



# CREATING COLOR SWATCHES

## Lesson 4: Creating Color Swatches Manual © Syndee Rogers

This video was filmed in Photoshop Elements but the instructions are just the same in Adobe Photoshop unless where noted.

### Set Up Your Workspace

- Access Preferences by pressing Ctrl K in Windows or (Mac: Cmd K)
- Uncheck Enable Floating Document Window Docking. Check Allow Floating Documents in Expert Mode. (**Photoshop:** this step is not necessary in PS)
- In the Tool Options, make sure Auto-Select Layer and Show Bounding Box are checked. (**Photoshop:** In the Options Bar, make sure Auto-Select Layer and Show Transform Controls are checked)

### Open Class Files

- Open the **PFP\_ColorPalette-Temp.psd** (File > Open) included in the **Passion4Paper-download** folder.
- Make a duplicate copy, give it a name, and close the original.
- Open the **PFP\_SwatchesPhoto.jpg** (File > Open) included in you **Passion4Paper-download** folder to use as a reference.

### Change the Swatch Colors

- Get the Move tool.
- Activate the Color Palette Template.
- In the Layers panel, activate Swatch 1.
- Double-click on the swatch thumbnail to bring up the Color Picker. The Eye dropper tool will automatically be activated.

- Click somewhere on your photo to pick up a color. Click OK.
- In the Layers panel, double-click on the Swatch 2 thumbnail to bring up the Color Picker.
- Click on a new area of your photo to pick up another color. Click OK.
- Following the previous steps, continue selecting colors from the photo and adding them to your swatches.

### Save your Document

- Save your Color Palette ( File > Save As) as a layered PSD in an easy to find location.
- Save a jpg of your Color Palette and share it to our Private class Facebook group.

