

Gradually Fade an Image to Transparent

A gradual fade to part transparency can look really good, especially if you need to put other information on top of the image.

1. **Open** your work in Photoshop
2. Click on the layer you want to fade
3. **Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Reveal all > OK** – this adds a layer mask – check the layer panel at the bottom right
4. Make sure you're **clicked** on the layer mask rectangle
5. Pick the **Gradient Tool** from the **left toolbar** – this might be hidden by your Paint Bucket tool
6. On the **top toolbar**, make sure the **first gradient** is selected from the Gradient Picker drop down (Foreground to Background)
7. On the top toolbar, make sure the **Linear Gradient** box option is selected
8. Change the **Opacity** to about **25%** - you can undo and then experiment with different values afterwards
9. **Click and drag** your mouse **from top to bottom** over the image – go about half way down the image. This reveals part of the colour layer from the original background
10. **Undo** (Edit > Undo) and experiment with:
 - a. changing the opacity value
 - b. different **lengths** of drag down the image (a long drag or a short drag)
 - c. dragging up the image, rather than down
 - d. horizontal or diagonal drags on the image
 - e. using different options from the top toolbar

