or decrease brush size	Left Bracket ([) or Right Bracket (])
Erase	Hold down the Option key as you drag
Draw straight lines	Hold down the Shift key as you drag
Draw lines at 45° angle	Hold down the Shift Control as you drag
Sample background color	Option-click
Draw Shapes	
Copy the selected object	Hold down the Option key as you drag
Select all Shapes	Command-Shift
Select multiple shapes	Command-click
Finish Bezier path	Double-click
Close Bezier path	Command-Control
Print	
Print	Command-P
Page setup	Shift-Command-P
General	
Show preferences	Command-Comma (,)
Close window	Command-W
Close all windows	Option-Command-W
Cycle through windows	Command-Grave Accent (`) key
Minimize window	Command-M
Minimize all windows	Option-Command-M
Hide PixelStyle	Command-H
Hide others	Option-Command-H
Quit PixelStyle	Command-Q

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