

Borders

Creative borders can in some cases be very over the top and distract the eye rather than add to the visual value of an image.

However, a clever border on the printed image in many cases can support and improve the visual experience. These borders are extremely valuable for presentations.

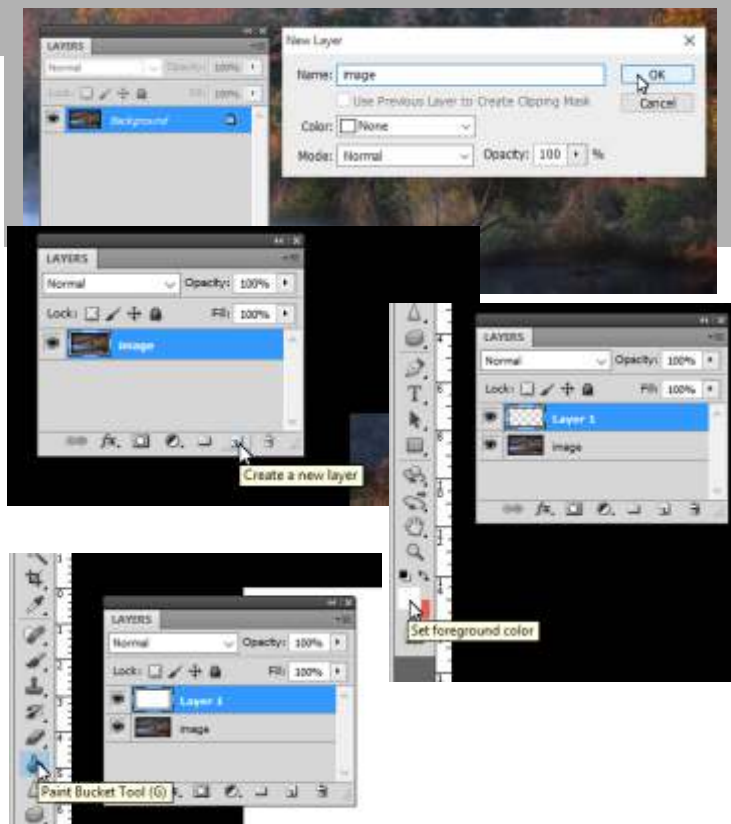


step 1

Open image you wish to add a border to.

- In the **LAYERS** window double click on background, in the **New Layer** window name the layer (I named it 'image') and click **OK**. You have now turned the background into a layer.
- Click **Create a new layer**. With this layer (layer1) selected click **Set foreground colour** and choose colour of your choice, for this exercise I chose white, click **OK**. Click **Paint Bucket Tool** and fill layer.

You have now created a white layer.



step 2

If white layer is at top now will be a good time to move it to the bottom, click on **Layer 1** hold button and move layer down. Select/click 'image' layer.

- Choose the **Rectangular Marquee Tool** (or any shape of your choice) and draw an area inside image for border.
- With 'image' layer selected click **Add layer mask** at bottom of **LAYERS** window. Make sure **Layer mask thumbnail** is selected for step 3.



step 3

You can use various single filter for different effects on border from the **Filter** menu.

- For this tutorial I went to **Filter > Pixelate > Crystalize...**
- In the **Crystalize** box move image in viewer to a corner and select **Cell Size**, for this 38.5 meg file I chose 30, click **OK**.
- To change background colour select **Layer 1** in **LAYERS** click **Set foreground colour** and choose colour of your choice. The **Eyedropper tool** can also be used to choose a colour inside your image as a border colour.
- To soften border select **Layer mask thumbnail** and go to **Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur...** get corner in preview and choose **Radius** for softness.

