

J 101 Photoshop- Layers and Colors

First off make sure that you have “Auto Layer Select” selected when using the Move Tool, ask for help if you don’t know how to do this.

1. Create a new file that is 4” by 4” and 72 dpi. Name it something and save it to your desktop or G drive.
2. Create a 1” wide column (a vertical rectangle) using your Rectangular Marquee Tool.
3. Create a new layer by going to Layer-New-Layer and then name it Box 1
4. Click on the Paint Bucket Tool (can be a little tricky to find on your tool bar, feel free to ask for help) and then double click on the top color box on the bottom of the floating Tool bar.
5. Adjusting the Color Picker find a color you like and click ok.
6. Using the Paint Bucket Tool fill the column outline you created with color.
7. Repeat this process for the adjacent rows until you have 4 columns each on its own layer with a different colored block. Should look similar to the color bars on a TV after programming ends (do they still do that?)
8. Rotate the canvas 180 degrees using Image-Rotate Canvas.
9. Flatten image.
10. Now again using the Rectangular Marquee Tool create a 1” wide column (same size column you first created).
11. Right click inside that box and select “Layer Via Cut”.
12. Then using your Move Tool click on the original background layer to select it or if needed select the Background layer so it turns blue on your Layer tool bar. If you don't do this it won't be possible to cut additional layers.
13. Now repeat step #10 until you have 4 layers again but each one has 4 different colors. Don't worry if it isn't perfect. The goal here is to have 4 different layers all with 4 different colors.
14. Select a layer and using the Resize function (Control and T) re-size and play with the blocks until you have an interesting pattern. You can determine which layer is on top by rearranging the layers in the Layers Tool Bar. Also, feel free to use some of the styles we worked with last week to give your layers depth and features. (Drop Shadow, Bevel and Emboss, etc.).
15. If you want to try using some Filters including Liquify to make your image truly amazing. This is your chance to take something fairly ordinary and make it truly weird!
16. Post it to your account on franklinpsj.com