

Mandala

- * Start with a clear photo in focus, slightly darker photos work well
- * Unlock the layer
- * Image size around 20 by 11 resolution 72 dpi
- * Canvas size more than double your height this example 50 x 50
- * Drag image down to corner
- * Duplicate layer
- * Place image directly next to image then flip the image (horizontally)
- * Duplicate layer move above and flip vertically this time.
- * Duplicate again move over and flip the image again
- * Should have 4 images flipped and rotated
- * Merge visible layers
- * Move to center
- * Duplicate this layer and rotate image until you have a + sign
- * Continue to do this rotating layers holding the shift key. Should have minimum 4 layers
- * Select all layers and use the layers styles to blend images together picking one that works with your image.
- * Merge layers again into one layer Duplicate layer begin to rotate again until image creates that circle mandala look we are all used to. Select different blending modes again merge layers and make further adjustments to levels and hue and saturation as needed.
- * Save as and save in what ever location you want.

Animated Gif

Future planning to decide what you want your gif, Mandala in this case to do.

- * Go to Window Time Line Chose time line
 - * This will show up as frames at the bottom of your image
 - * 1st frame will be what is showing in your layers pallet
- To begin Add a new frame
- * Now turn on a new layer (next step) and fade images in or out.
 - * Click on the tween button add 5 to 8 steps and this will create your steps.
 - * Click add a new frame turn on your next layer and repeat this step as your create the motions of your animated gif.
 - * Repeat this step until finished your animated gif
- This takes practice and plenty of repeating of steps to get this right.

Saving your gif

- * Reduce your file size before saving reduce pixels to around 600 x 600
- * Go to Save for Web presets are generally good
- * Save

To view your gif you will have to send it to see it (text or email) or open image using a browser like Google chrome.

Links to How to Videos will be provided during class.