



Adobe Photoshop

How to Use the Smudge Tool

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Select the smudge tool from the drop-down menu or the tools palette. The smudge tool looks like a pointed finger.

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Set the strength (pressure) of the tool. This modifies how powerful your smudge is. The higher the strength setting the more pronounced the effect. If you set the pressure to 100 percent, you will wipe away all the existing paint. Setting it to 20 percent will make it seem as if you are trying to smudge dried paint. This is located in the options bar.

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Specify a blending mode and strength on the options bar. This controls how pixels in the image are affected by the smudge tool.

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Position your cursor on the point in the image that you want to smudge. You can then drag the cursor across the image to smudge the colors.

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Use the finger painting option on the tool bar if you want to begin the smudge with the current foreground color. This is similar to dipping your finger in a bit of paint before creating a smudge while finger painting.

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Select the "Use All Layers" option to smudge colors from other layers in the image onto the layer you are currently working on. Leave this option blank if you want the smudge to pick up color from pixels on the active or target layer only.

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Consider using brush options such as "Darker" or "Lighter" to change the intensity of the smudge.