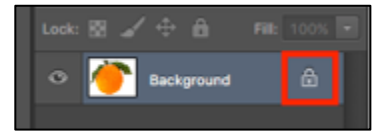


# Photoshop: Removing Backgrounds

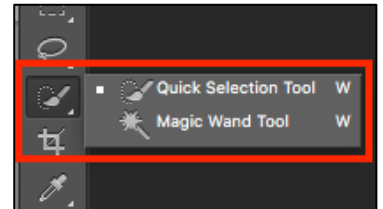
Sometimes you need to remove the background to an image in Photoshop.

1. Open Photoshop and open your file: **File > Open**
2. Look on the **right** at the **layer area**. You will often see a padlock. This means that the layer can't be edited.



**Double click** the padlock and click **OK** to unlock it

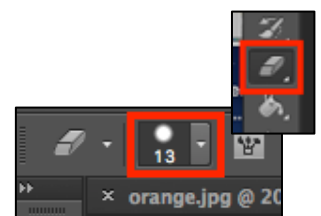
3. Use either the **Quick Selection Tool** or the **Magic Wand** from the **left toolbar** to select the background area. Experiment with both to see how they work.



4. Press the **Delete** key on the keyboard to remove the selected area
5. Repeat this until you have removed the background – use **Edit > Step Backwards** if you need to undo something
6. **IMPORTANT:** you need to **deselect** any areas that are selected: **CTRL + D** is the keyboard shortcut to do this
7. **Zoom** in using the **zoom tool** from the **left toolbar**



8. Tidy up any areas on the edge of the image using the **rubber tool**. You can change the size of the brush at the top left  
Taking a screenshot to show you've changed brush size is a really good way to get marks



9. Use the **Blur tool** around the edge of the image to remove any sharp edges
10. **Save** the image **with a new name** – a PSD file is fine. You need to show version control to get marks

