

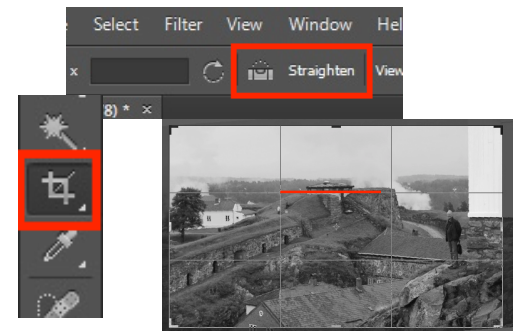
# Photoshop – Composing an Image

Cropping and straightening an image can improve the way it looks.

1. Open **Photoshop**
2. **File > Open** and open your image

## Straightening

1. Select the **Crop Tool** on the left toolbar
2. At the top, click the **Straighten** button
3. Click on the image and **drag across** on the line you want to be the horizontal on the image
4. A mock up of how the image will work shows. **Click the tick** at the **top right** to select this. If you're not happy with the edit, click the **cancel** button

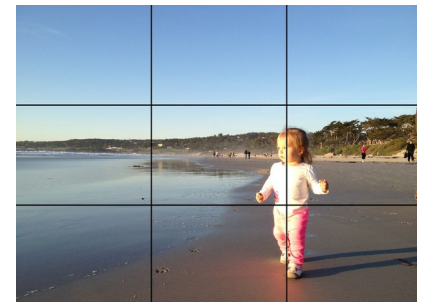


Draw a line to straighten along

If you need to undo an edit click **Edit > Undo** or **Step Backward**

## Cropping

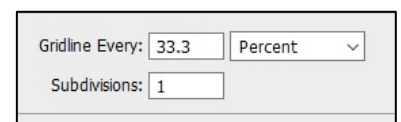
When composing an image the **Rule of Thirds** is worth considering. This splits the image up into 9 sections and says that you should aim to place the key objects in the image on one of the thirds.



Using the rule of thirds

**To get a grid on your image:**

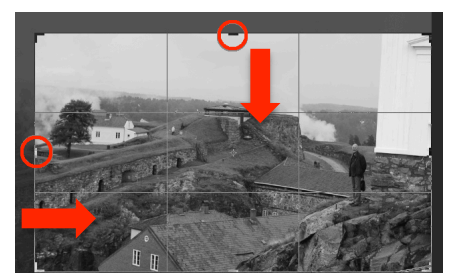
1. Click **Edit > Preferences > choose Guides , grids and slices**
2. Change the settings to those shown in the screenshot



Grid settings

**To crop:**

3. Choose the **Crop Tool** from the left toolbar
4. The easiest way to crop is to **drag** in from the centre of the sides of the image
5. If you've placed a grid on the image you'll see it once you begin to crop. Try and place the key parts of the image on one of the thirds.
6. Click the **tick** to confirm or cancel your crop



Drag from the centre edge to crop