

## 10. Creating a Digital Frame

At the end of this lesson you will be able to demonstrate how to frame an image by increasing the canvas size of the image and adding a thin stroke a couple of inches larger than your image. This gives your photographs that finished 'gallery' look.

Step One:

Open the photo you want to frame digitally. Alternatively work with the image used in this tutorial - OriginalImage2.jpg. Press D to set your Foreground/Background colours to their defaults. Go to **Select > All** or press **Ctrl + A** to select your entire image.

Step Two:

On the keyboard press **Shift + Ctrl + J** to cut your photo from the background layer and put it on its own separate layer.

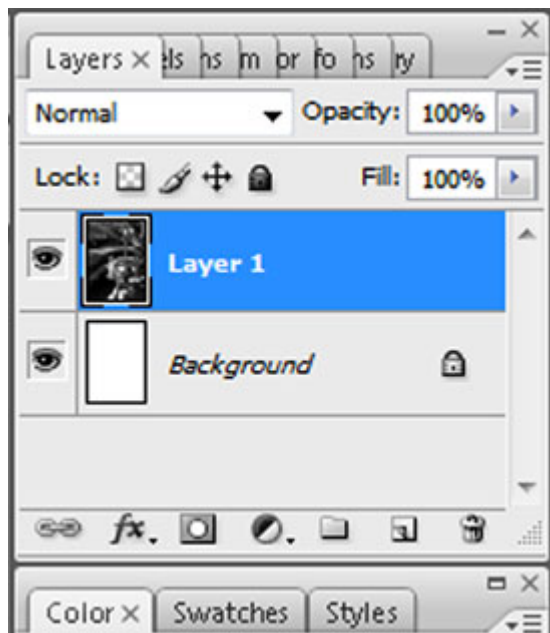


Figure 10.1 Layers palette with image on separate layer.

Step Three:

Select **Image > Canvas Size**. Make sure the Relative checkbox is ticked.

Enter 2 inches for the width and the height. Click OK.

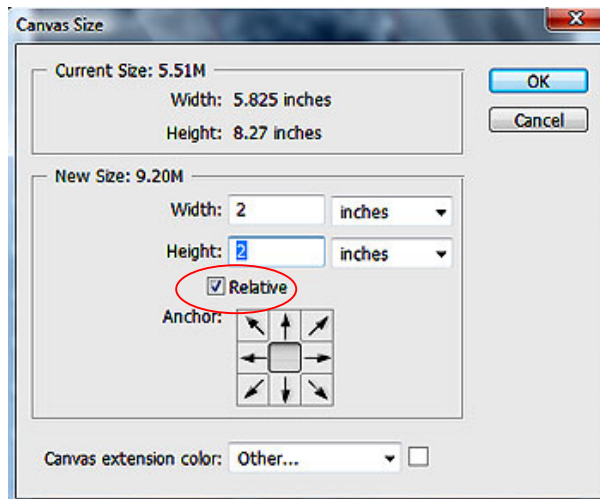


Figure 10.2 Canvas Size dialog box

Step Four:

Select the **Rectangular Marquee** from the Toolbox or press **M**. Draw a selection that is a couple of inches larger than your photo.

Step Five:

Select **Edit > Stroke** and the Stroke dialog box opens. Set the Width to 5 px, Color to black, and the Location to Inside. Press **OK**.

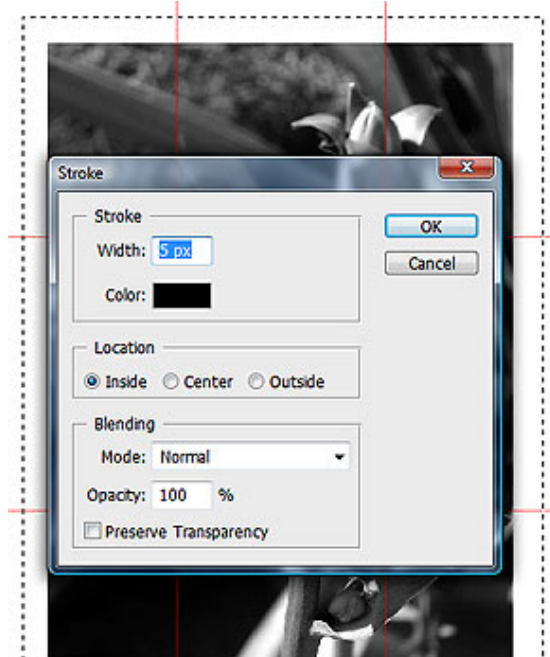


Figure 10.3 Stroke dialog box

Step Six:

To get rid of the Rectangular Marquee marching ants go to **Select > Deselect**.

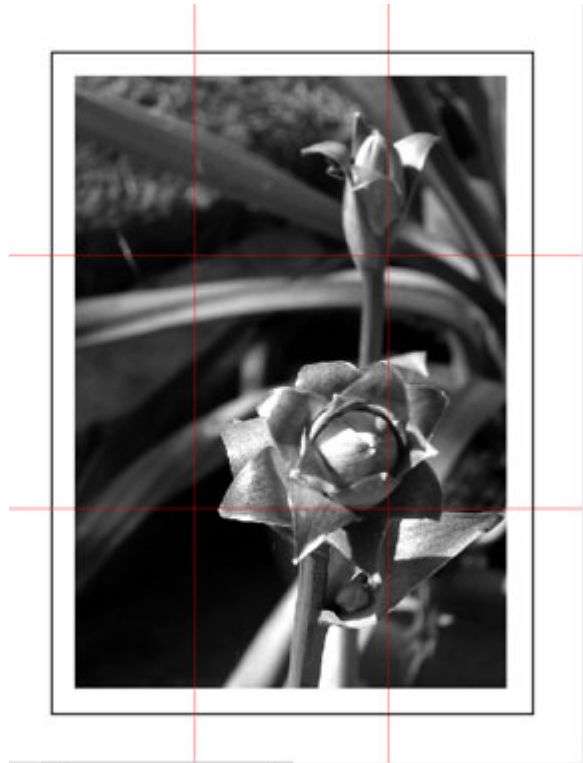


Figure 10.3 Image with white border and black stroke

Step Seven:

Save your file. Now that your image contains two layers it will automatically be saved as a Photoshop .psd file. Select **File > Save** and give it an appropriate name e.g. Lesson10.psd.

To save this file as a JPEG refer to lesson 5.

In the next lesson we will be adding a vignette to our image.