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How to work with Pen Tool in Adobe Photoshop

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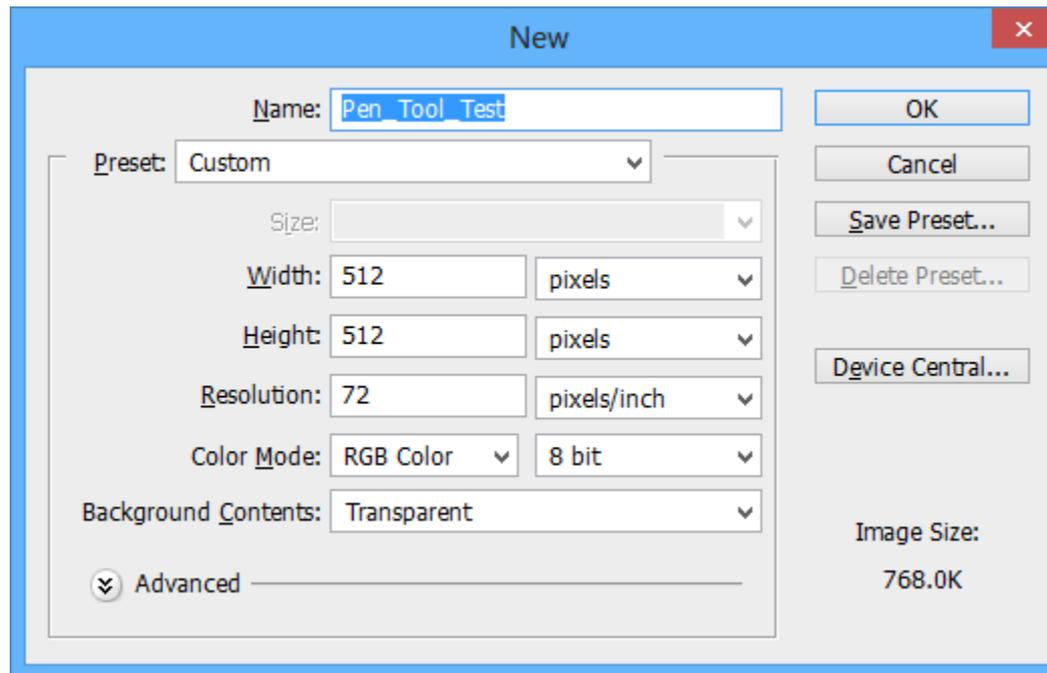
For: Teens Computer

Program Required: Photoshop 7 – CS6



Step 1

We are going to test the “Pen Tool” in Photoshop today. Start by opening a new, blank image. Mine is “512 by 512” (yours can be anything), *resolution “72”, color mode “RGB color” and BG contents “Transparent”*.





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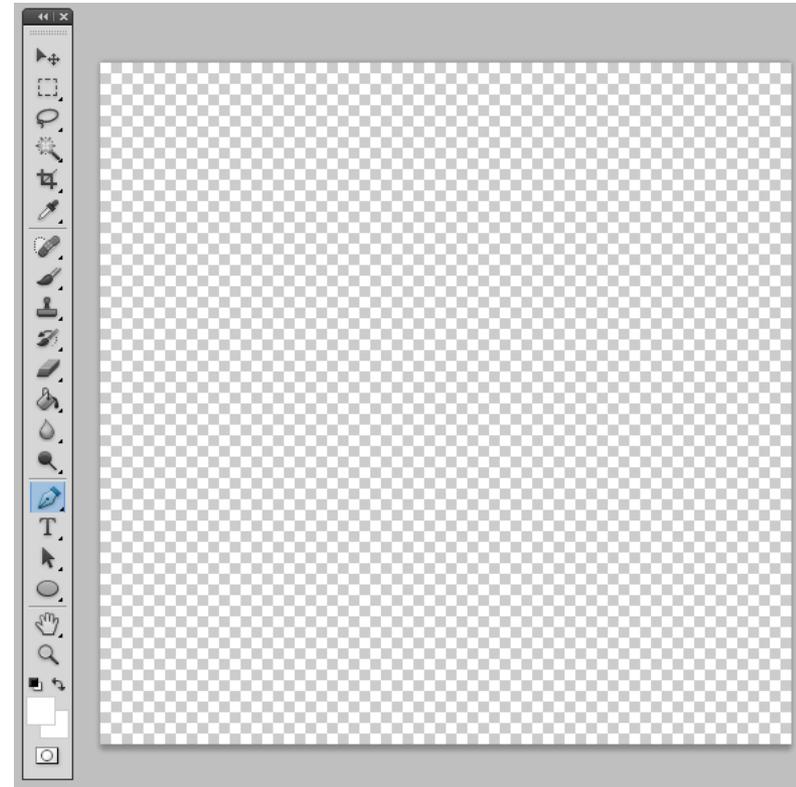
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Step 2

Select the “Pen Tool” from your toolbar.





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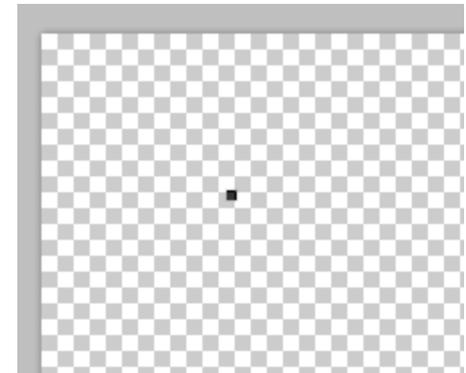
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Step 3

Click anywhere on your image. It will make a point.





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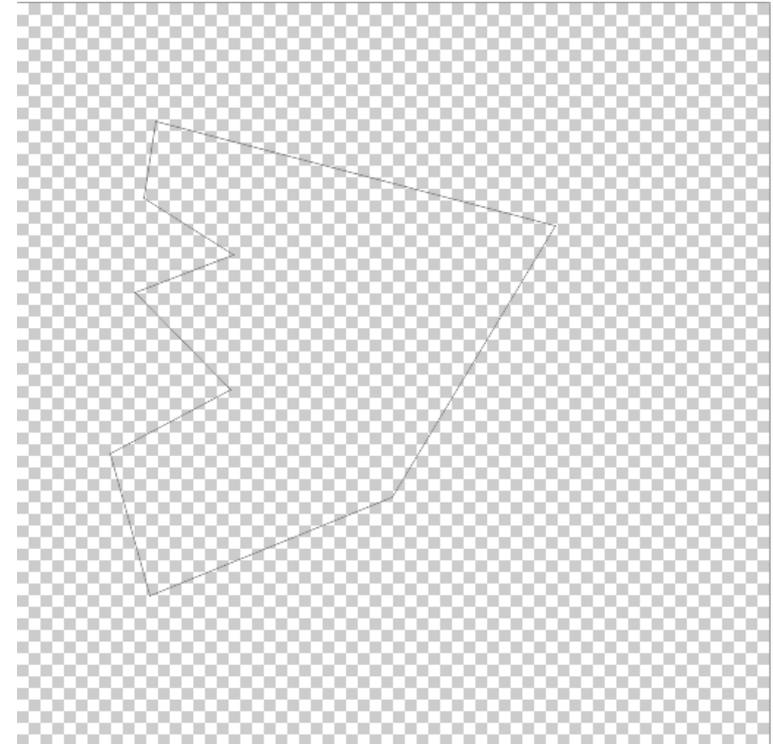
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Step 4

Now click somewhere else. The second point should be connected to the first. Now, try and make a shape by connecting multiple points. When you want to close it, click on your first point (from the point you are on right now).





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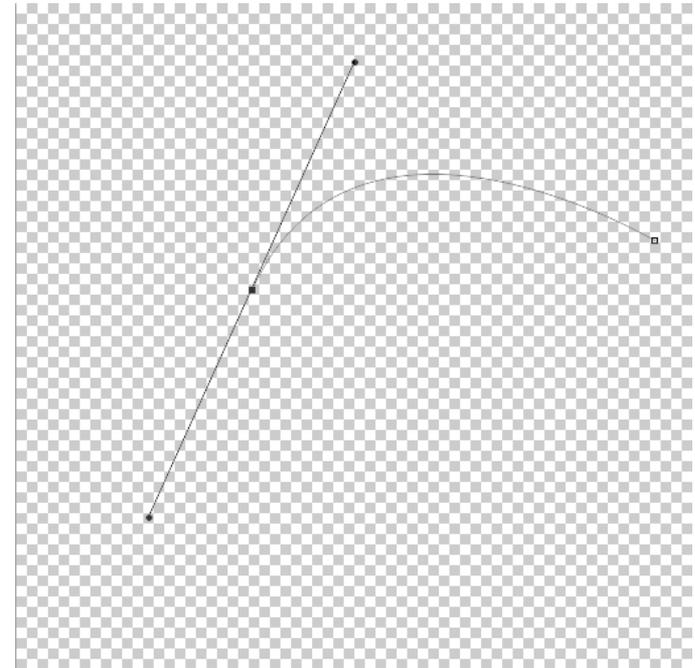
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Step 5

If you hold down your click when making a new point, you can move around your mouse to make a more round selection.





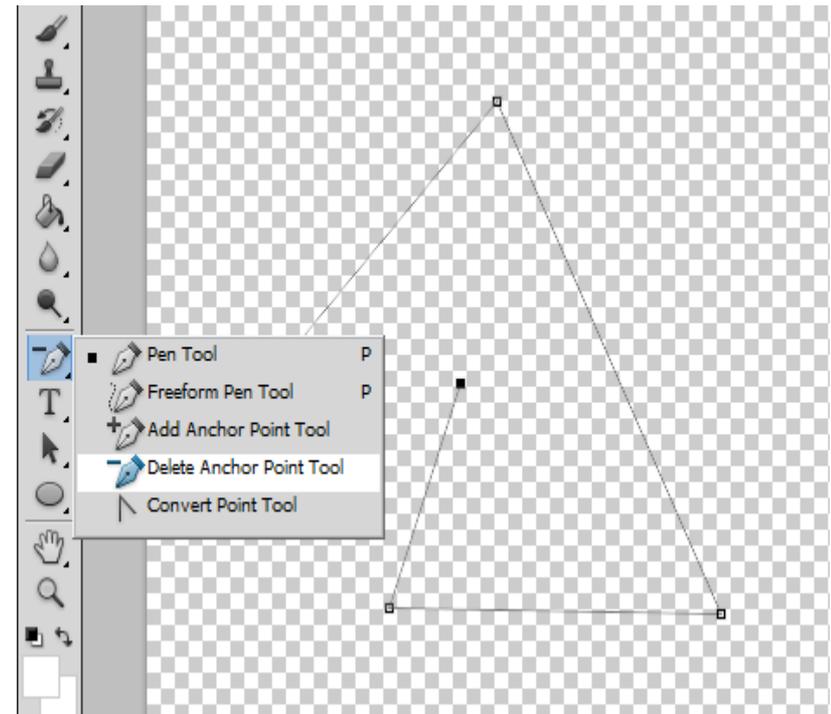
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Step 6

If you want to delete a certain point, you can. Select the “Delete Anchor Point” tool.





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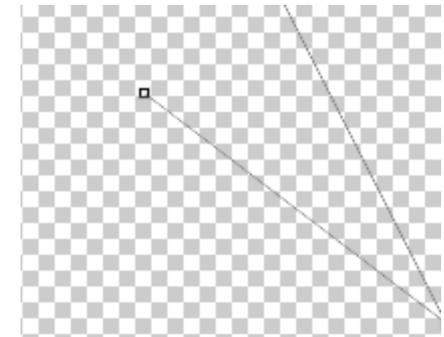
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Step 7

Click on the point you want removed. It will now disappear, and the point(s) after and before it should connect.





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Step 8

You can also cut out images with this tool. For example, I will cut out some of this Santa Claus from the background, so I can then paste him somewhere else (on a different image). IF you look closely on the image, I have selected some of him, visible by the thin grey border.





Step 9

Once I have the selection I want, I right click on one of the points in the selection and press “make selection”. Keep all of the settings default if a little box appears on your selection of your image.





Step 10

I now cut him out by pressing “Ctrl” + “X”. To paste him somewhere else, press “Ctrl” + “V”





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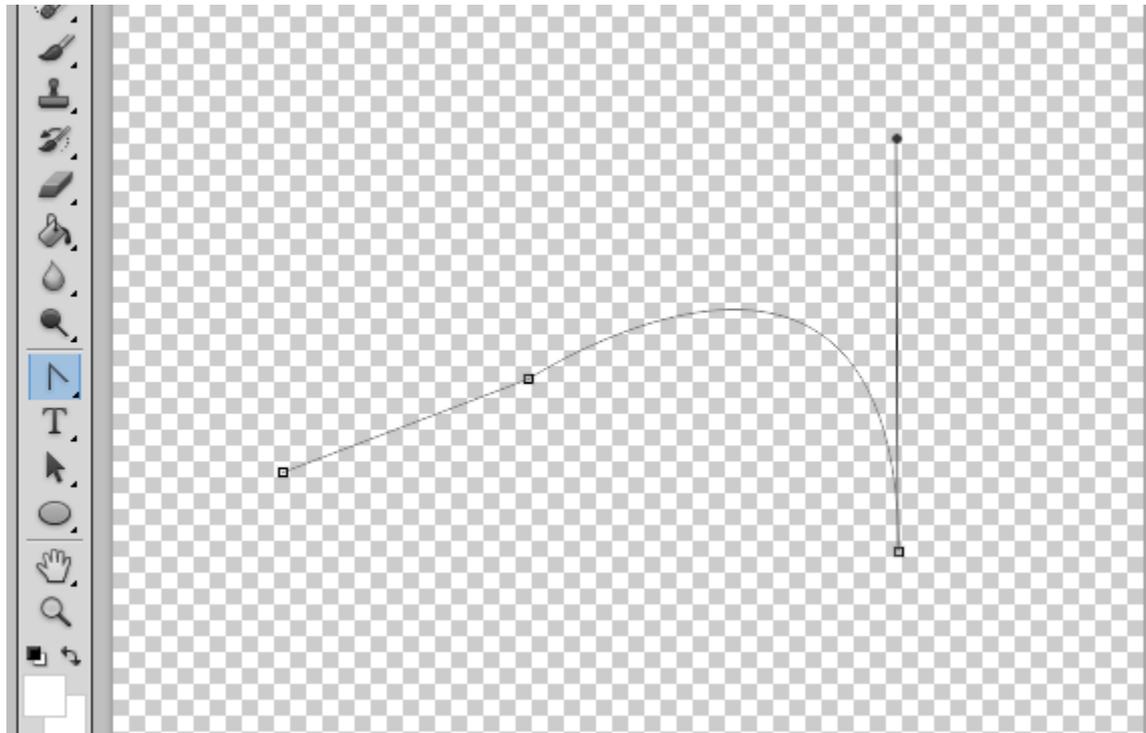
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Step 11

There is another small feature within the pen tool section. It is called the “Convert Point” tool. Select it.





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Step 12

Now, click and hold on a point, then drag your mouse up or down. It should move your selection 'line'.

