

Photoshop for Beginners

Tutorial on Adjustment Layers

First of all, an adjustment layer is a layer that you can apply adjustments to without altering your original image. Adjustment layers are flexible because you can go back and change their settings after you have created them; they are also useful because you can use the paintbrush tool, with black selected, to hide all or parts of the adjustment.

Creating an Adjustment Layer

1. Go to Layer > New Adjustment Layer > (type of adjustment layer you want)
2. Or you can just click on the icon for adjustment layers (it is a circle that is half black half white, located underneath your layers pallet).

I found this website that might help explain some of the different types of adjustment layers since we couldn't go over them all in our meeting.

<http://www.acuitydesigns.net/photoshop-adjustment-layer-and-retouching-tutorial-with-video/>

Masking Out Part of Your Adjustment

1. Select your paintbrush tool from the your tools, either by clicking the **brush icon** or hitting **B** on your keyboard
2. Make sure that you are on default colors. Click the small **black and white squares** underneath the larger squares showing the selected colors, or hit **D**
3. Make sure that you are selected on the adjustment layer mask (the white square to the right on your adjustment layer) and start painting black on your image. When you paint black it hides the effect, and likewise painting with white will bring the effect back