



Photoshop yourself famous!

DIFFICULTY



STEP ONE: find a picture to insert yourself into

Find a picture on the internet you want to drop yourself into. Do you want to stand next to the president? Put your head on a corgi? Hang out with movie stars? Punch a transformer? Use Google image search (images.google.com/) to find a good picture.

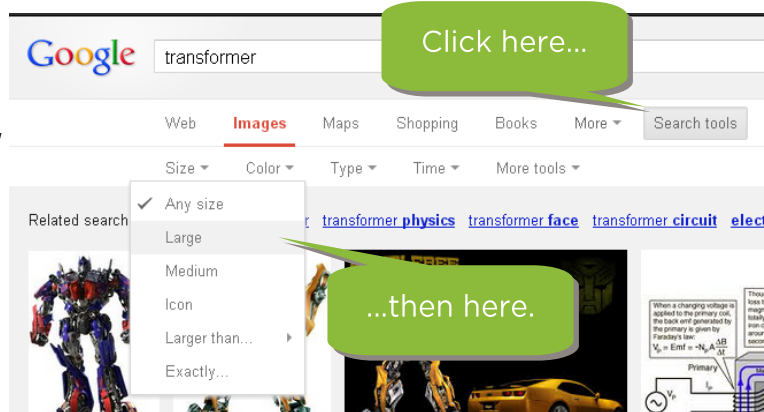
TIP ONE: Find a decently sized picture!

Using the search tools in Google Image search, you can limit your search to large images, meaning they'll look better when you print them out or save them.

TIP TWO: Save it somewhere you can find it.

On a PC: right-click on the picture, then click on "Save as..." or "Save picture as..." and then pick a location that's easy to remember, like Documents.

On a Mac: drag the picture out of the browser window and on to the desktop.



STEP TWO: take a picture of yourself

Look at the picture you saved. What would be the best position for you to be in that picture? Should you face right or left? Are you putting your arm around someone? Are you standing up or sitting down? Grab a camera and take a picture of yourself in the right position.

TIP: Take a picture in front of solid-colored background.

If you're standing in front of a solid color (like the green wall!), it will be easier to cut yourself out in Photoshop later on.

Once you've taken your picture, plug in the camera and move your picture from the camera to the computer.

STEP THREE: open your pictures in Photoshop

Open up Photoshop, and go to File and then Open to pull up both the picture you saved and the picture you took of yourself.

TIP: Photoshop opens multiple files in tabs.

Look at the top, right under the toolbar, and you'll be able to switch between files by clicking on the tabs.



MOVE
TOOL

QUICK
SELECTION
TOOL

STEP FOUR: select yourself!

Click on the **quick selection tool** and then begin clicking on yourself. The moving outline (it looks like crawling ants) shows you what is selected. If you select something you didn't want to, hold down ALT and click on what you want to remove from the selection.

TIP: This is totally the hardest part, so take a deep breath.

Selecting things in Photoshop is a skill that takes practice. Keep trying! If the selection gets completely messed up, you can always press CTRL+D to deselect everything. The more time you spend making your selection perfect, the better it will look later.

STEP FIVE: move yourself into the other picture

Once you've selected yourself properly, go to **Edit**, and then click on **Copy**. Switch to the picture you want to insert yourself into, then click on **Edit** and **Paste**. Use the move tool to move yourself into the proper position!

STEP SIX: save your file and print it out

Go to **File** -> **Save** and save your file. Go to **File** -> **Print** to print out your masterpiece.



CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEPS TO LEARNING PHOTOSHOP!

IF YOU DON'T ALREADY HAVE THE PHOTOSHOP BADGE, SHOW YOUR PROJECT TO ONE OF THE IDEALAB STAFF AND THEY'LL GET YOU ONE!

YOU'RE DONE! HERE'S SOME NEXT STEPS YOU COULD TAKE:

Adjust lighting and coloring so it looks more natural: with the layer you want to tweak selected, click on **Image** and then **Adjustments**. **Brightness/Contrast** will control how much light and how strong the black and white in your picture. **Color Balance** will help you adjust how bright the colors are and change the color tone as well.

Add some text: use the text tool (it looks like a big "T") and click on the image where you'd like to add some text. Type away!

Try a Photoshop tutorial: there's a bunch of place on the web to learn more about Photoshop!

Adobe TV: <http://tv.adobe.com/>

Photoshop.com: <http://www.photoshop.com/tutorials>

Photoshop Lady: <http://www.photoshoplady.com/>

PSD Tuts: <http://psd.tutsplus.com/>