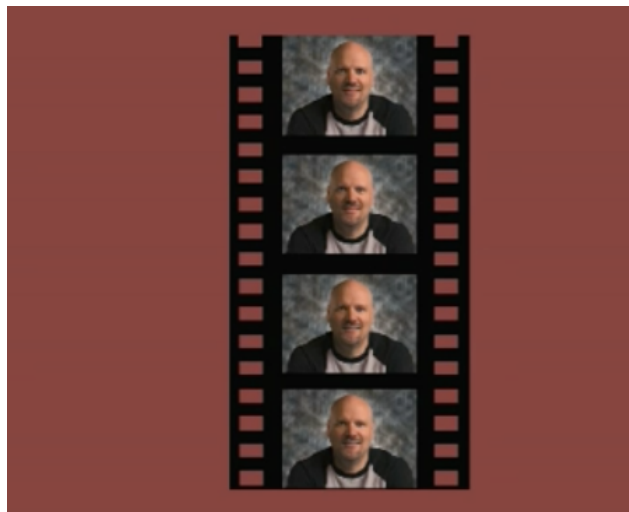


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Making a Filmstrip Template

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How to create a reusable filmstrip template for your photos.

1. Create a new document and create a new, blank layer.
2. Select the **Rectangular Marquee** tool and create a rectangle that will be your filmstrip.
3. Press the **X key** to default your foreground and background colors so that your foreground color is black.
4. Select the **Paint Bucket** tool and fill in your rectangular selection.
5. Create a new, blank layer.
6. Select the **Rectangular Marquee** tool again and create the size of your sprocket. Hide the black filmstrip layer and fill in your sprocket with black.

7. With the sprocket still selected, go to the **Edit** menu and choose **Define Brush from Selection**. Type in "Sprocket" for the name so you can find the brush later and press ok.
8. Select the **Brush** tool and set your foreground color to white by pressing the **X** key.
9. In the tool options bar, select your new sprocket brush (it should automatically be placed in your Default Brushes group).
10. On the far right of the tool options bar, click the brush icon for additional brush options. Change the spacing to about 200 percent.
11. To line the sprockets up evenly, click once up at the top edge of your filmstrip, hold the shift key and click once down at the bottom. Using the **Move** tool, nudge to row of sprockets in a bit.
12. **Control or command-click** on the sprocket layer to load it as a selection. Hold down the option or alt key and click and drag the sprockets, which should produce a second column. Holding down the shift key will keep it level with the first row of sprockets.
13. **Control or command-click** on the sprocket layer to load it as a selection again. Go to your black filmstrip layer and press delete or backspace. Now you can hide the white sprockets layer.
14. **Save** a copy of the filmstrip as a .psd so that you can reuse it later.
15. Open up the photo[s] you'd like to add to your filmstrip, move them to your filmstrip window and resize them to fit.