

## Adobe Photoshop Cs4 Guide

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Maximize the power of the industry-standard tool for graphics professionals With this full-color guide, you will discover how to bring your creative concepts to completion using the latest version of the number-one graphic design software. You will learn how to use brushes, shapes, and special effects; master layers and filters; color-correct images; manage workflow; and much more. Written by an Adobe Certified Expert and Adobe Certified Instructor, this hands-on tutorial features real-world examples that reveal how cutting-edge design techniques are created. The book also introduces the Extended version for 3D and video users.

Adobe Photoshop CS4 on Demand What you need, when you need it! Need answers quickly? Adobe Photoshop CS4 on Demand provides those answers in a visual step-by-step format. We will show you exactly what to do through lots of full color illustrations and easy-to-follow instructions. Inside the Book • Improve productivity with the CS4 interface and templates • Use automatic layer alignment and blending to work with objects • Use live filters to view and modify the results of opening files • Use more precise color correction to enhance a photo • Easily convert images to black and white • Use image trickery to change or enhance an image • Create eye-catching bevels and special effects • Transform plain text into a show-stopping image • Create web animation sequences the easy way • Use tool presets to construct the right tool for the right job • Test content on different target devices Bonus Online Content Register your book at [queondemand.com](http://queondemand.com) to gain access to: • Workshops and related files • Keyboard shortcuts Visit the author site: [perspection.com](http://perspection.com)

The fastest, easiest, most comprehensive way to learn Adobe Dreamweaver CS4 Adobe Dreamweaver CS4 Classroom in a Book contains 11 lessons. The book covers the basics of learning Adobe Dreamweaver and provides countless tips and techniques to help you become more productive with the program. You can follow the book from start to finish or choose only those lessons that interest you. Learn how to create and manage web sites, build rich interactive interfaces, incorporate graphics, text, and video, and use Photoshop Smart Objects. "The Classroom in a Book series is by far the best training material on the market. Everything you need to master the software is included: clear explanations of each lesson, step-by-step instructions, and the project files for the students." –Barbara Binder, Adobe Certified Instructor, Rocky Mountain Training Classroom in a Book®, the best-selling series of hands-on software training workbooks, helps you learn the features of Adobe software quickly and easily. Classroom in a Book offers what no other book or training program does—an official training series from Adobe Systems incorporated, developed with the support of Adobe product experts. All of Peachpit's eBooks contain the same content as the print edition. You will find a link in the last few pages of your eBook that directs you to the media files. Helpful tips: • If you are able to search the book, search for "Where are the lesson files?" • Go to the very last page of the book and scroll backwards. • You will need a web-enabled device or computer in order to access the media files that accompany this ebook. Entering the URL supplied into a computer with web access will allow you to get to the files. • Depending on your device, it is possible that your display settings will cut off part of the URL. To make sure this is not the case, try reducing your font size and turning your device to a landscape view. This should cause the full URL to appear.

A guide to using Adobe Photoshop CS4 covers such topics as working with panels, creating a new document, managing layers, editing images, correction color and lighting, drawing with vector tools, and using filters.

This edition of the Visual QuickStart Guide to Photoshop CS4 by bestselling authors Elaine Weinmann and Peter Lourekas covers Adobe Photoshop as well as Adobe Bridge and Adobe Camera Raw (which are included with Photoshop). The elegant layout and full-color photographs make the book not only visually appealing, but also easy to use. Tasks are presented as clear, step-by-step instructions. Most of the photos appearing in the book are available to readers to download so they can follow along closely with the instructions. New and updated Photoshop program features are clearly marked with bright orange stars, so users already familiar with Photoshop can update their knowledge quickly. Major new features that are covered in this edition include workspace options in Photoshop, the Adjustments and Masks panels, and the new Bridge interface. Less publicized features are also covered, such as tool options and keyboard shortcuts. This new edition also covers color management; workspaces; layers; selections; masking; compositing techniques; the History panel; blending modes; brushes; exposure, tonal, color and focus adjustments; retouching; layer styles; filters; type features; gradients; PDF presentation packages; preferences; presets; and more. Readers will learn everything they need to know to get a good working knowledge of Photoshop.

Innovative product from Adobe Press combines interactive video and a printed reference to teach you the basics of Photoshop CS4 \* \* 6 hours of video training with project files on DVD, combined with 120- page printed guidebook. \* Video2Brain is one of the World's leading producers of innovative video training. \* Training is designed to cover the objectives in the Adobe Certified Associate exam: 'Visual Communication using Adobe Photoshop', which is aimed at beginner level users. This innovative product from Adobe Press combines interactive video and a printed reference to teach you the basics of Photoshop CS4. Structured around the objectives of the 'Visual Communication using Adobe Photoshop' exam at the Adobe Certified Associate level, the product teaches you not only the fundamentals of Photoshop, but also how to use the program to create effective forms of digital communication. You'll get 6 hours of video, presented by experienced instructors, as well as lesson files, assessment quizzes and review materials. The DVD is bundled with a printed booklet that provides a topic-by-topic guide to the video. The video is wrapped in a unique interface that allows the viewer to jump to any topic, and to bookmark individual topics for later review. Project files used in the lessons are included on the disk so the students can practice what they've learned, and review questions help to reinforce freshly gained knowledge.

The perfect guide for intermediate to advanced photographers who need to learn key Adobe Photoshop CS4 skills and techniques. • • Streamlined to focus on features of Photoshop CS4 and Photoshop CS4 Extended that are most relevant to intermediate and advanced digital photographers. • Four-color guide packed with essential tips and step-by-step techniques as well as hundreds of photos and screen captures • Includes unrivaled coverage of Photoshop CS4 color settings and color management principles This edition of Real World Photoshop is more tightly focused for the needs and demands of the professional digital photographers. From acquiring images to using an efficient processing workflow to maintaining image quality and final output quality all within the powerful feature set of Adobe Photoshop CS4 and Photoshop Extended Real CS4. Coverage of new features includes: live, nondestructive corrections in the Adjustments panel, re-editable, feathered, density controlled masks, enhanced auto-align, auto blend, 360 degree panoramas, and more. The book's new focus helps readers understand the core workflow tasks, main print and web output options as well as the commercial printing information necessary to hand off images for prepress. Essential information on file formats, color settings, image adjustment fundamentals, sharpness, detail, noise reduction, and image storage and output is also included. Photoshop Extended is covered where it relates specifically to photographers. Serious digital photographers, amateur or pro, who seek the fastest, easiest, most comprehensive way to learn Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 5 choose Adobe Photoshop Lightroom 5 Classroom in a Book from the Adobe Creative Team at Adobe Press. The 11 project-based lessons in this book show readers step-by-step the key techniques for working in Photoshop Lightroom 5. And brand-new to this edition is a showcase of extraordinary images by working professional photographers that provides the perfect inspiration. Photoshop Lightroom 5 delivers a complete workflow solution for the digital photographer, from powerful one-click adjustments to a full range of cutting-edge advanced controls. Readers learn how to manage large volumes of digital photographs, work in a non-destructive environment to allow for

fearless experimentation, and perform sophisticated image processing tasks to easily produce good-looking pictures and polished presentations for both web and print. This completely revised Photoshop Lightroom 5 edition explains how to fix tilted images and unwanted flaws in one step, and how to create off-center and multiple vignettes within a single image. Learn how to utilize new Smart Previews so you can work on images without bringing your entire library with you. You'll also learn how to combine still images, video clips, and music into video slide shows that can be viewed on almost any device.

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This full-color Visual QuickStart Guide is a more advanced companion volume to the best-selling Photoshop CS4 Visual QuickStart Guide from the same authors. This book takes designers and photographers beyond the basics with more focused tasks that are written in greater depth. For instructors this Visual QuickStart guide provides more advanced tutorials for students who need to master Photoshop, and can be a real time-saver for developing curriculum. Best-selling authors Elaine Weinmann and Peter Lourekas cover many key areas in Photoshop, including: methods for creating complex selections; specific steps to improve tone and color; in-depth tasks for retouching portraits; a closer look at combining images into composites; thorough coverage of Camera Raw 5.2; detailed steps for improving sharpening; creative use of tinting; applying fine art touches to an image; and steps for creative type treatments.

Adobe Illustrator is the indispensable vector drawing tool used by digital artists around the world. Illustrator CS4 provides those artists with powerful drawing tools, unparalleled typographic controls, and much more. With a slew of new features and tighter-than-ever integration with the rest of Adobe Creative Suite 4's design, graphics, and publishing tools, Illustrator CS4 promises to make designers' lives a whole lot easier, especially if they have this task-based guide! Now revised and updated, and in 4 COLOR this book uses simple step-by-step instructions, loads of screen shots, and an array of time-saving tips and tricks, serving both as the quickest route to Illustrator CS4 mastery for new users, and a handy reference for more experienced designers. This edition of the Visual QuickStart Guide covers Illustrator CS4's newest features, including the much anticipated multi art board feature and much more.

Professional commercial photographer and digital imager Jeff Schewe (based in Chicago, USA) has teamed up with best-selling Photoshop author Martin Evening to provide advanced Photoshop users with never before seen tips and techniques. Building on Martin Evening's successful Adobe Photoshop for Photographers series of titles, this new guide takes Photoshop users to further depths exploring the power of Photoshop CSX. Highly visual, with clear, step-by-step tutorials, this advanced guide will appeal to those who want to take Photoshop beyond the boundaries.

Teaches Photoshop CS4 completely and succinctly by providing a perfect blend of instruction and hands-on exercises. • • Spotlights the core image editing skills every user needs. • Lessons and content from book link to authors successful video podcast series Understanding Adobe Photoshop with 100 episodes completed to date and 400,000 downloads a month. • Author has extensive multimedia experience in graphic design and digital video, and shares his knowledge with exercises, activities, and samples Photoshop is the foundation of every digital career. It is the most pervasive technology on the market. Many users think they know it, but in truth they have gaping holes. This book covers what a professional truly needs to know about Photoshop to be employable. For students (whether in formal programs, certified training centers, or self-paced) this book offers a chance to explore the many aspects of the program interactively. The book cuts through the clutter and is unique in that it focuses not just on digital photography, but Internet, graphic design, multimedia, and video uses. Readers will learn the basics in correcting, editing, sharpening, retouching, and presenting photos as well as work on specific projects/exercises, including: digital painting; preparing images for newsprint; designing a CD/DVD label, magazine cover, and advertisements; and building an electronic portfolio. The full-color book includes a CD-ROM with hand-on exercises and practice images, access to a reader's only Web site for bonus downloads and files, and access to the popular video tutorial Podcasts (150 at time of publication).

Easy-to-scan guide makes quick work of the most useful features of Adobe Illustrator CS2!

Find solutions fast with this handy encyclopedic guide to Photoshop's multitude of terms and options. Conveniently organized in a clear A to Z format, this attractive, illustrated desktop reference covers every action you are likely to make as you manipulate photographs and digital images in Photoshop. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned Photoshop user, there'll be tools and features you've forgotten, missed or never memorized, but that needn't slow down the creative process. As well as complete A-Z listings that answer all the questions you'll come up against, a step-by-step techniques section covers the everyday tasks you'll refer to again and again. This visual resource is the ideal companion to every Photoshop book on your shelf. Don't start working in Photoshop unless it's by your side!

This edition of Real World Photoshop is more tightly focused for the needs and demands of the professional digital photographers. From acquiring images to using an efficient processing workflow to maintaining image quality and final output quality all within the powerful feature set of Adobe Photoshop CS4 and Photoshop Extended CS4. Coverage of new features includes: live, non-destructive corrections in the Adjustments panel, re-editable, feathered, density controlled masks, enhanced auto-align, auto blend, 360 degree panoramas, and more. The book's new focus helps readers understand the core workflow tasks, main print and web output options as well as the commercial printing information necessary to hand off images for prepress. Essentials information on file formats, color settings, image adjustment fundamentals, sharpness, detail, noise reduction, and image storage and output is also included. Photoshop Extended is covered where it relates specifically to photographers.

In Real World Compositing with Adobe Photoshop CS4, Photoshop experts Scott Valentine and Dan Moughamian explain the key elements involved in planning and executing a composite imaging project. Readers will learn about the importance of the planning process, including tips on how to develop creative ideas and stay organized as their project evolves. In addition, they will pick up vital techniques for acquiring and perfecting source images in Photoshop CS4, before bringing them together as a seamless composite. The powerful new 3D features found in the Extended edition are also discussed as part of a 2D-3D workflow. Serious photographers and digital artists wishing to produce photo-realistic imagery or surrealistic artwork by blending—or compositing—multiple images and light sources can learn all they need to know right here. Building from the reader's existing skill set of Photoshop fundamentals, the authors provide detailed examples and explanations that cover the newest features in Photoshop CS4 and also utilize a variety of tools and software applications. More than just a Photoshop guide, this book takes a holistic approach, instructing readers on photographic planning and techniques, key design concepts, visual perception, and robust image editing techniques. This is an increasingly popular approach which requires the digital artist to become more involved in the presentation and concept of their images. Real World Compositing with Photoshop CS4 delivers the information readers need, to produce the best possible composite imagery.

The fastest, easiest, most comprehensive way to learn Adobe Photoshop CS4 Fourteen lessons in Adobe Photoshop CS4 Classroom in a Book cover basic and advanced techniques in Adobe Photoshop, the world's best image-editing software. Learn how to retouch digital photos, work with layers and masks, navigate the workspace, prepare images print, and explore the latest features. Tips, extra-credit exercises, and step-by-step lessons help you become more productive using Photoshop. Learn to correct and enhance digital photos, create image composites, transform images in perspective, and prepare images for print and the web. Combine images for extended depth of field, and try out the new 3D features in Adobe Photoshop CS4 Extended. "The Classroom in a Book series is by far the best training material on the market. Everything you need to master the software is included: clear explanations of each lesson, step-by-step instructions, and the project files for the students." —Barbara Binder, Adobe Certified Instructor, Rocky Mountain Training Classroom in a Book®, the best-selling

series of hands-on software training workbooks, helps you learn the features of Adobe software quickly and easily. Classroom in a Book offers what no other book or training program does—an official training series from Adobe Systems Incorporated, developed with the support of Adobe product experts. All of Peachpit's eBooks contain the same content as the print edition. You will find a link in the last few pages of your eBook that directs you to the media files. Helpful tips: If you are able to search the book, search for "Where are the lesson files?" Go to the very last page of the book and scroll backwards. You will need a web-enabled device or computer in order to access the media files that accompany this ebook. Entering the URL supplied into a computer with web access will allow you to get to the files. Depending on your device, it is possible that your display settings will cut off part of the URL. To make sure this is not the case, try reducing your font size and turning your device to a landscape view. This should cause the full URL to appear.

Photoshop is the world's most widely used photo-editing and graphics program. But with all its fantastic new features and options, the CS4 version can bewilder even the most seasoned professional. That's where Photoshop CS4: The Missing Manual comes in: packed with tips, tricks, and lots of practical advice, this visually rich four-color guidebook teaches you everything you need to know to edit photos and create beautiful documents in Photoshop. Whether you're an absolute beginner or a power user ready to try some advanced techniques, author and graphics pro Lesa Snider King offers crystal-clear, jargon-free instructions to help you take advantage of these powerful tools -- not only how they work, but when you should use them. You'll quickly get up to speed on new CS4 features such as: Photoshop's completely revamped workspace Smoother image display and quick zoom, including the new pixel grid view New Masks and Adjustments panels The Vibrance adjustment layer Hand-painting adjustments and using graduated filters in Camera Raw Enhanced Adobe Bridge And much more. You'll also find out which features work well, and which aren't worth your time. Written with the clarity, humor, and objective scrutiny that are hallmarks of the Missing Manual series, Photoshop CS4: The Missing Manual is the friendly, thorough resource you need. Why settle for anything less? "Lesla did a great job on the book, and in my mind, it is the new Photoshop Bible."-- Scott Kelby, Photoshop Insider

Learning Photoshop CS4 teaches students the techniques needed to restore and retouch images; composite images; color correct images; add special effects to images; create pamphlets, posters, and postcards, and much, much more. The book is designed to help students achieve a beginning-to-intermediate skill level with the leading imageediting software. Each chapter includes learning objectives and easy-to-understand explanations of the theory and software techniques needed to achieve those objectives. Full-color illustrations are used extensively throughout the book to guide students through software operation. Special boxed features at the end of each chapter give the students insight into the most important graphic design concepts. Students can evaluate their progress with the review questions provided at the end of each chapter.

While Adobe Photoshop has long been their choice for editing digital photographs, many photographers want a more focused tool. That's where Adobe Photoshop Lightroom comes in. Designed from the ground up with digital photographers in mind, Photoshop Lightroom offers powerful editing features in a streamlined interface that lets photographers import, sort, and organize images. The Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Book was also written with photographers in mind. Best-selling author Martin Evening describes Photoshop Lightroom's features in detail from a photographer's perspective. As an established commercial and fashion photographer, martin knows firsthand what photographers need for an efficient workflow. He's also been working with Photoshop Lightroom from the beginning, monitoring the product's development and providing feedback on the public beta. As a result, Martin knows the software inside and out, from image selection to image editing to image management. In this book you'll learn how to: Work efficiently with images shot in the raw formatn import photographs with ease and sort them according to your workflow Create and manage a personal image library Apply tonal corrections to multiple images quickly Integrate Photoshop Lightroom with Adobe Photoshop Export images for print or Web as digital contact sheets or personal portfolios Photographers will find Adobe Photoshop Lightroom—and The Adobe Photoshop Lightroom Book—indispensable tools in their digital darkroom. A free Lightroom 1.1 PDF supplement update is now available at [www.peachpit.com/register](http://www.peachpit.com/register).

If you're exploring a career in digital imaging or design, then you're likely to encounter Photoshop along the way--you probably already have. But how well do you know it? Understanding Adobe Photoshop: Digital Image Concepts and Techniques goes beyond the school newspaper or internship and teaches you the fundamental digital imaging techniques in Adobe Photoshop and Photoshop Elements that you'll need to succeed both in the classroom and the workforce. While many Photoshop books focus on features, tools, or techniques, this book covers both the basics and delves into specific skills, tricks, and uses in multimedia. With a friendly style and interactive DVD-ROM, Richard Harrington covers digital imaging basics (correcting, editing, sharpening, retouching, and presenting photos) and shows you real-world projects and exercises, including: digital painting; designing a CD/DVD label, magazine cover, and advertisements; creating Web sites/animations; and more!

"Derrick shows that Photoshop can be friendly as well as powerful. In part, he does that by focusing photographers on the essential steps of an efficient workflow. With this guide in hand, you'll quickly learn how to leverage Photoshop CS4's features to organize and improve your pictures."-- John Nack, Principal Product Manager, Adobe Photoshop & Bridge Many photographers -- even the pros -- feel overwhelmed by all the editing options Photoshop provides. The Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers pares it down to only the tools you'll need most often, and shows you how to use those tools as part of an efficient and enjoyable workflow. This book explains an easy method for processing your images using the new user-friendly features that come with Photoshop CS4, including Adobe Bridge, Photo Downloader, and Adobe Camera Raw. A perfect fit for your laptop bag, this guide is designed to help you process photos in the field. Professional photographer and bestselling author Derrick Story teaches you how to quickly and efficiently organize and edit your photos without compromising the originals. With this book, you will: Import your images and apply metadata with Photo Downloader Rate your images and add keywords with Adobe Bridge Make basic (and reversible) edits with Adobe Camera Raw, such as cropping, color balance, and tonal adjustments Use advanced ACR tools for black & white conversion, spot removal, batch processing, and more Refine your images with Photoshop using adjustment layers, masking, and smart objects Apply advanced Photoshop techniques for retouching portraits, swapping colors, correcting lens distortion, and much more To use Photoshop effectively, photographers must know which tools they really need and which ones they don't. The Photoshop CS4 Companion for Photographers gives you the knowledge to create your own efficient path to great-looking photos.

Part of the highly successful Shelly Cashman Series, ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CS4: COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES follows the proven Shelly Cashman Series step-by-step, screen-by-screen approach to learning the Photoshop CS4 software. In this text, you will find features designed to engaged students, improve retention, and prepare them for future success. Students are encouraged to expand their understanding of the Photoshop CS4 software and graphic design concepts through experimentation, exploration and planning ahead. Brand new end of chapter exercises prepare students to become more capable software users by requiring them to use critical-thinking and problem-solving skills. Important Notice: Media content

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Renowned Photographer and Photoshop hall-of-famer, Martin Evening returns with his comprehensive guide to Photoshop. This acclaimed work covers everything from the core aspects of working in Photoshop to advanced techniques for refined workflows and professional results. Using concise advice, clear instruction and real world examples, this essential guide will give you the skills, regardless of your experience, to create professional quality results. A robust accompanying website features sample images, tutorial videos, bonus chapters and a plethora of extra resources. Quite simply, this is the essential reference for photographers of all levels using Photoshop.

Photoshop CS5 is more amazing than ever, but it can be overwhelming if you're just getting started. This book makes learning Photoshop a breeze by explaining things in a conversational, friendly style -- with no technical jargon. After a thorough introduction to the program, you'll delve deep into Photoshop's secrets with expert tips and practical advice you can use every day. Learn your way around. Get a guided tour of Photoshop's efficient new workspace Unlock the power. Learn the best ways to use layers, channels, masks, paths, and more Bring images to life. Discover how to effectively retouch, resize, and recolor your photos Be artistic. Create beautiful illustrations and paintings, and use text effectively Share your work. Produce great-looking photos for print and the Web Work smarter and faster. Automate common chores and install plug-ins for complex tasks Get bonus online content. Find more great material on the Missing CD page Written with the clarity, humor, and objective scrutiny, Photoshop CS5: The Missing Manual is the friendly, thorough resource you need.

Sams Teach Yourself Adobe® Photoshop® CS4 Kate Binder In just 24 lessons of one hour or less, you'll learn all the fundamental Photoshop CS4 skills you need to get great results—in digital photography, graphic design, painting, or anything else! Using this book's easy, step-by-step approach, you'll master Photoshop CS4's revamped interface and powerful new shortcuts. You can also learn professional techniques for repairing damaged photos, creating great composites, black-and-white images, and web graphics, and a whole lot more! Full-color figures and clear step-by-step instructions visually show you how to use Photoshop. Notes, Tips, and Cautions provide related information, advice, and warnings. Q&A sections, quizzes, and exercises help you build and test your knowledge. Learn how to... Master Photoshop CS4's new tabbed interface, Application Frame, and Application Bar Personalize your workspace to work more efficiently Repair and retouch black-and-white and color images, no matter what condition they're in Make "spot fixes" with Photoshop CS4's improved toning tools Achieve powerful artistry with Photoshop's filters and effects Master digital painting with Photoshop's paintbrushes and other tools Get your colors right, in both print and web applications Transform your images using tools ranging from Flip and Warp to Liquify Master professional-level features including layers, channels, and masks Create outstanding typographic special effects Prepare great web images for everything from online photo galleries to cellphones Save time and get better results with Photoshop CS4's latest enhancements Kate Binder is a design and graphics expert who works from her home in New Hampshire. She has written articles on graphics, publishing, and photography for magazines including Shutterbug, Publish, eDigitalPhoto, PEI, and Desktop Publishers Journal. Kate is also the author of several books, including iMac Portable Genius, Sams Teach Yourself Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 in 24 Hours, Easy Mac OS X Leopard, The Complete Idiot's Guide to Mac OS X, and Easy Adobe Photoshop 7. Category: Graphics Covers: Adobe® Photoshop® CS4 User Level: Beginning–Intermediate

Master Photoshop CS4 with this visual, hands-on guide to using layers, under the expert guidance of digital imaging specialist Richard Lynch. Layers, Photoshop's most powerful feature, is the core of a nondestructive image-editing workflow. Step-by-step instructions and practical examples illustrate how to. \* Polish: correct and enhance color, fix composition problems, and repair damage or flaws \* Manipulate: isolate image areas for changes, adjustments and experimental concepts \* Understand: use all forms of layer blending, including transparency, clipping masks, opacity/fill, layer masks, layer modes, channel targeting, Blend If, and Effects/Styles The accompanying DVD comes complete with a generous library of practical actions based on techniques from the book that add functional power to Photoshop, along with practice images for all the exercises in the book. This focused, highly accurate, comprehensive, and practical guide offers invaluable advice for all users of Adobe Photoshop CS4.

Your one-stop Photoshop reference, filled with the latest tips and techniques There's a reason why Photoshop is the industry standard for image-editing software. But it's also that big, Photoshop has so many facets and features that a handy one-stop guide is exactly what you need. And you'll love the "Putting It Together" exercises that give you hands-on experience – in rich, full color! Learn the parts — the desktop, menus, panels, and key tools, and how to use Adobe Bridge Make your selection — learn about each of the selection tools plus the powerful Pen tool and Paths panel Brush up — on the Brush and Pencil tools and how to create vector shapes, create and edit type, and put type on a path Restore and retouch — correct and enhance color, improve contrast, and use the Clone Stamp and Healing tools to fix flaws and damage Print it — learn how to get the right resolution, image mode, and file format, and prepare your work for printing Open the book and find: How to crop images and increase their canvas size Tips for creating gradients and patterns Advice on resizing images How to composite images with layers and blending modes Filter techniques to correct or alter images How the Vanishing Point feature makes editing easier Steps for making adjustments with levels and curves How to create contact sheets

Adobe Photoshop CS4 Studio Techniques has been completely updated to cover the new features in CS4. In a friendly, easy-going style that's long on information and short on techno-babble, Photoshop Hall-of-Famer Ben Willmore and photographer Dan Ablan guide you through the concepts and features that will truly make a difference in how you use Photoshop every day. They'll take you from blindly following step-by-step instructions to an in-depth understanding of how Photoshop works, cutting through the fat to focus on what they consider to be Photoshop's essential features. This full-color book delivers the content in three easily digestible sections: Working Foundations, Production Essentials, and Creative Explorations. Streamlined for this new edition, the book will distill Photoshop's vast capabilities down to what you need to know for a full understanding of the program, while simultaneously focusing more directly on best practices for the photographer. Beginning with a quick "refresher course" on the working foundations of Photoshop, you'll move on to real-world production techniques. Finally, you'll get to fully explore Photoshop's creative potential by blending and enhancing images, creating collages, retouching photographs, colorizing, and working with filters and layer masks. By the time you finish this book, your creativity and efficiency levels will soar and you'll feel like you finally "get" Photoshop.

Master Photoshop CS4 with this visual, hands-on guide to using Layers, under the expert guidance of digital imaging specialist Richard Lynch. Layers, Photoshop's most powerful feature, is the core of a nondestructive image-editing work flow. This focused, highly accurate, comprehensive, and practical guide offers invaluable advice for all users of Adobe Photoshop CS4.

Discover everything you want to know about Photoshop CS4 in this easy to use guide, from the most essential tasks that you'll want to perform to solving the most common problems you'll encounter.

This latest version of Photoshop has a few new tricks up its sleeve and Adobe Photoshop CS4 For Dummies will teach you how to use them. From the basics like getting your images into and out of Photoshop to enhancing, cropping, and color correction, it's all here! You'll get all of the basics of digital images and master the importing and exporting of images. You'll find out how to create easy enhancements like adding shadows and highlights and making color natural, in addition to learning how to use the Adobe camera raw plug-in. Before you know it, you'll be making beautiful "art" with Photoshop by combining images, precision edges, dressing up images, painting in Photoshop, and using filters. You can even streamline your work in Photoshop using advanced techniques. Find out how to: Import images and use all the tools and processes Reduce digital noise, make colors look natural, add highlights and shadows Optimize images for print or the Web Edit images Explore the Painting function and master the daunting Brushes panel Add layer styles Create on-screen presentations, contact prints, and more Complete with lists of ten reasons to love your Wacom tablet, ten reasons to own a digital camera, and ten favorite tips and tricks, Adobe CS4For Dummies is your one-stop guide to setting up, working with, and making the most of Photoshop CS4 for all your digital photography needs.

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