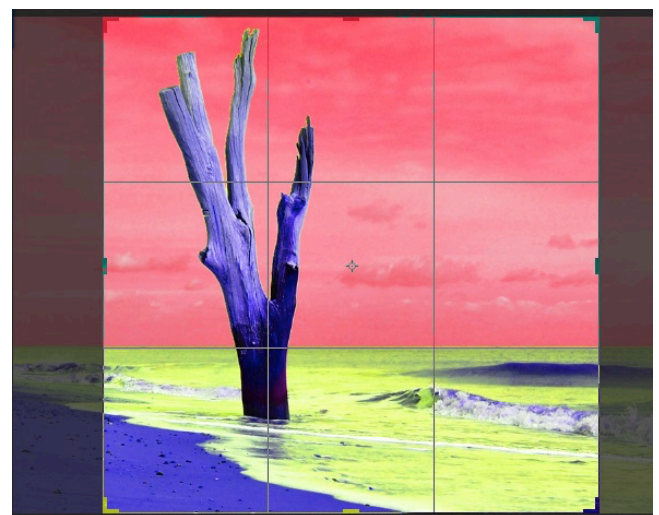
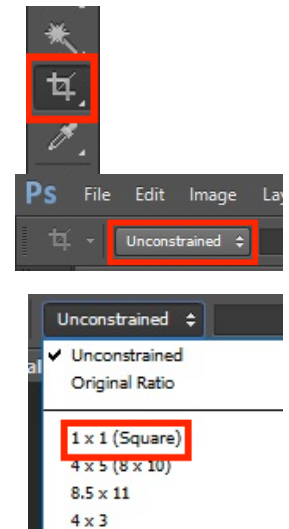


Photoshop – Square Crop

Being able to control the **aspect ratio** of the crop tool is sometimes really useful. It allows you to create images to fit perfectly in frames and to use techniques such as square crops.

1. Open the image to edit in **Photoshop**
2. Select the **Crop Tool** from the left toolbar
3. At the top, find the **Unconstrained** drop down box and click it
4. For a square crop choose **1 x 1 (Square)**
5. Now **crop** the image. You'll notice that the only thing you can do is create a square image
6. Click the **tick** at the top right to confirm the crop
7. All I need to do now is add some text and I think I could create a pretty weird album cover using my square cropped image!



A square crop allows you to restrict shape of the image

Crop Ratios

Other popular crop ratios are 2 x 3 or 5 x 7. These are good for many different types of photo frame.

The **aspect ratio** is simply the way in which the size of the height of a photo related to its width. For example, if a photo is 4 cm high and 6 cm wide the ratio is 4 x 6 (which simplifies to 2 x 3)

Important

Once you've set a crop ratio it will stay set in Photoshop. That means that next time you try and crop you might be restricted to a square crop.