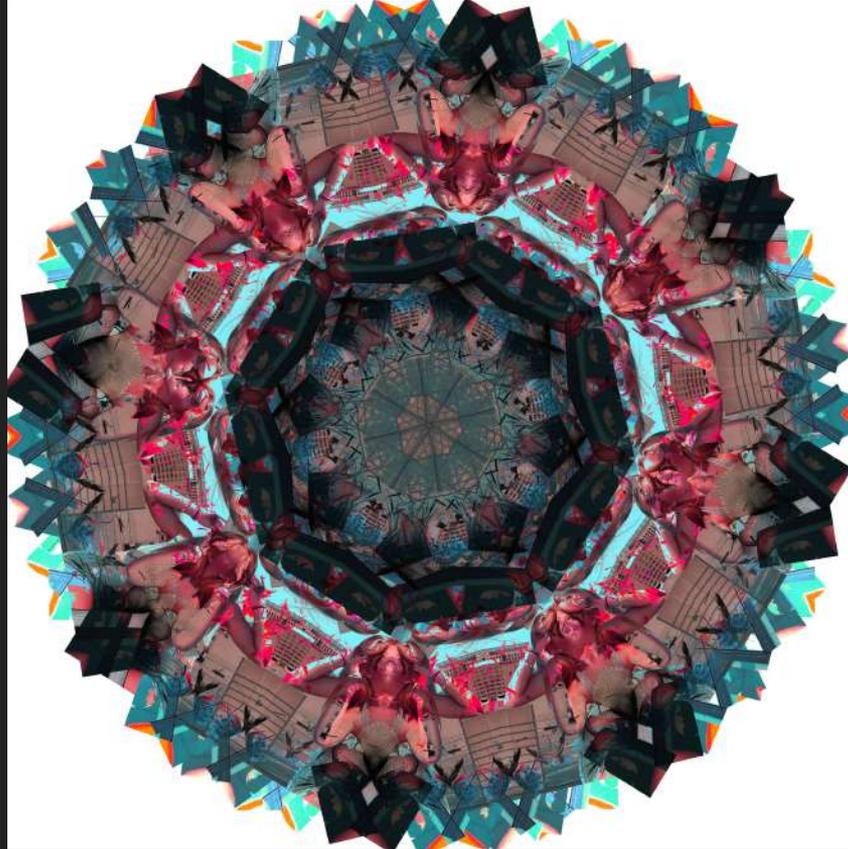


Mandala Tutorial

[Mandala Video Tutorial](#) if you want to see it live!



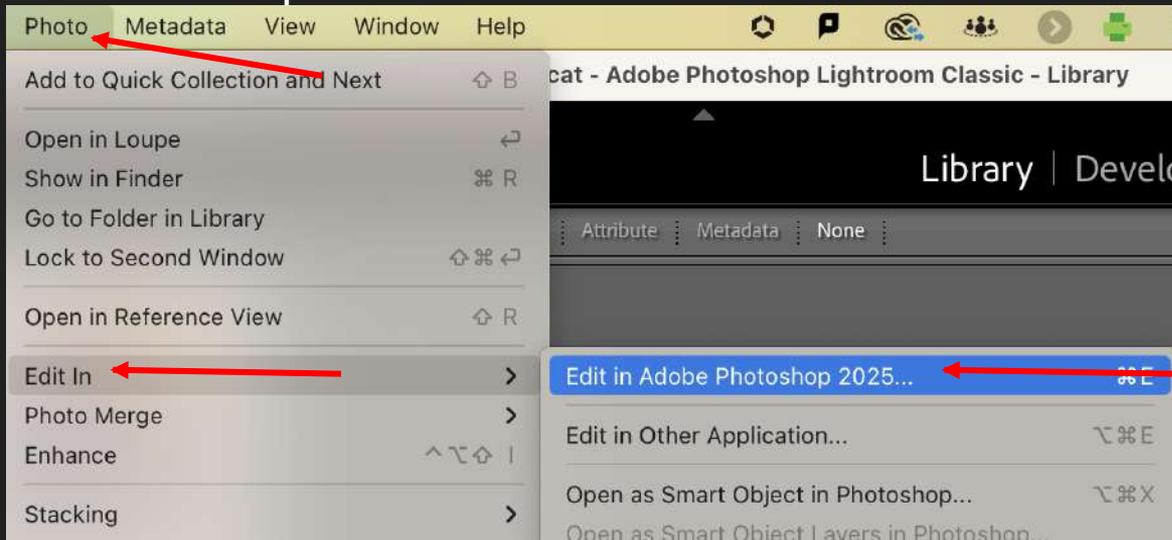
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2020- Photography Intern

-Open Photo in Photoshop (from Lightroom Classic)

-Select your photo in your Library you want to edit.

-Click Photo > Edit In > Edit in Adobe Photoshop

-If you made edits you want to keep select Edit a Copy with Lightroom Adjustments otherwise Edit a Copy and click Edit. It will open your photo in Photoshop



-Open Photo in Photoshop (from Finder)

-Drag and drop file from your Finder> Downloads, Desktop, or Documents > onto Photoshop logo to open in a new window

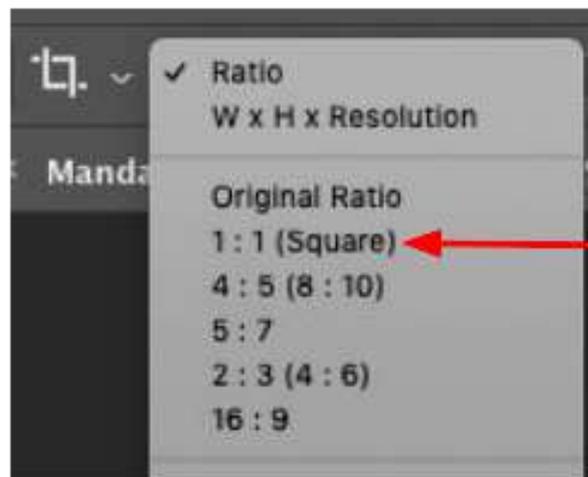
OR

Click File > Open



-Crop to 35x35 square

(Click Ratio at top if it is not already defaulted to square)



-Unlock Layer (click lock to unlock layer)



-Click Image > Image size > width 35 in x height 35 in
Resolution 72

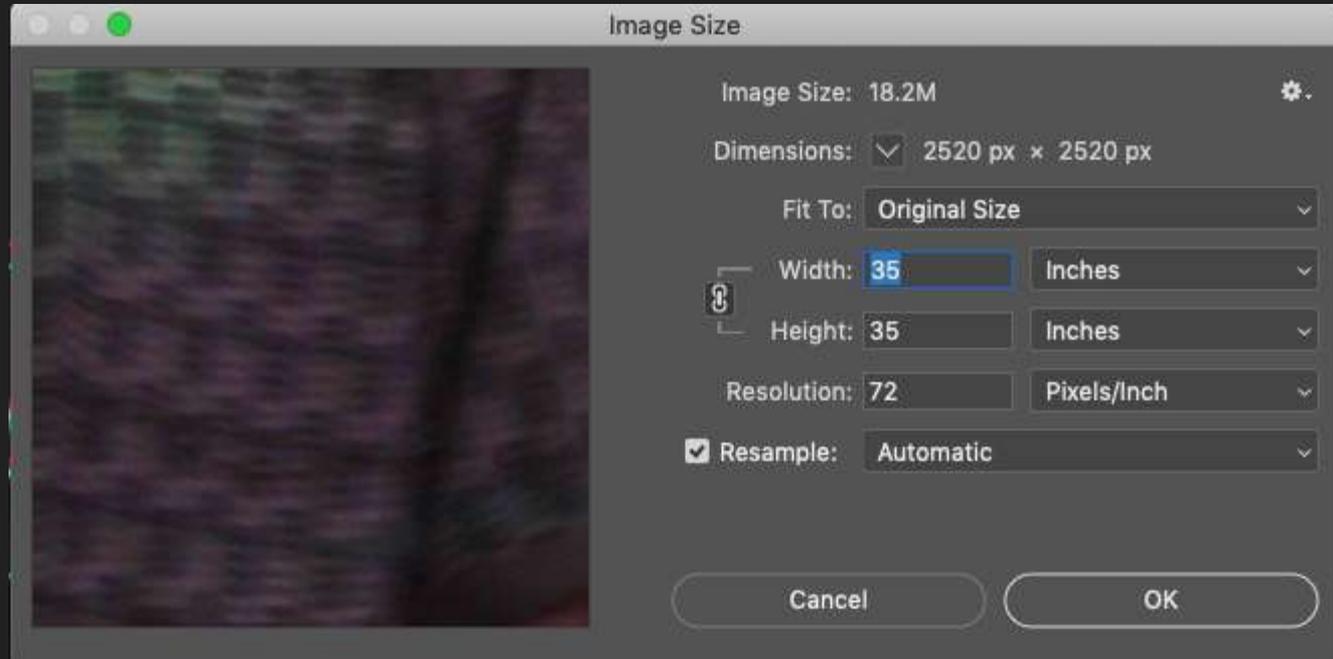
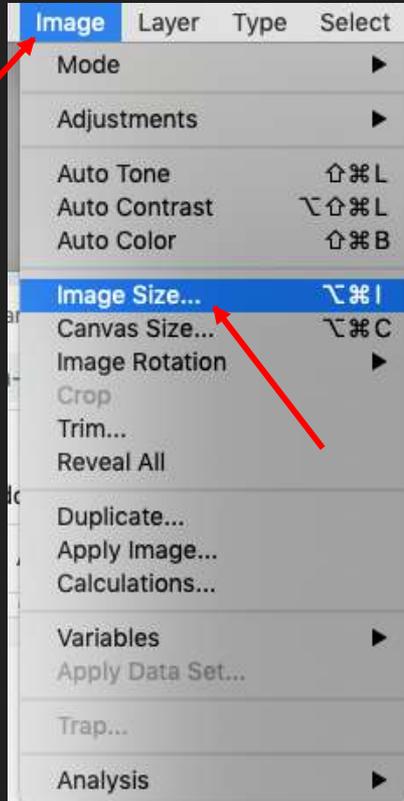
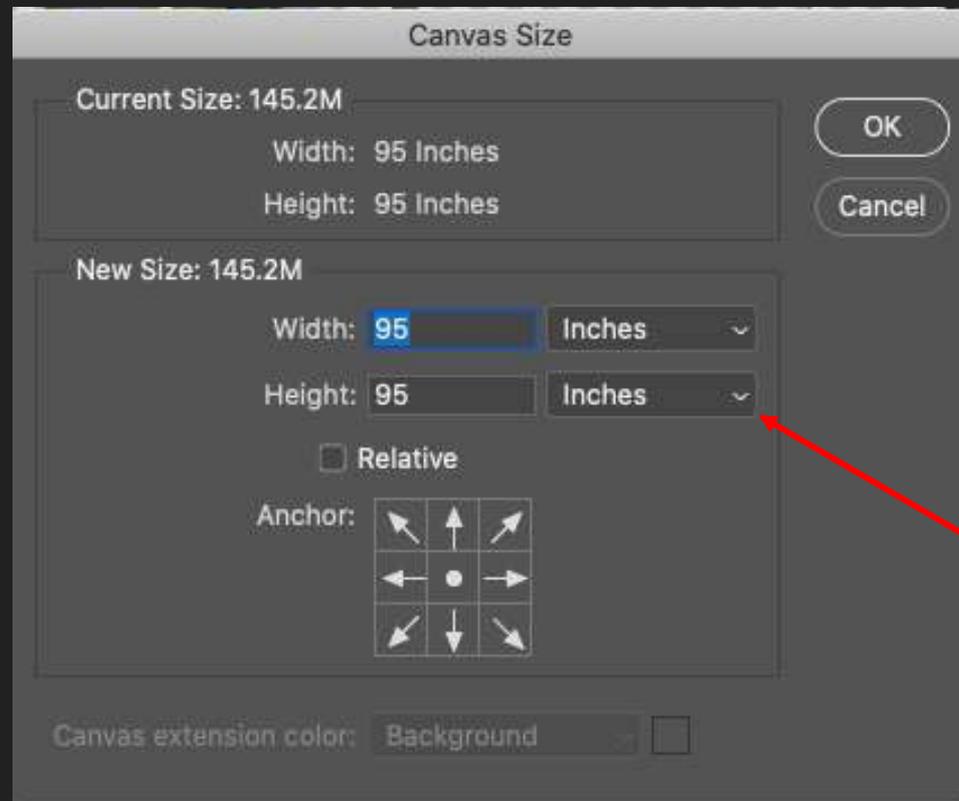
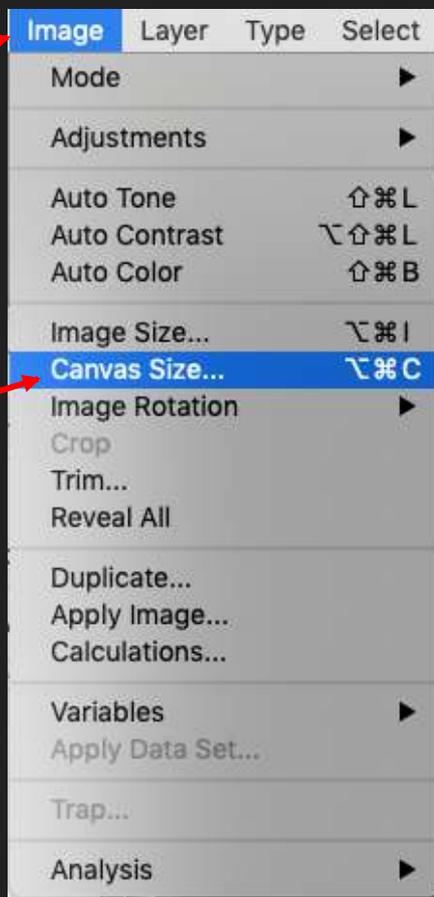


Image > Canvas size > 95x95 (it may be in pixels but change to inches if needed.) Click OK.



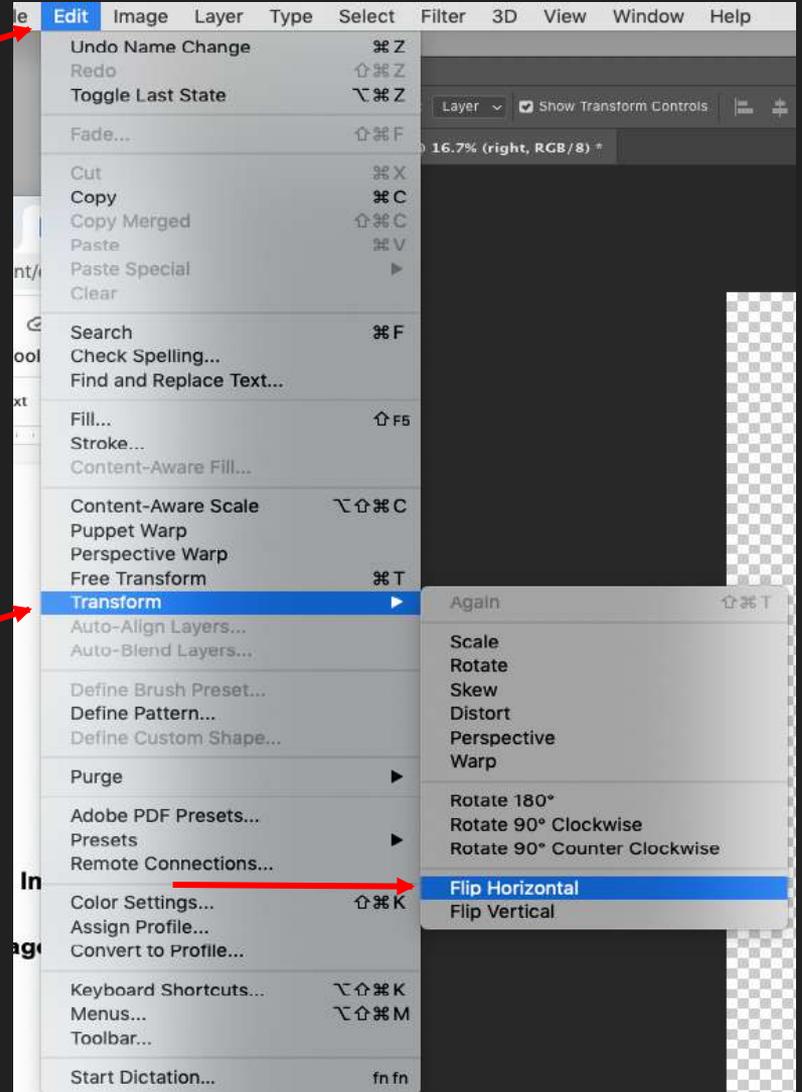
-Click Command 0 to fit canvas to screen size

-Duplicate Layer (command J)

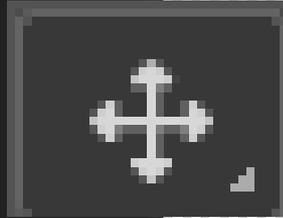
-Rename top layer “right” and bottom layer “left” (double click to rename)



Choose right layer and click on Edit> Transform> Flip Horizontal



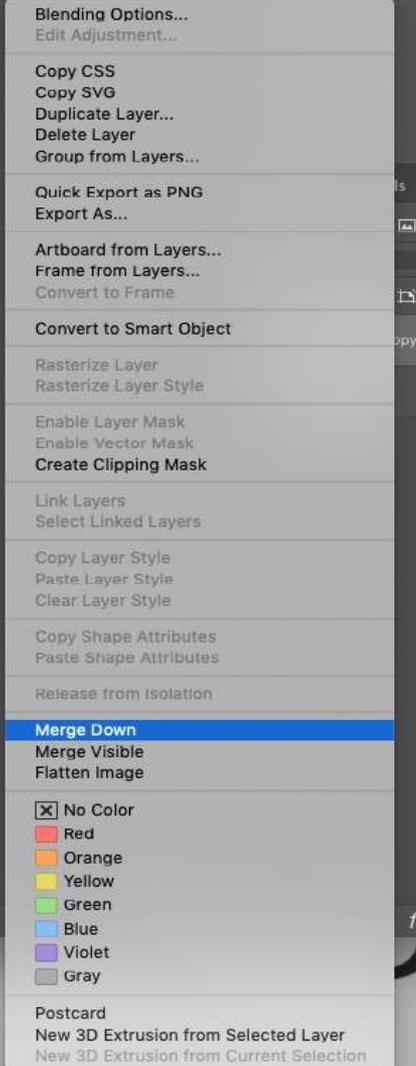
-Select move tool



-Move layers/photos so they are side by side in the center.
It is **VERY important** that you start in the **middle/centered** (you will see pink lines when you snap to right place)



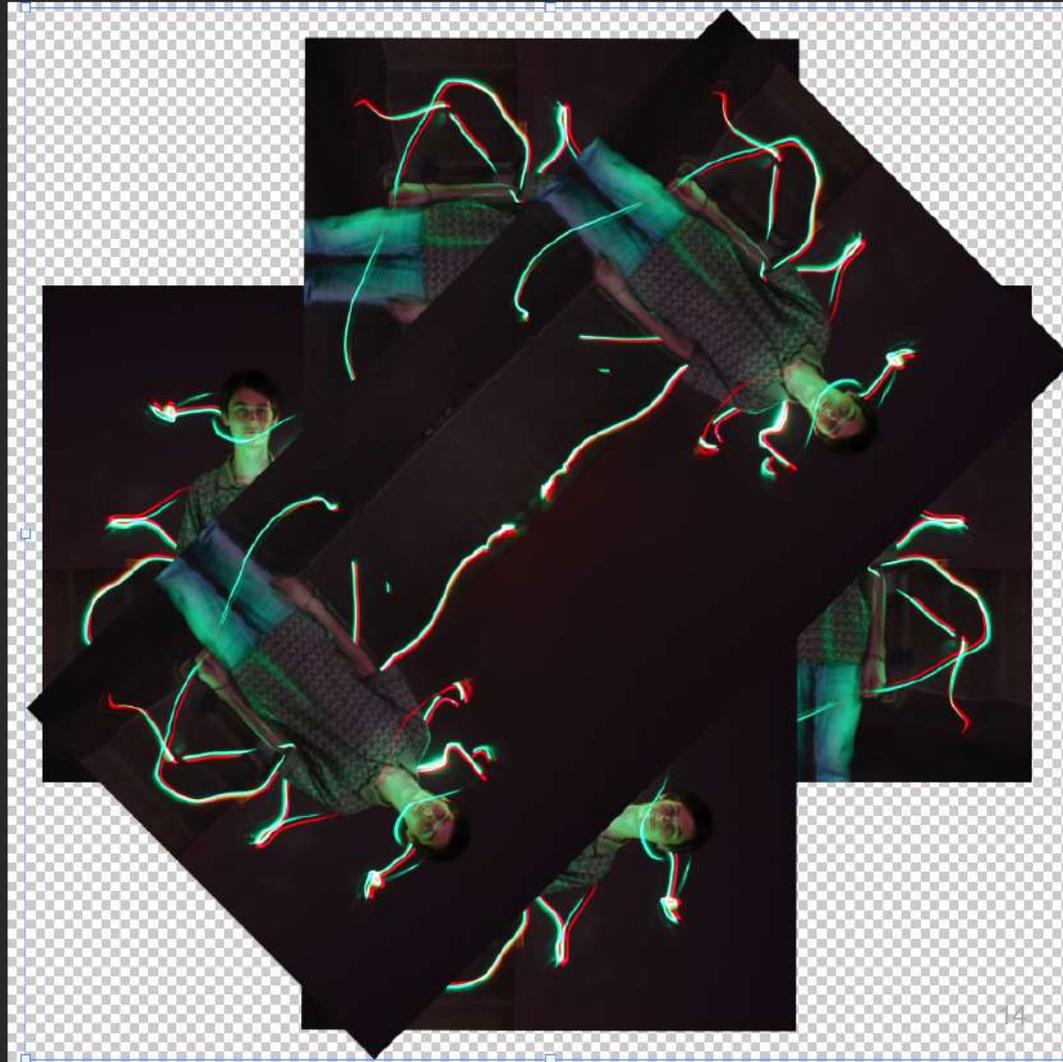
-Press Control > right click on your
“right” layer > Click merge down



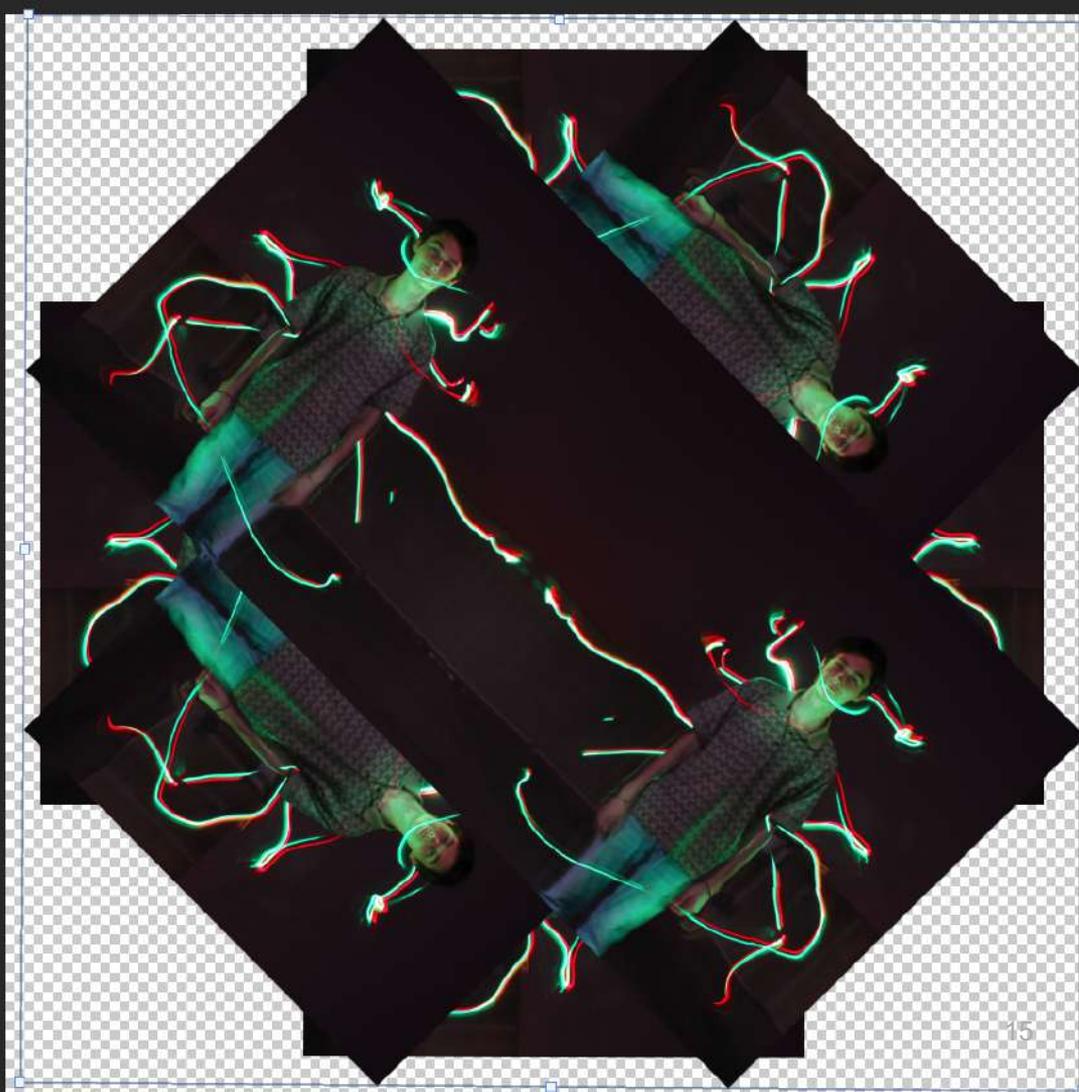
-Duplicate Layer
(command J)
-Rotate Layer into “t”
shape and hit enter.
Make sure it is straight
and centered! You can
type in 90 to be sure
NOTE: Can’t see your corner
markers to rotate? Make sure
the “Show Transform Controls”
is checked



- Duplicate layer (command J)
- Rotate diagonal to 45 degrees OR type in 45 at top
- Click Return



- Duplicate layer
(command J)
- Rotate diagonal the
other way to 90 degrees
or type 90 at top
- Click Return

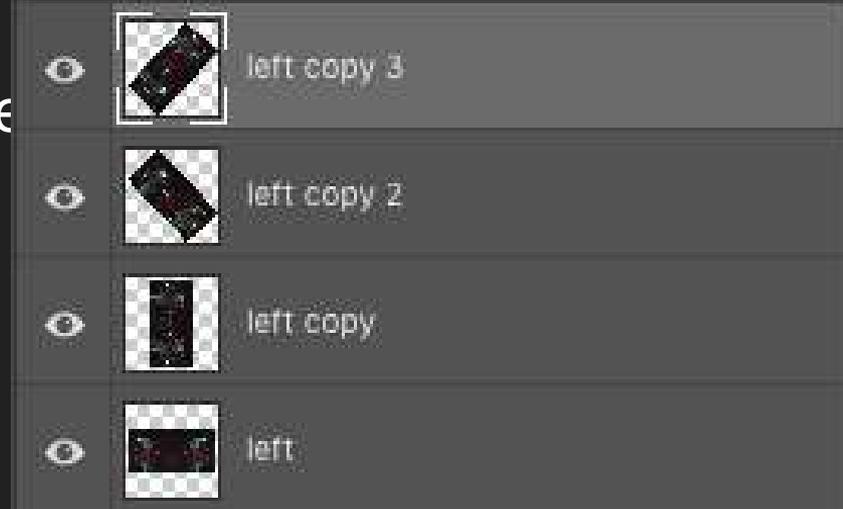


-You should start with a minimum of 4 layers

(BUT you will add more because More Layers = More Interest)

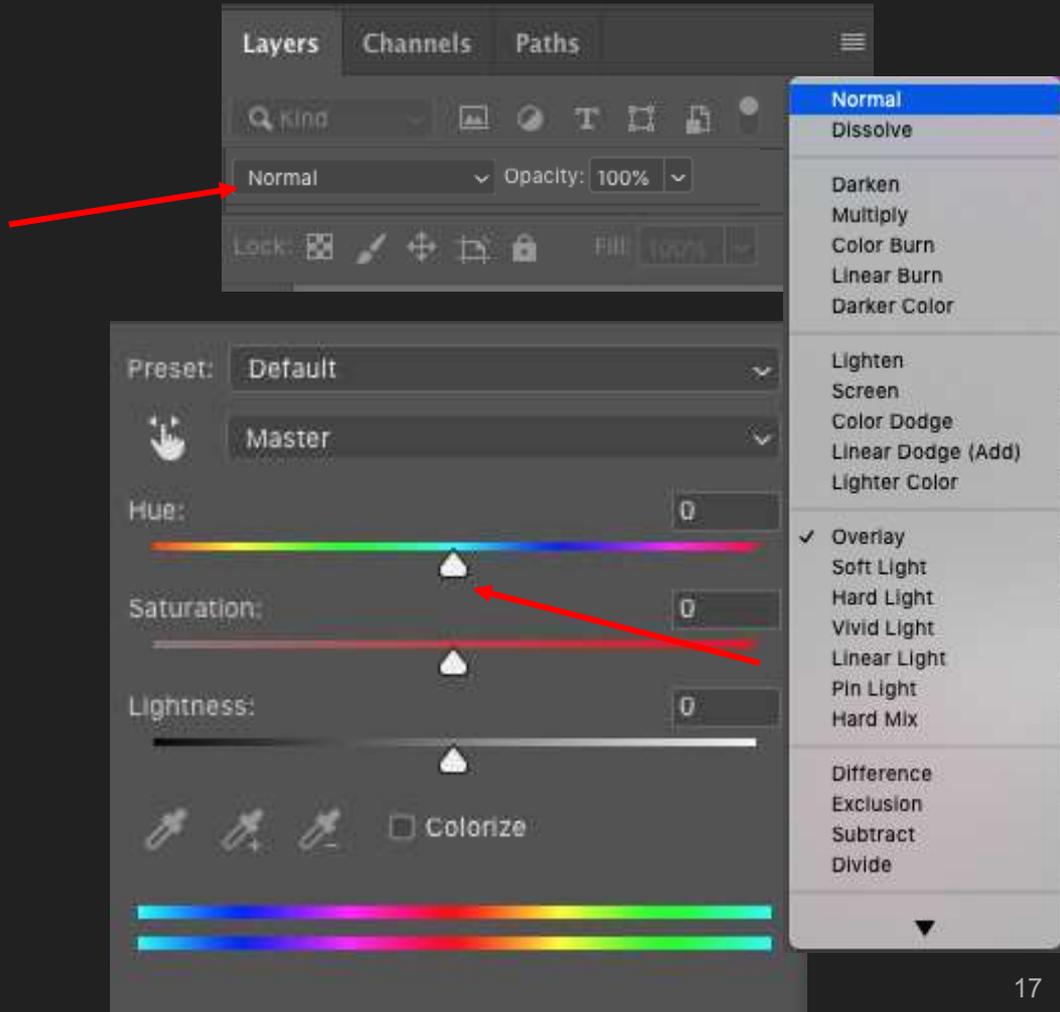
-Click on your top layer. Hold Shift then click on your last layer to select all.

(NOTE: You can select 2 layers and alter your blending modes between layers to add more interest)

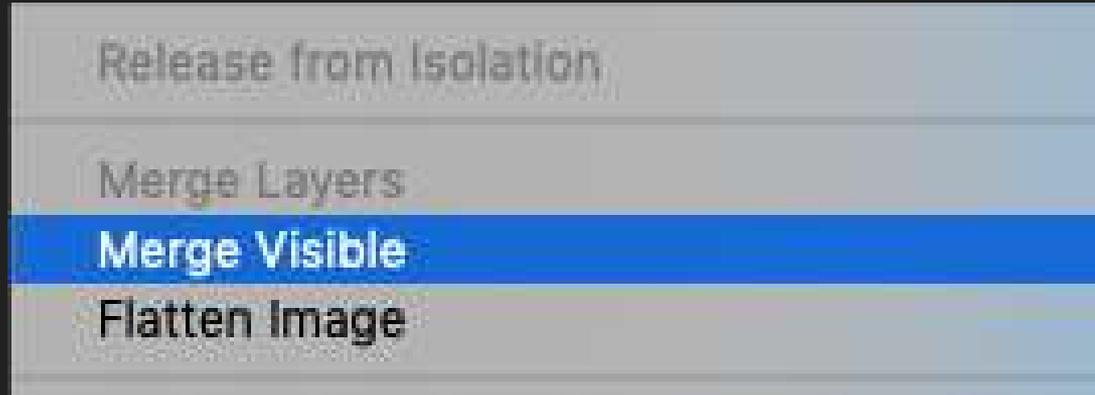


-Click Normal
-Choose blending mode that looks the coolest.
(Hover over each mode to see which one looks best. So many options!!)

-Play around with adjustment layers
(NOTE: Hue will change colors in photo and looks AWESOME!!!)



Then right click on your last layer (control> right click> Merge visible)



Keep it Going!

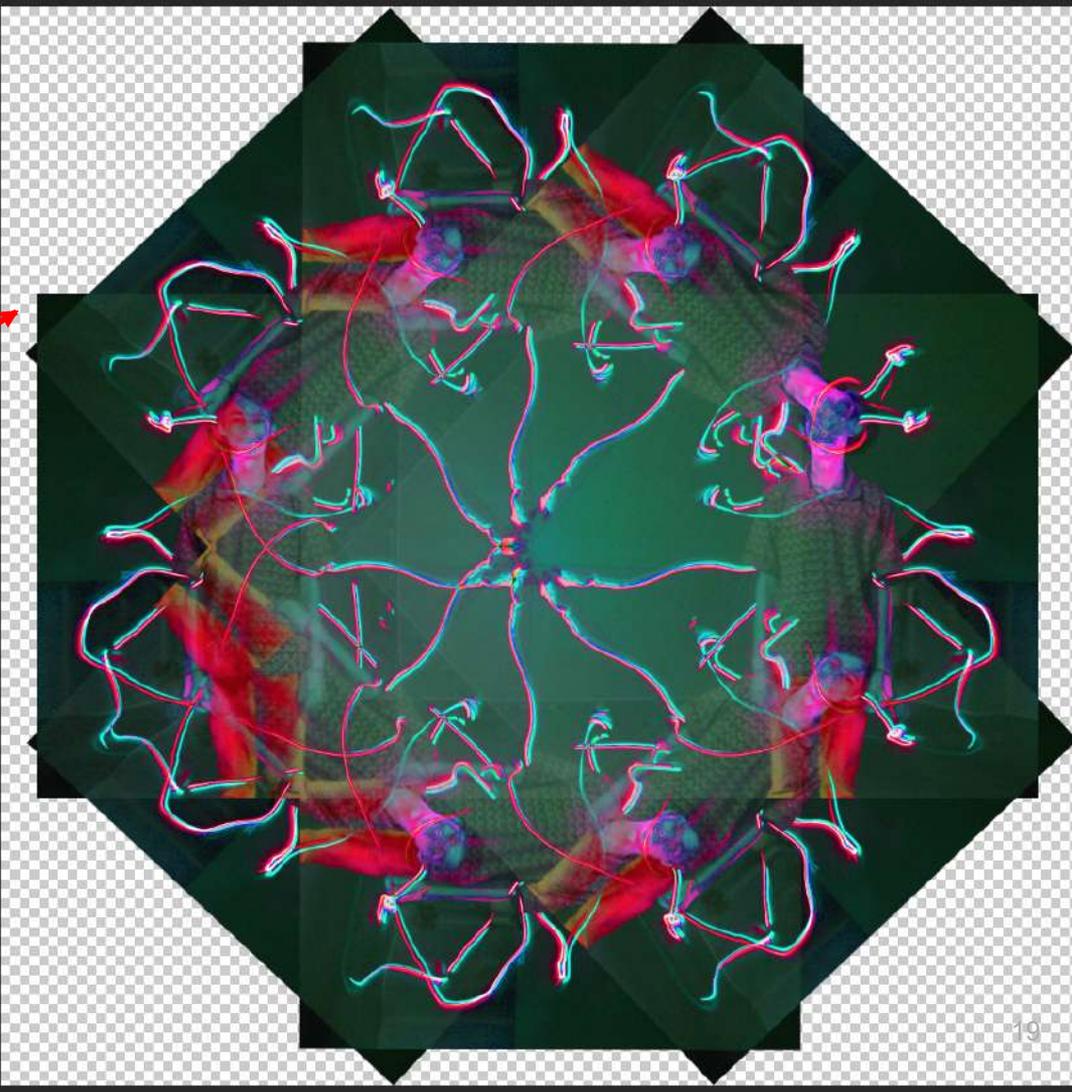
-Add more layers for interest!

-Duplicate layer (command J)

-Rotate layer

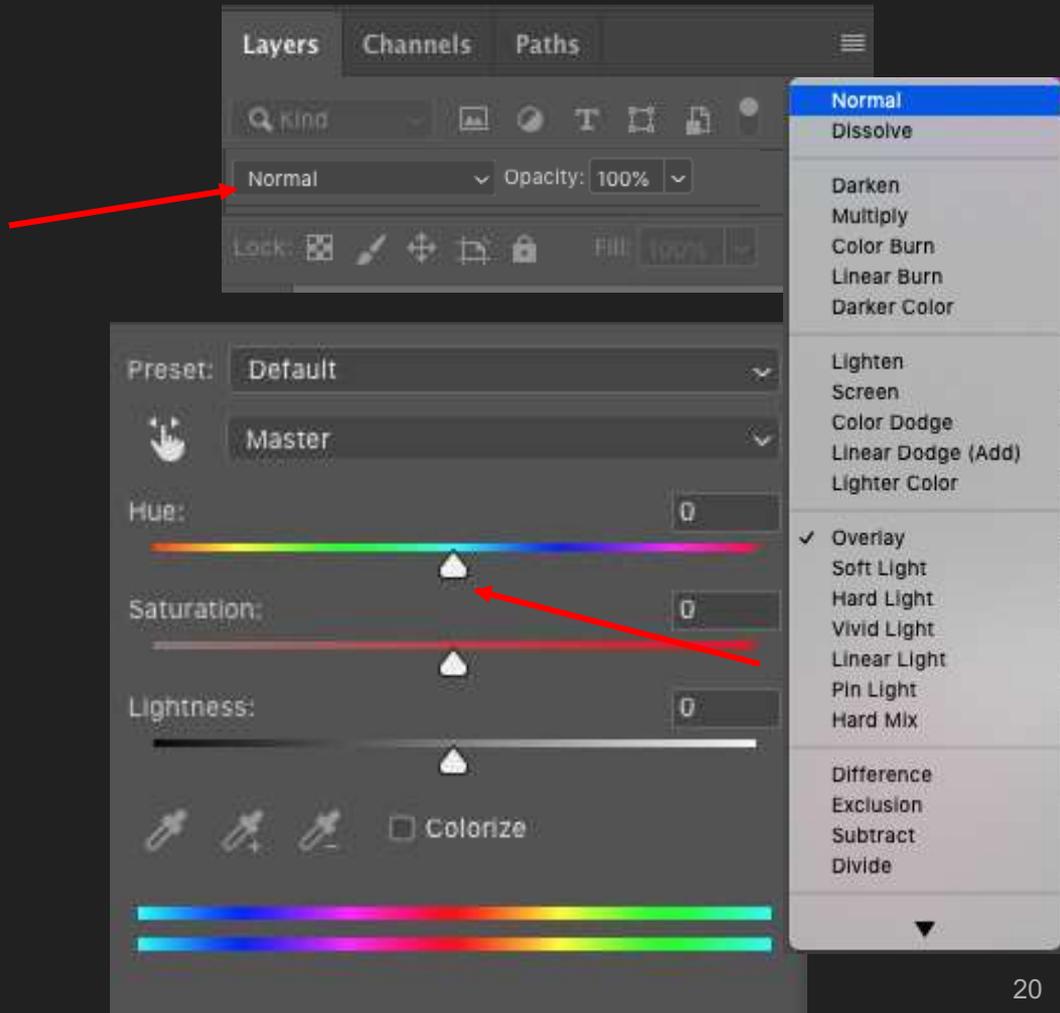
-REPEAT until all blank areas are filled with triangles. See next slide.

-Click on your top layer. Hold Shift then click on your last layer to select all. You are choosing your blending mode and adding



-Click Normal
-Choose blending mode that looks the coolest.
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-Play around with adjustment layers
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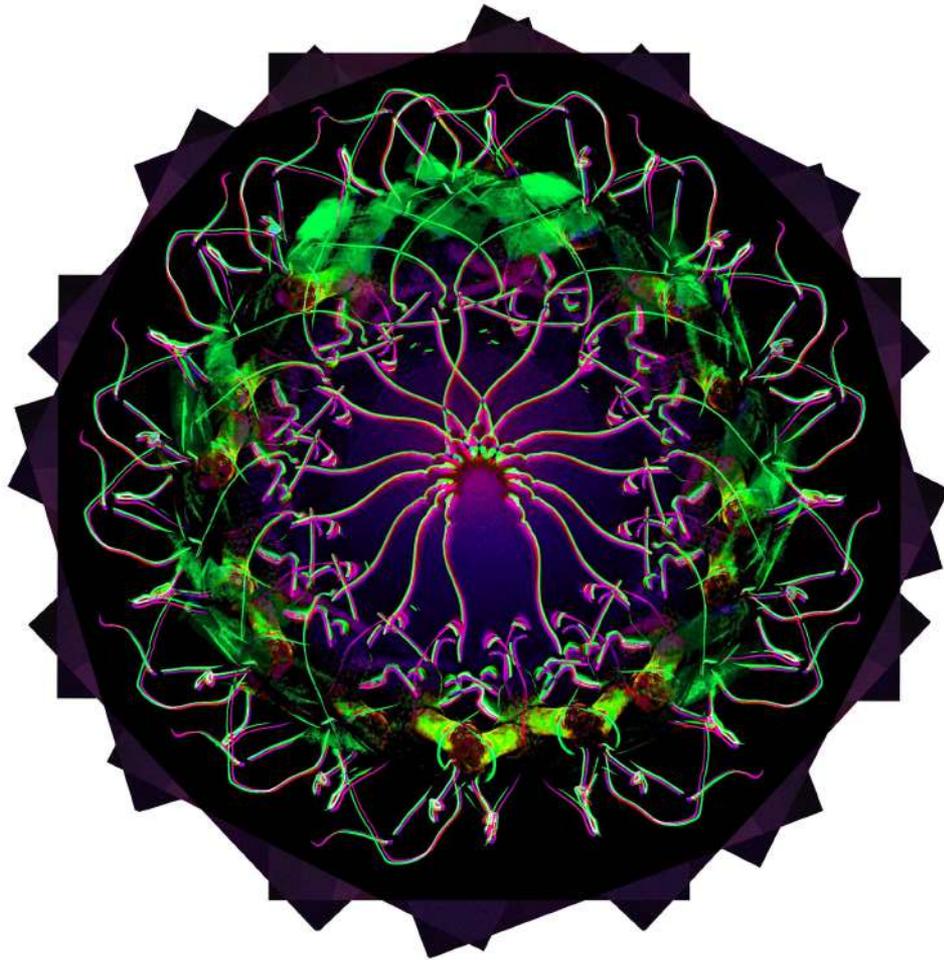


**See!! More layers
and more work make
it look finished.**

(NOTE: You might need to
merge and rotate the whole
mandala for the best look.)
Use the move tool and rotate
until it looks centered.



If you still have checkers that
means it's transparent and
will not show up when saved
(as JPEG)

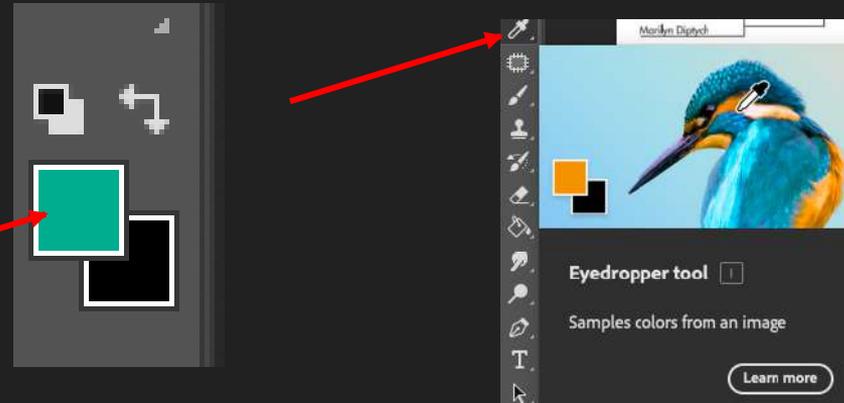
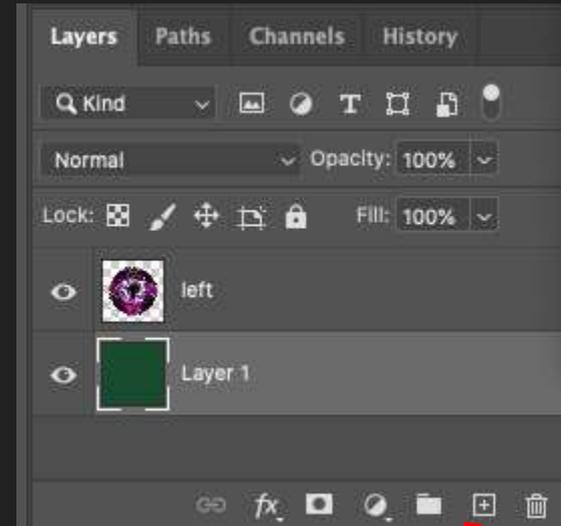


Add Background color

-Click the + symbol bottom right to add a new blank layer UNDER your photo

-Click the color squares bottom left and choose the color you like, Click OK

(HINT: Use the Eyedropper tool by clicking i on your keyboard and choose an exact color from your mandala

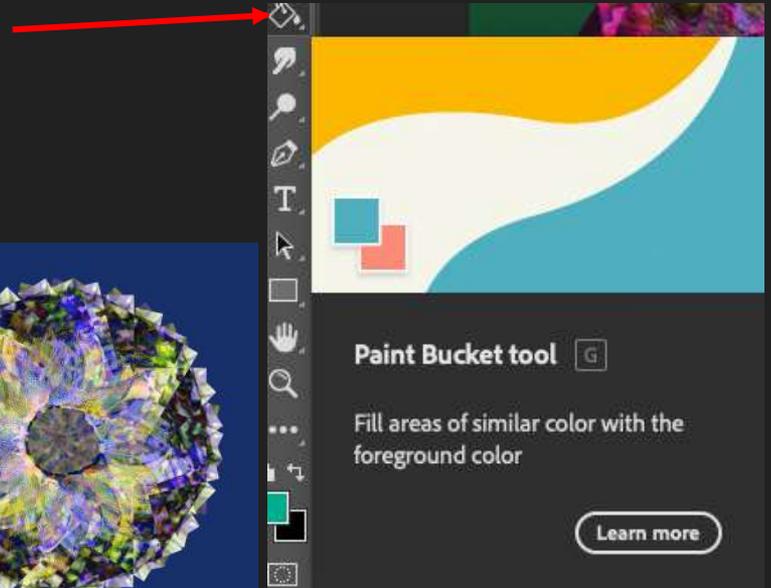


Add Background color

-Make sure you are on your blank layer

-Use the Paint Bucket Tool (G) and click on the background to add color. Drop another color on top if you don't like the first color!

*If gradient is your tool...right click on it and switch to paint bucket



Last step> SAVE

-Go to file “Save As”

-Rename as First Name

Last Initial Mandala.PSD

-Save as

Photoshop/PSD file

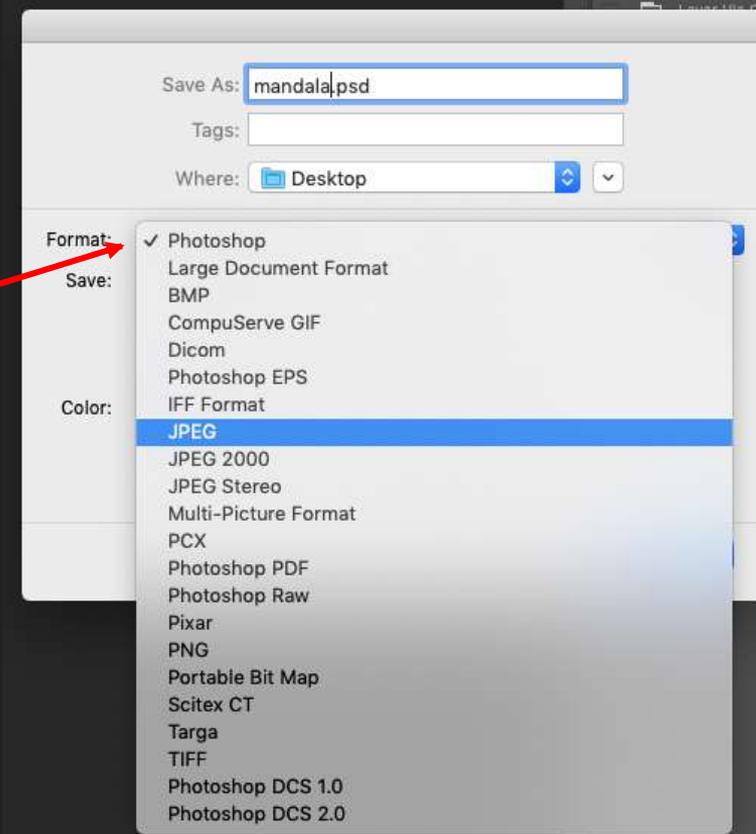
-Save to Photo 1 folder
in Finder > Documents

-Back up to your Google
Drive portfolio

-Keep PSD in case you
have to change edits.

Now you will save a

JPEG to turn in



Last step> SAVE

-Go to file “Save A Copy”

-Rename as First Name

Last Initial Mandala.PSD

-Save as

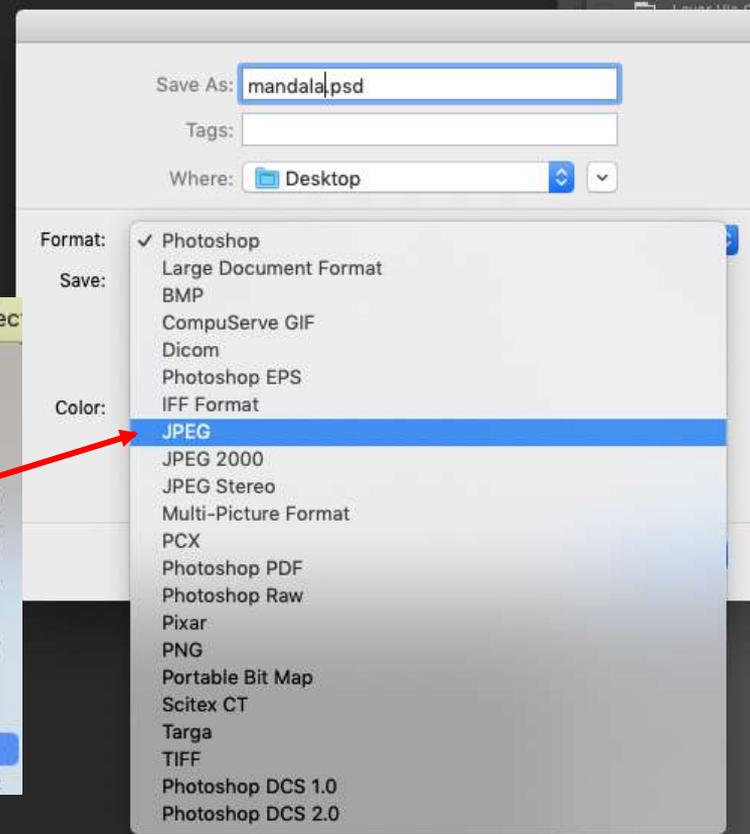
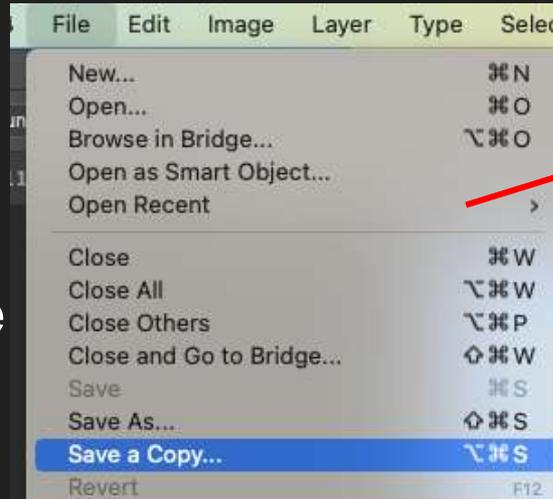
Photoshop/PSD file

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-Submit JPG to

Schoology and keep
PSD in case you have
to change edits



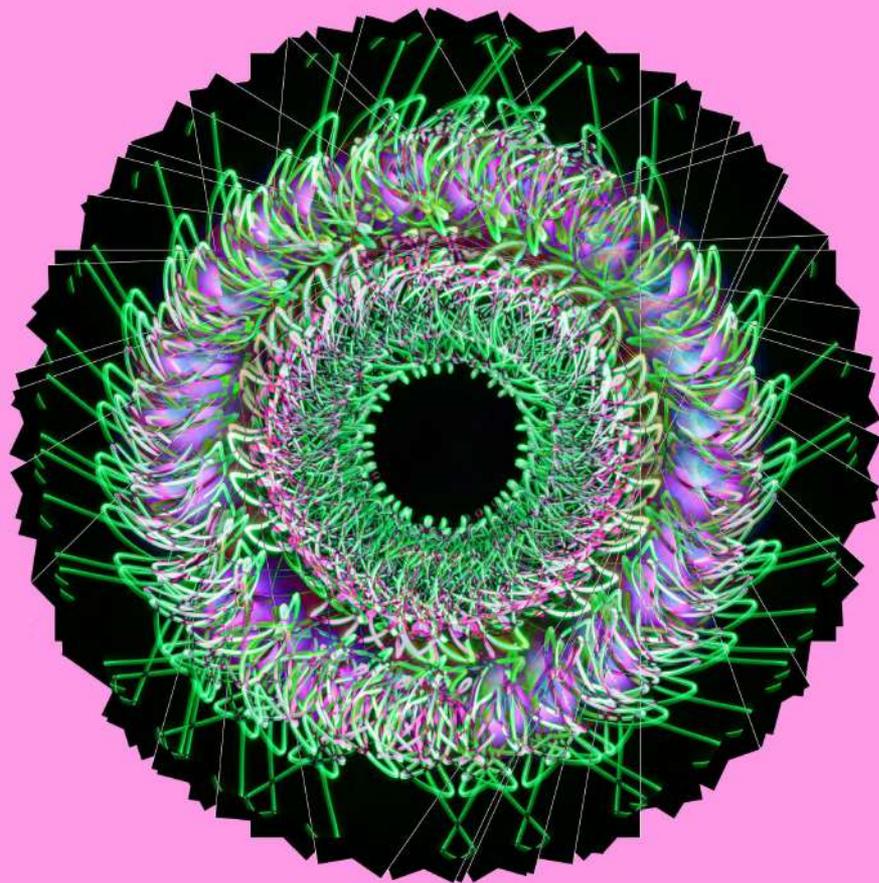
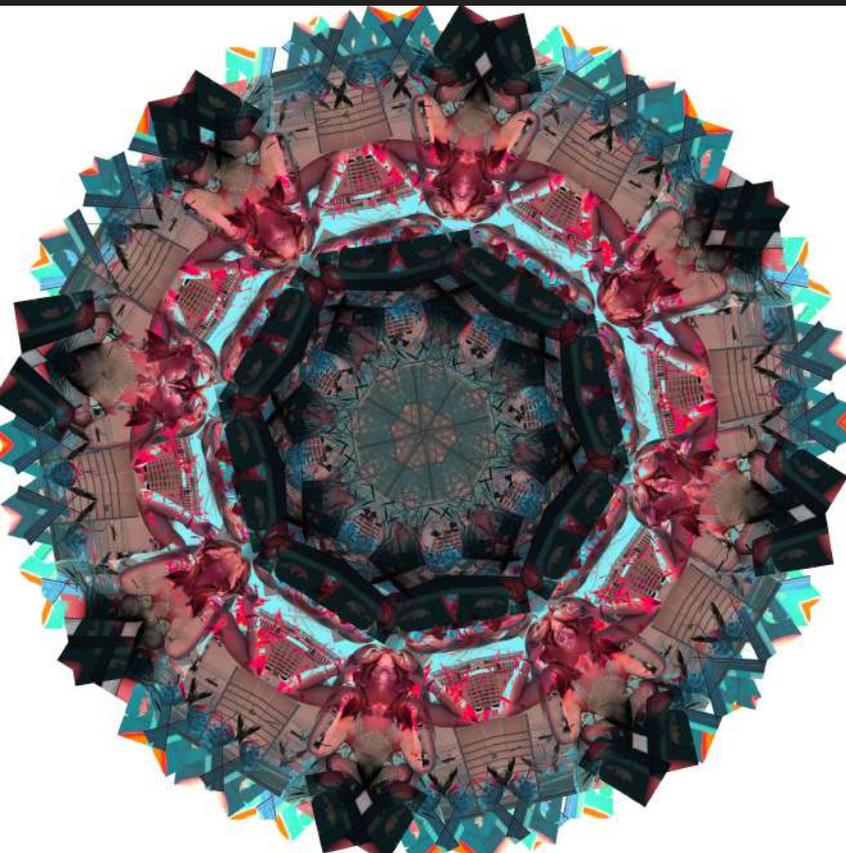
Formative Grade Criteria

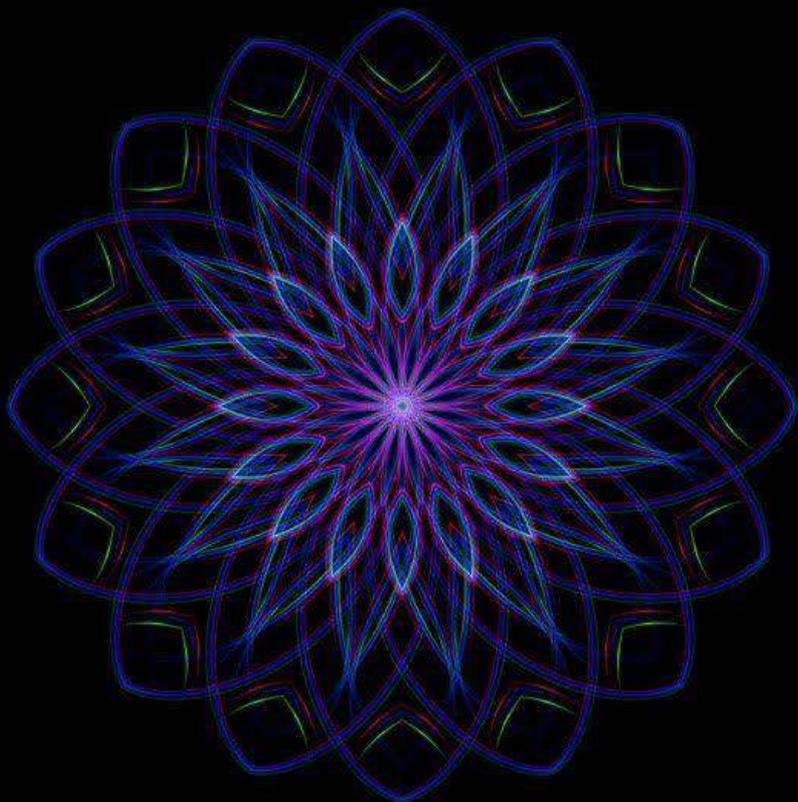
You will be graded on the following criteria

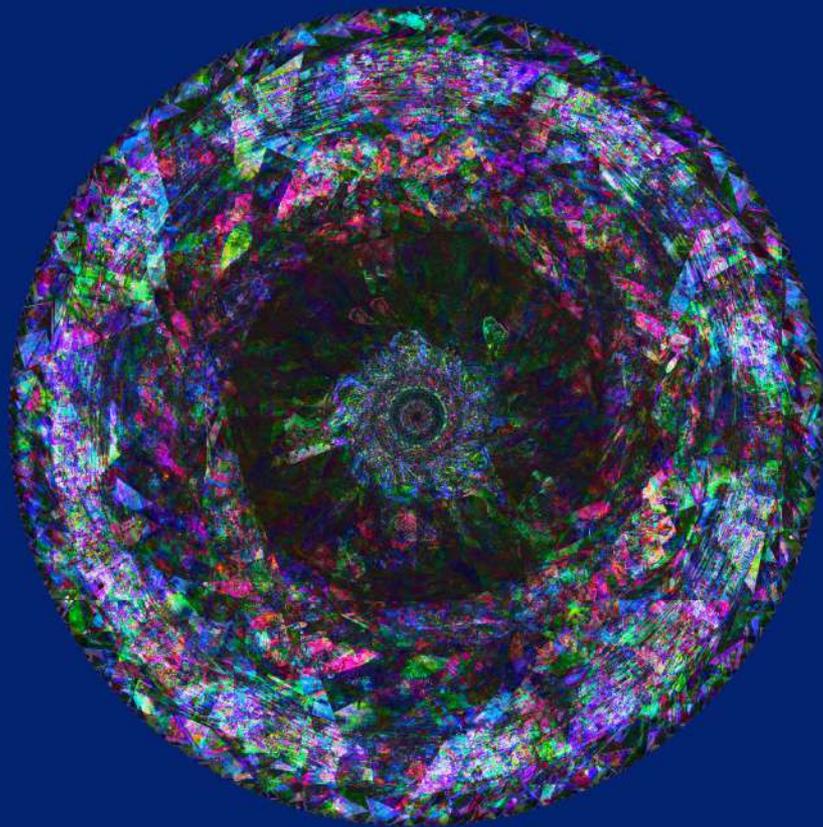
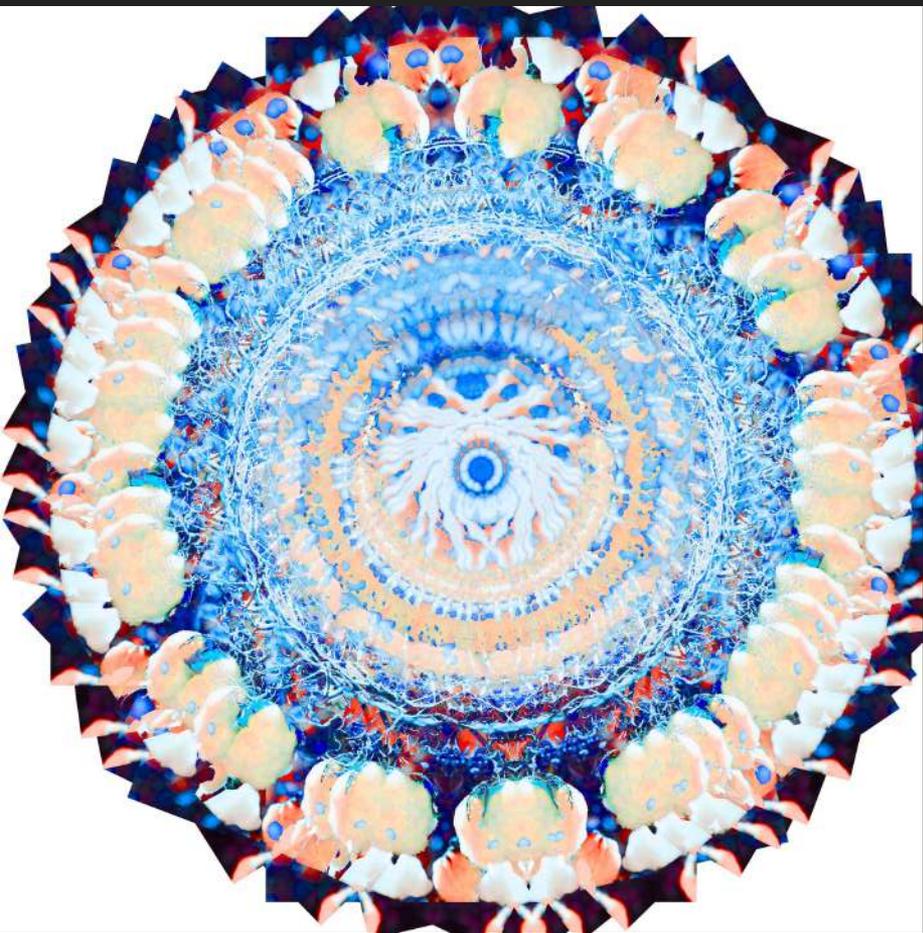
I can...

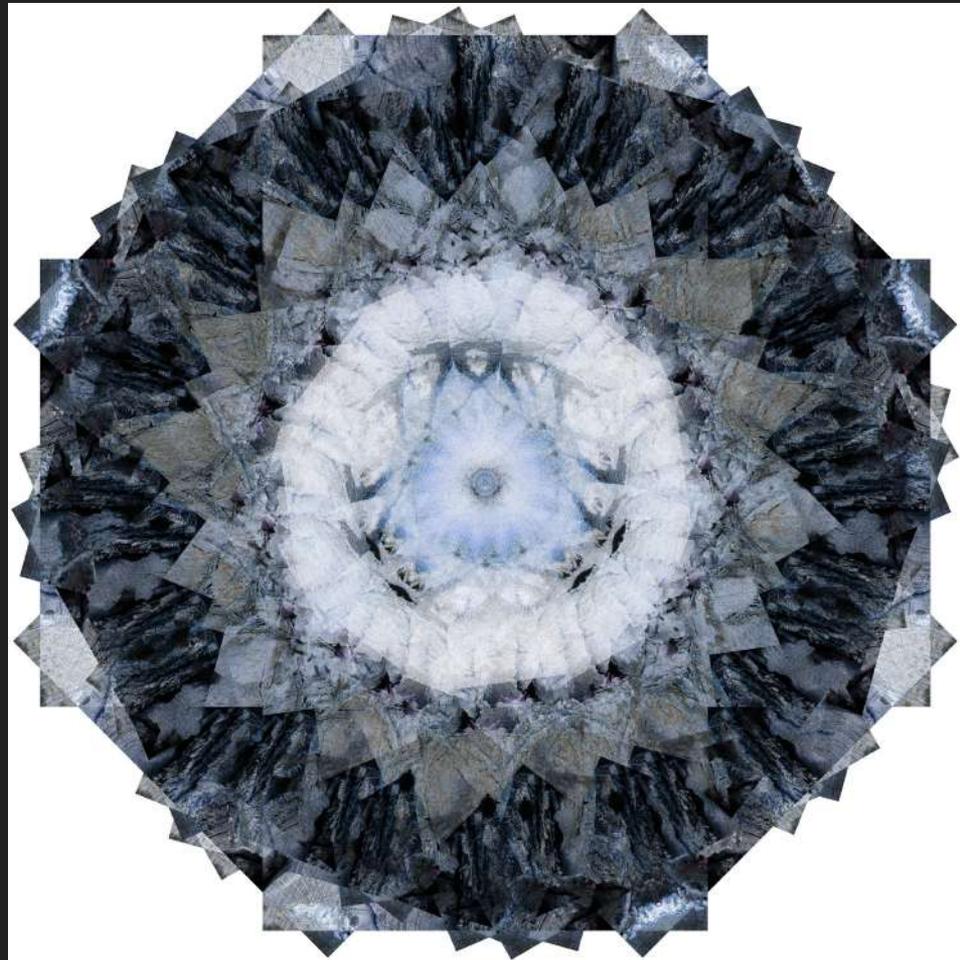
- Follow the above tutorial and all steps
- Have a balanced mandala that rotates around a clear center
- Adjust hue/saturation/blending modes based on what looks best for my mandala
- Create a background layer and choose a color that compliments the colors in my mandala
- Submit 2 JPGs to the Schoology assignment so you will make 2 DIFFERENT mandalas to show growth, experimentation, and resilience!

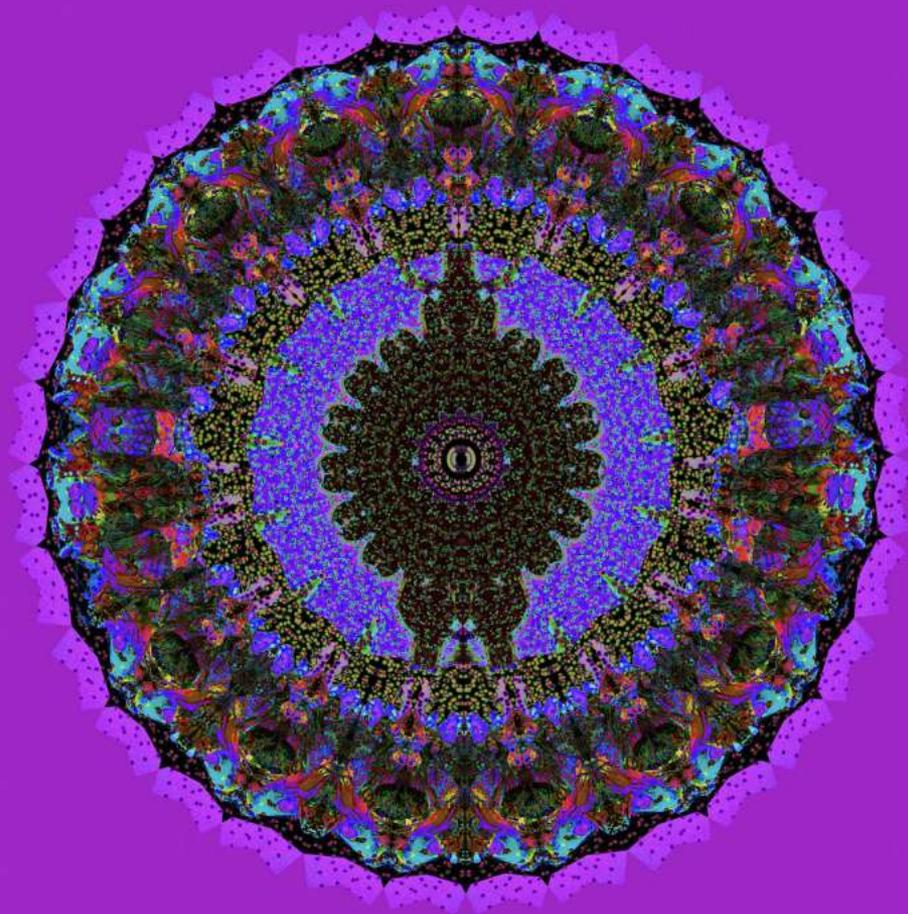
More Examples!













Step it Up! Make it into a Gif

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.

Student Example Step Up Gif

