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Crop Tool



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Above is the crop options toolbar. It is only active when you select the crop tool which is highlighted in red to the right. Left to right looking at the toolbar above.

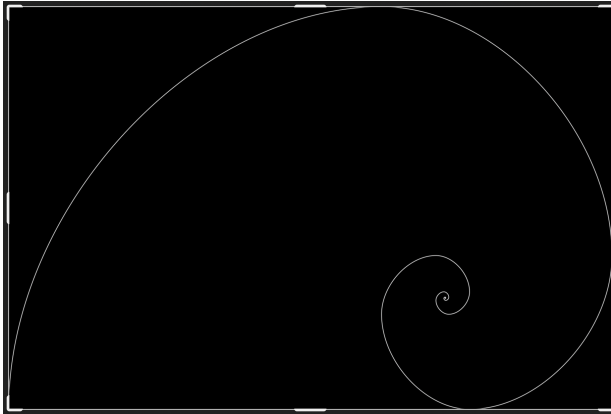
1. **Ratio**-Allows to change an image ratio like 2x3, 5x7, 4x5, and 1x1. Note changing ratios does not size an image to that ratio.
2. **Under Ratio width x height x resolution**-allows you to change ratios and size an image. See image below. Resolution refers to image quality. 300 pixels per inch is a standard value use by a lot of printers.
3. 
4. **Straighten**-allows you to level an image by drawing a straight line horizontally or vertically.
5. **The mesh grid** to the right of straighten allow you to change the crop compositional overlay on the image. I will post the different grids below.
6. **The gear icon** refers to the crop settings. I leave the default, but feel free to look at them.
7. **Delete Cropped Pixels**-either deletes pixels when you crop or just hides the pixels when cropping. I suggest leaving that unchecked.

8. **Fill**-refers to the three types of fills when cropping outside the image area. The first is **Transparent**. The image is filled with the transparent white and gray pixels. **Generative Expand** fills the area using AI to match its surroundings. **Content Aware Fill** is similar to generative expand but fills the area using content aware.

Cropping Toggle Keys: The letter “C” brings up the crop tool. **Shift** keeps the ratio. **Opt on Mac, and Alt on PC** crops for evenly from all 4 sides. **Shift+Opt MAC**, and **Shift+Alt PC** retains the ratio, and crops in evenly from all 4 sides.

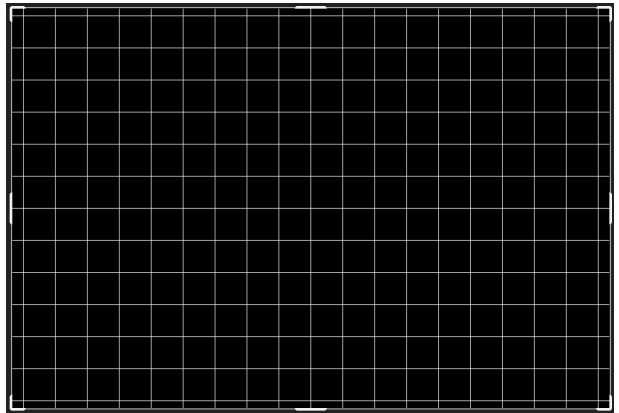
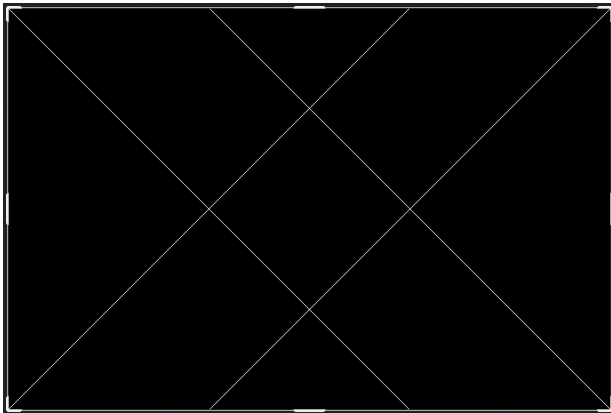
Golden Spiral

Golden Ratio



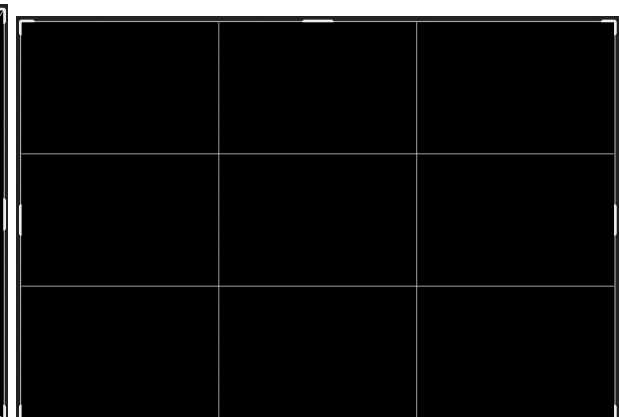
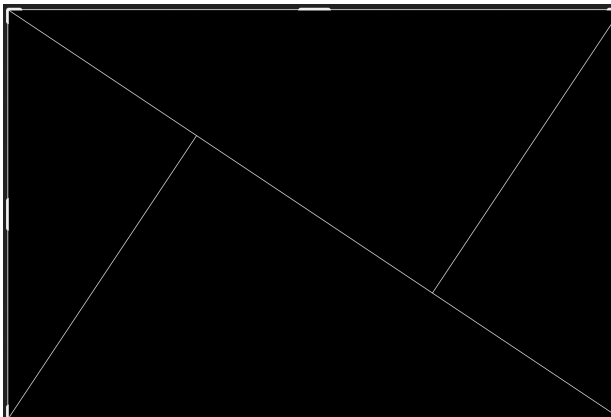
Diagonal

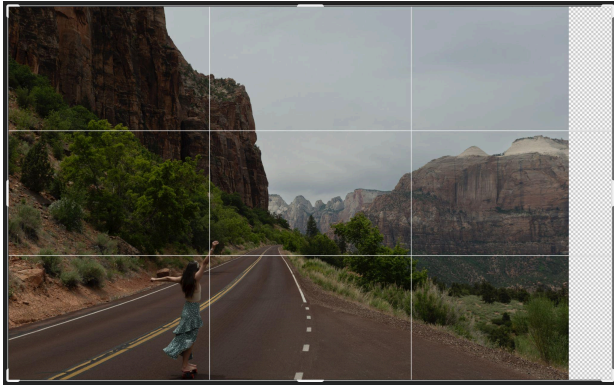
Grid



Triangle

Rule of Thirds





Translucent Fill

Content Aware Fill

Instructions on rotating, ratios, and sizing are more easily understood by watching the video!