

SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY TIPS

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP SELECTION TIPS

Purpose

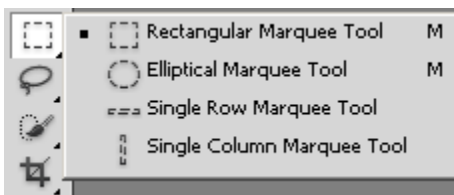
This Tech Tip will illustrate some of the Adobe Photoshop selection shortcuts to help enable users to become more efficient with Adobe Photoshop.

Marquee Tool (Shortcut M)

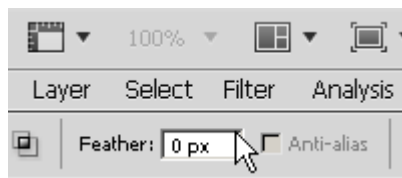
There are many ways to cut an image. One of the ways is by using the Marquee Tool



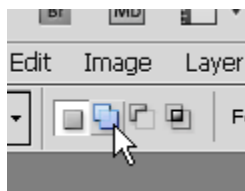
Instead of selecting this tool you can press M and it will select the tool for you (just make sure it's the right shape you want to use)



You can use the Feather tool to soften the edges of the image.



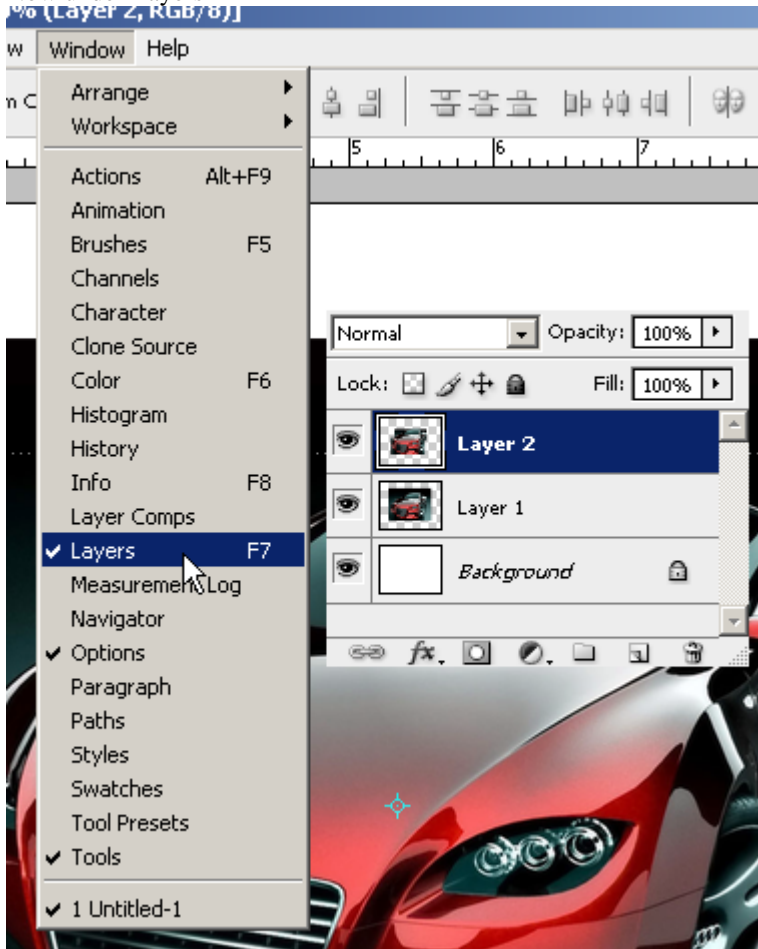
If you have an image that would fit better in two boxes you can select the Add to Selection tool (remember to have Rectangular Marquee tool selected)



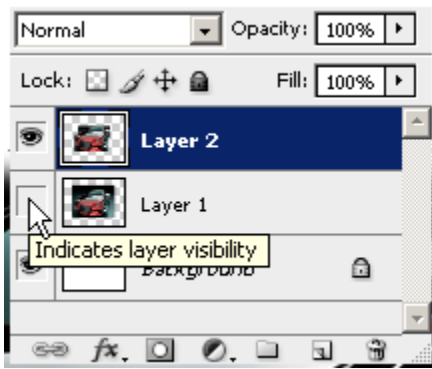
This car could fit in one or two (or more) boxes like so...



Now you want to select the move tool (shortcut V). Copy and paste the image (Ctrl C is copy and Ctrl V is paste).
Now under Layers



You should see two pictures of the image. Turn off the bottom image by clicking on the eye shaped image



Now you should see the image that is cut with a feather around it



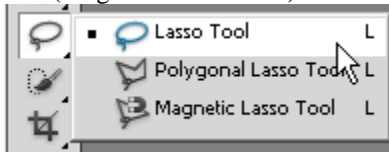
And that's one way to cut an image.

Zoom (Ctrl + and Ctrl -

Ctrl + lets you zoom in on an image/page and Ctrl - lets you zoom out of an image/page

Lasso Tool (Shortcut L)

There are three kinds of Lasso tools. The top Lasso Tool lets you free draw around an image. The middle tool (Polygonal Lasso Tool) lets you make straight lines by clicking every once and awhile to change direction. The bottom tool (Magnetic Lasso Tool) Tries to stay between two different colors.



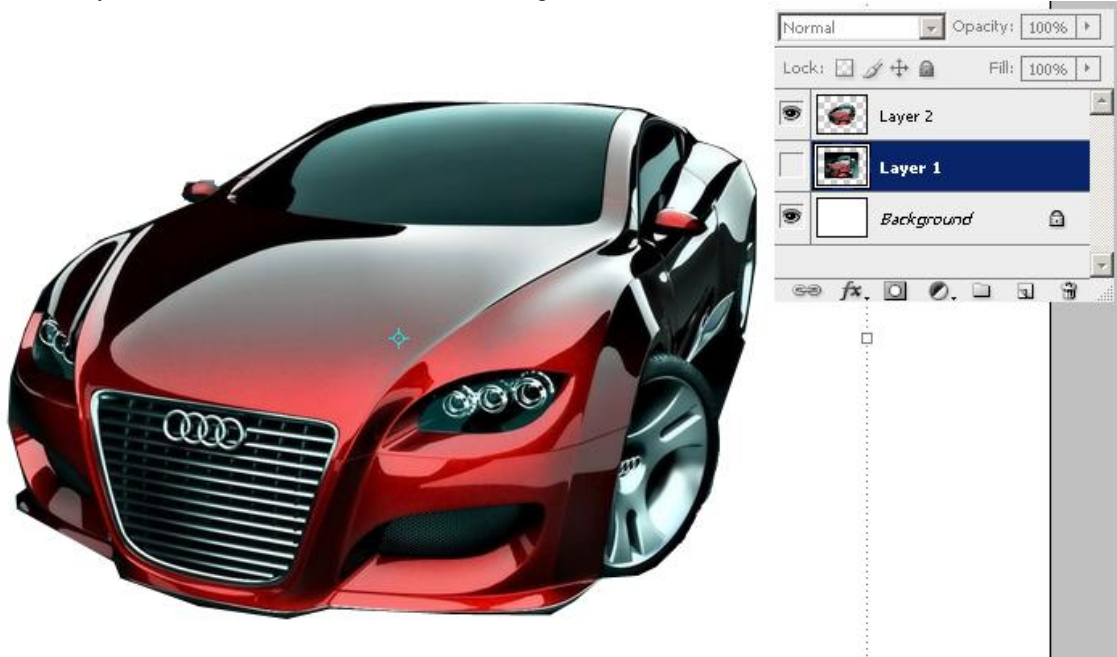
First off when you cut out something from an image you will want to zoom in (Ctrl +). Now make sure you have the Lasso Tool selected (top tool). Turn ON caps lock and hold down Alt. This will allow you to click once and move your mouse to make a straight line. Also you can hold down the mouse button and draw around curved stuff.



Once you have the part of the image selected just let go of the Alt key and it will have the area selected. If by chance you goofed while you were trying to draw around the object you can hit the delete key while still holding the Alt key and it will go back a click



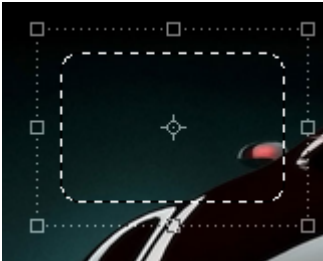
Now select the Move Tool (Shortcut V) and copy and paste the image. Once you've done this, turn off the bottom picture in layers menu. Now it should look something like this.



The other two tools are fun to mess around with but the one we've just used seems to be the easiest and fastest way to cut an image.

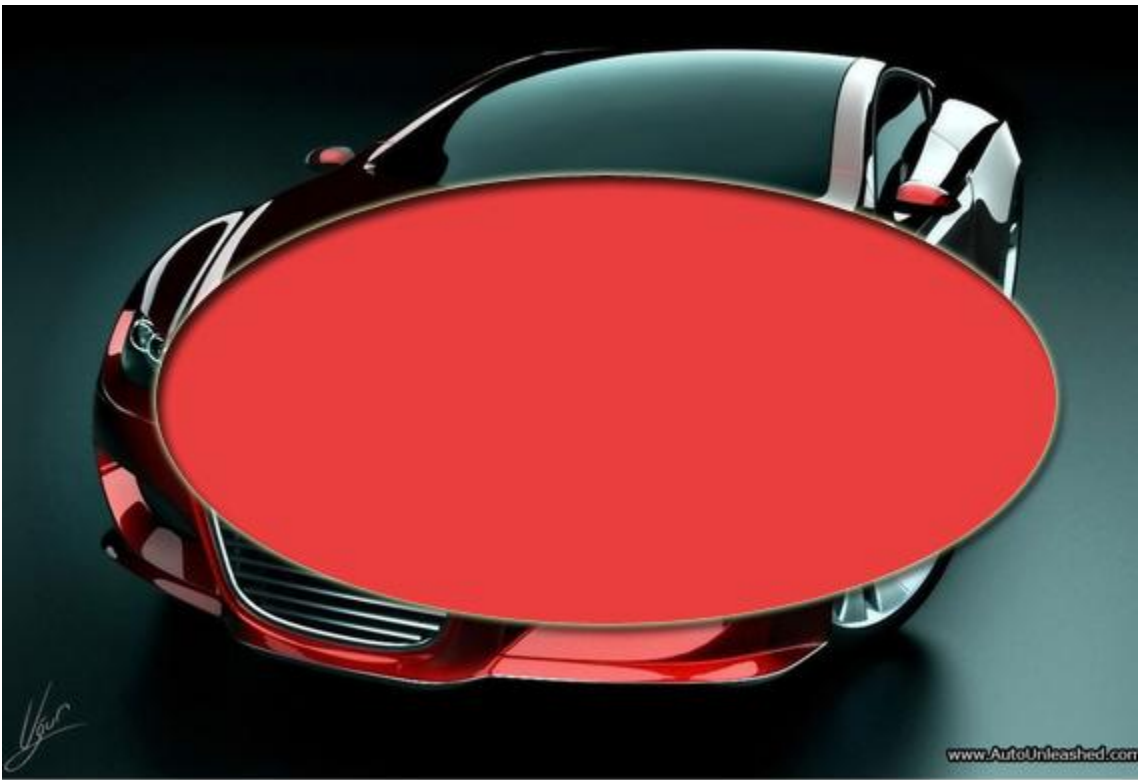
Ctrl H

Ctrl H hides and show the Transform Control around an object

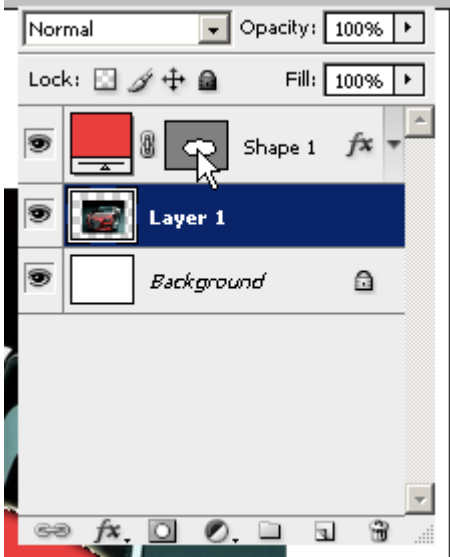


Layer Mask

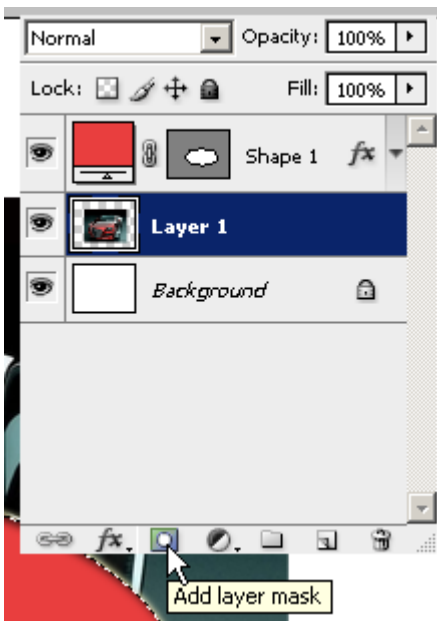
Let's say you've got a shape that you want an image to fit into.



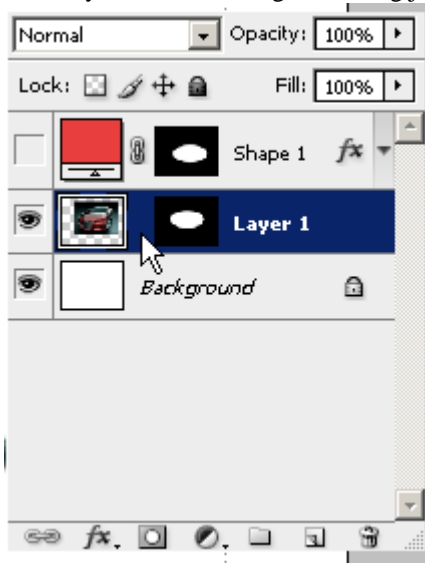
To make the Car fit in the Red Egg shaped object all you got to do is select the car layer and while holding Ctrl Select the shapes mask (make sure it's the mask)



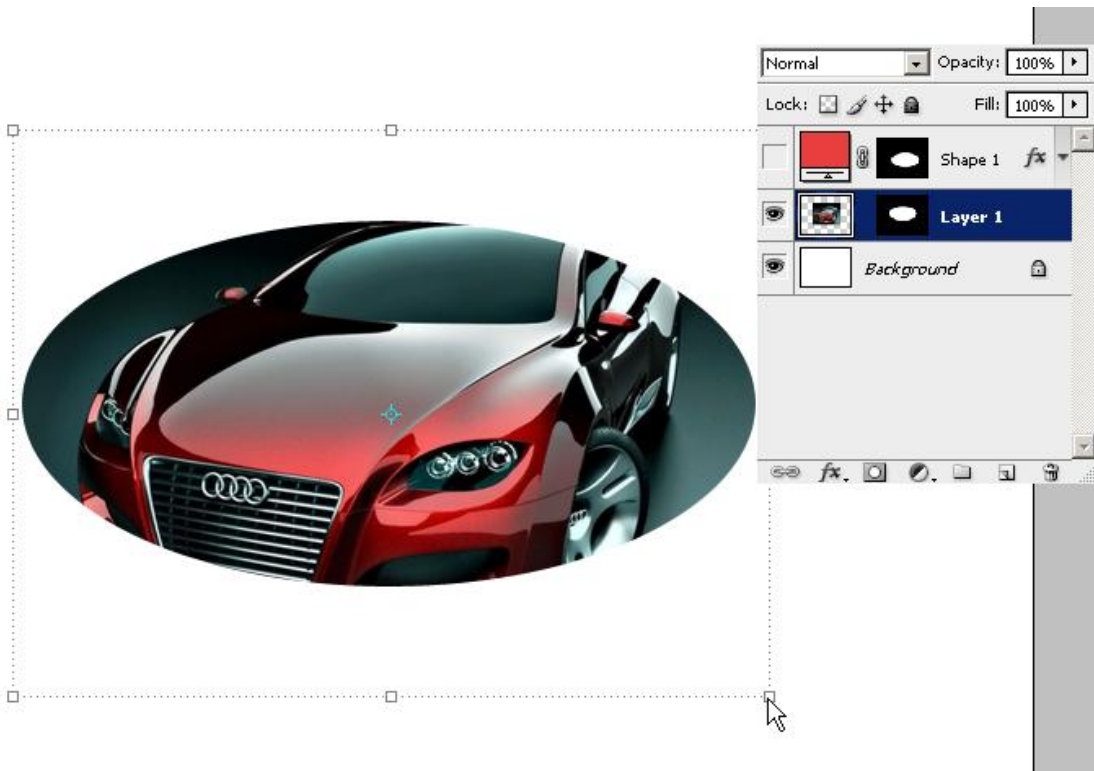
Once you've clicked on the mask + the layer with the car you click on the Add Layer Mask



Now if you think the image is too big just click on the link that connect the mask to the image



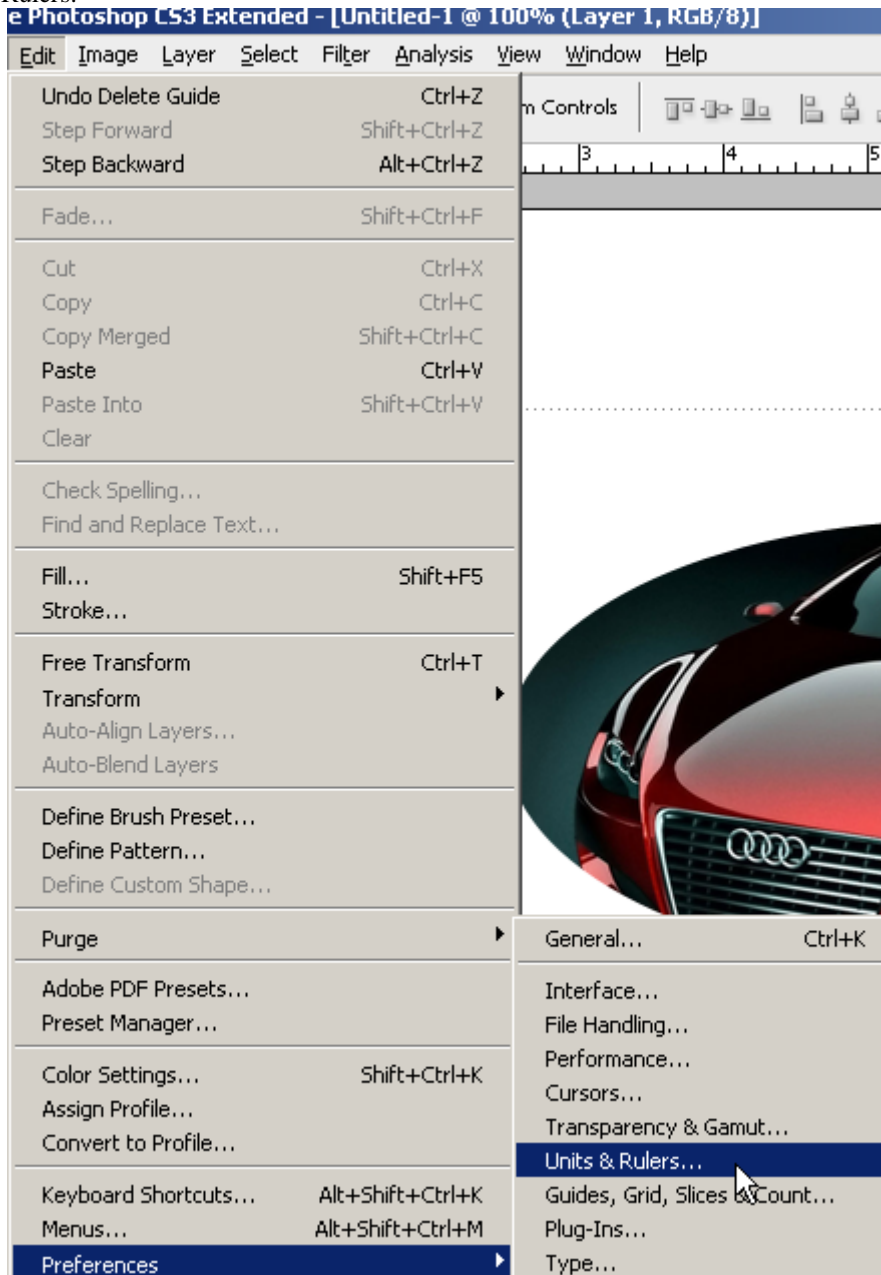
Now you can resize the image to fit in the egg (make sure you hold Shift to keep the image size right).



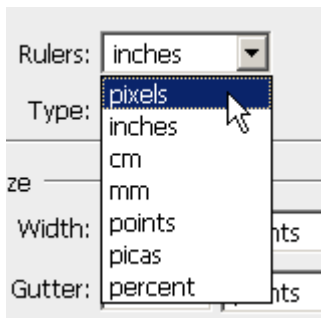
And that's how you can make an image fit in a shape.

Measuring

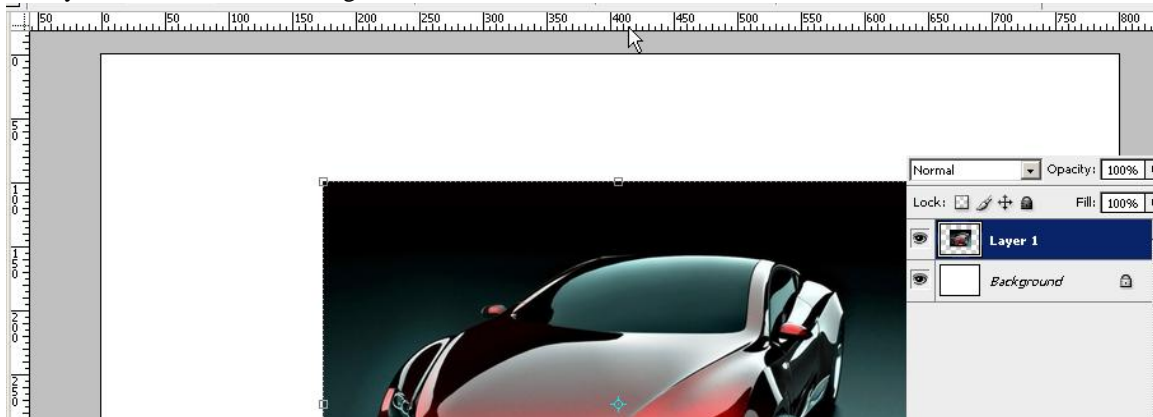
Lining up a webpage is really important for the website to look professional. First off when you turn on the ruler (Ctrl R) it most likely will be in inches. To switch this all you've got to do is click on Edit, Preferences, Units and Rulers.



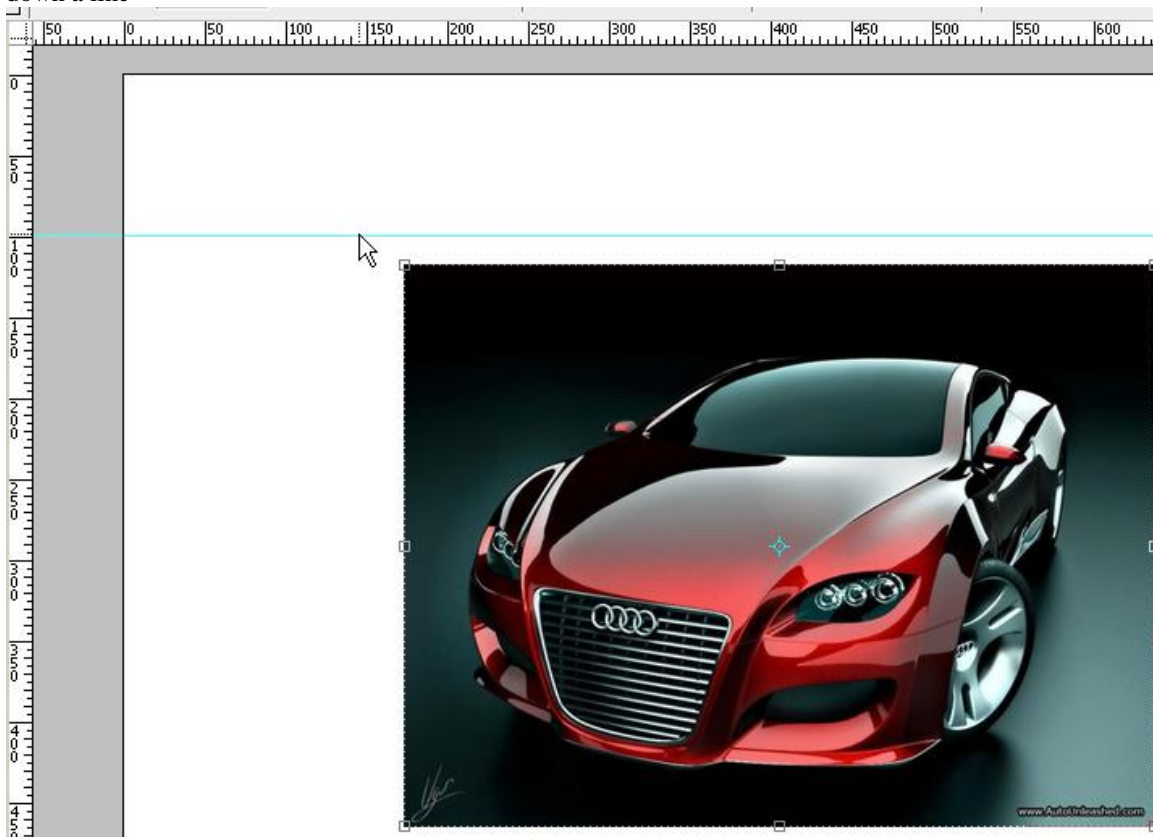
Switch the inches to pixels



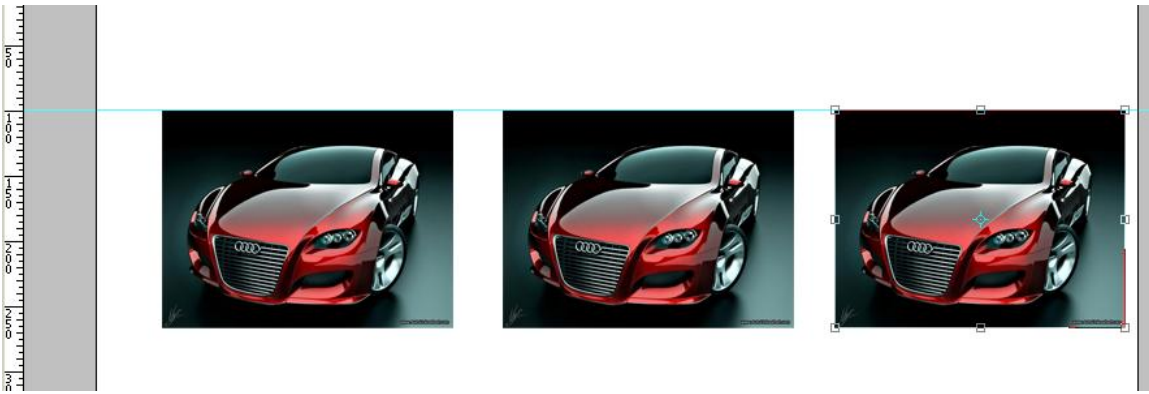
Now you should have something like this



Now if you wanted a couple images lined up on the 100 pix line all you've got to do is click on the ruler and drag down a line

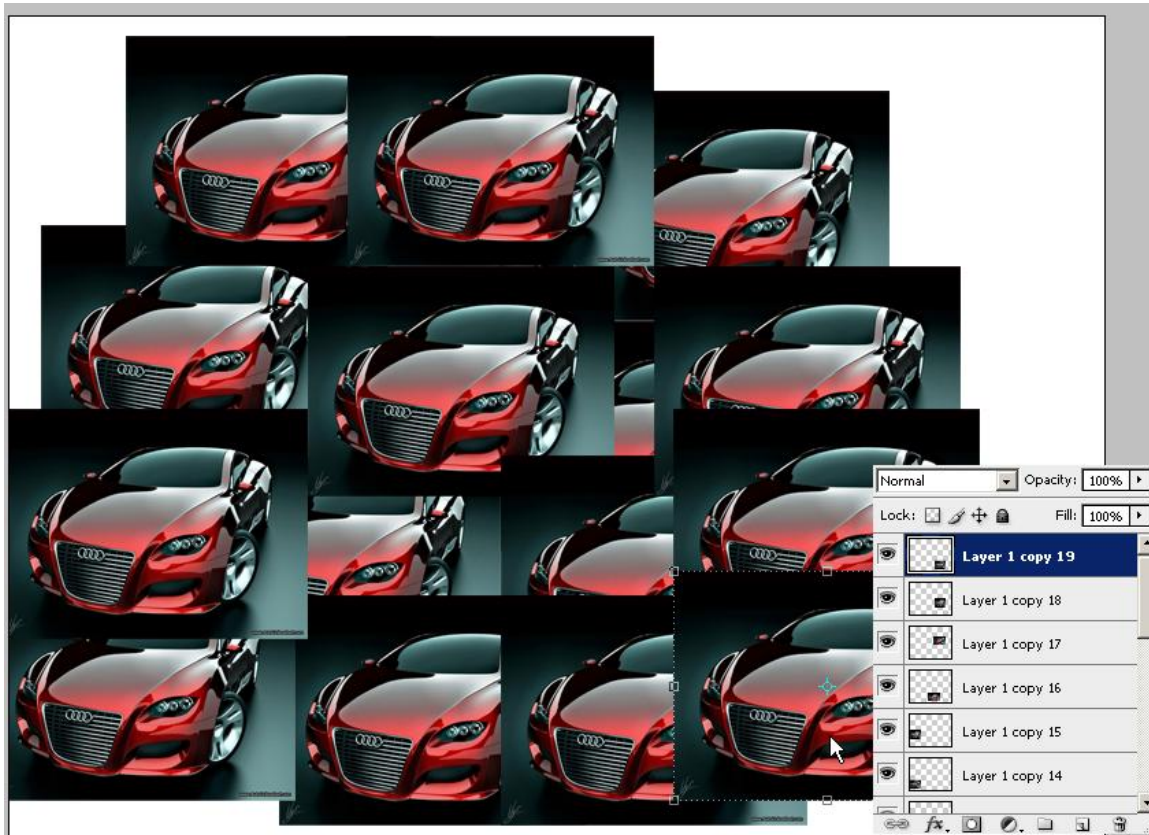


Now you can line up layer/images on this line.



Copying

To copy an object all you've got to do is Ctrl C (copy) and Ctrl V (paste). You must have the object selected with the Move Tool for this to work right. Also if you would like to make tons of copies and don't feel like Ctrl C and Ctrl V you can hold Alt and select the image. Then all you've got to do is drag the image where you want it because it made a copy of the layer.



Ctrl-R

Ctrl-R pops out the ruler around the page that you are editing – this is a great help for laying out your work on a page.

