

Camera Craft

# Shadows in PS

# What is a Drop Shadow?

*A dark edge around an image to make the image look 3D as if it's floating above the background*



# How to make a Drop Shadow #1

- Create your background
  - Use a template or create NEW
- Open your “image”
  - Use the “Open as Smart Object” option
- Drag your “image” onto the Background
  - Position and resize

# How to make a Drop Shadow #2

- Add a “shadow” layer
  - Between subject and background
- Make your shadow
  - Select the image (use the Quick Selection tool)
  - Fill with black
  - Apply a blur
- Position for the desired effect
  - Use the Move tool
- Adjust the shadows opacity

# What is a Composite Shadow?

*Adding artificial shadows under the subject to match the light and make the composite look more real*

# Composite Shadows #1

- Create your background
- Open your “subject”
  - Use a mask to “cut-out” the subject from it’s background
- Drag your image onto the Background
  - Position and Resize

# Composite Shadows #2




- Add a shadow layer
  - Between subject and background
- Paint the shadow
  - Use a soft brush of the right size
- Adjust the shadow's opacity
  
- Add a modelling layer
  - Add a lighting layer above the subject
  - Use the same mask as the subject
- Paint in the lighting
  - Use a soft brush of the right size
- Adjust the shadow's opacity
  
- Add a colour effect to the entire image

# Short Cuts

- Ctrl Z – Undo Last Command
- Ctrl + Alt Z – Undo Last Commands
- Ctrl Y – re-do Last Command
  
- Ctrl D – Clear selection
  
- Ctrl (Plus) – Zoom in
- Ctrl (Minus) – Zoom out
- Ctrl (Zero) – Zoom to fit image on screen
  
- [ and ] Increase and decrease brush size



# Short Cuts

-  Dropper tool (**I**nk)
-  Quick Select (magic **W**and)
-  **M**o**V**e tool

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