Photoshop Tutorial: Combining Multiple Images into one File

I. Downloading & Opening the file.

Click on the link on the class blog to download the file.

Go to your downloads folder.

Double-click on "KittenDressUp.zip" to expand the file. It will make a new folder. Drag this folder onto your desktop.

Open Photoshop. Go to File -> Open, and select "kitten.psd." It should look like this:



II. Opening your first accessory file.

Go to File - > Open, and select either "beanie.psd" or "top_hat.psd."

The hat image may now cover most of the kitten picture. If this is the case, click on the title bar at the top of the screen, and drag the image to the side so you can see both the kitten and the hat.



III. Combining two images



In the toolbar on the left side of the screen, select the move tool.

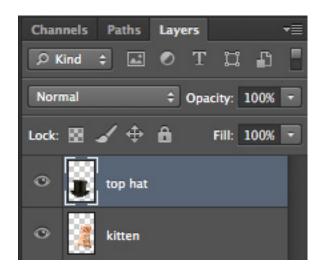
Click on the hat. Drag hard and throw the hat into the window with the kitten. Then click on the window with the kitten. Your file should now look like this:



IV. Using the layers palette.

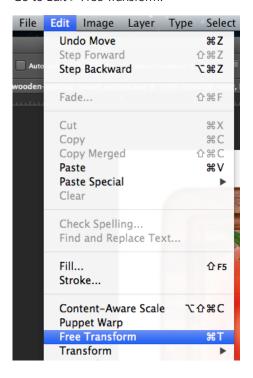
Locate the layers palette on the lower right side of the screen. The hat layer should be on top of the kitten layer, which is why the hat appears to be in front of the kitten.

Make sure the hat layer is selected (it should be blue).



V. Free Transform

Now we will transform the hat so it fits the kitten's head. Go to Edit-> Free Transform.



Go to the corner of the bounding box around the hat, and scale the hat by holding down the shift key and dragging the box in at the corner. (Make sure you do this, or you will distort the proportions of the hat and wind up with a very skinny or every wide hat!)



You can also rotate the hat by going to the corner of the bounding box around the hat, waiting until the cursor changes into rotation arrows, and rotating the hat.



When you are happy with the transformation, press "enter" or "return" on the keyboard. Photoshop will ask you if you want to apply the transformation. Click "apply."



VI. Adding a Necklace

Repeat steps II - V to add the necklace of your choice.

When you are finished, save your file as both a Photoshop (.psd) and PNG file.