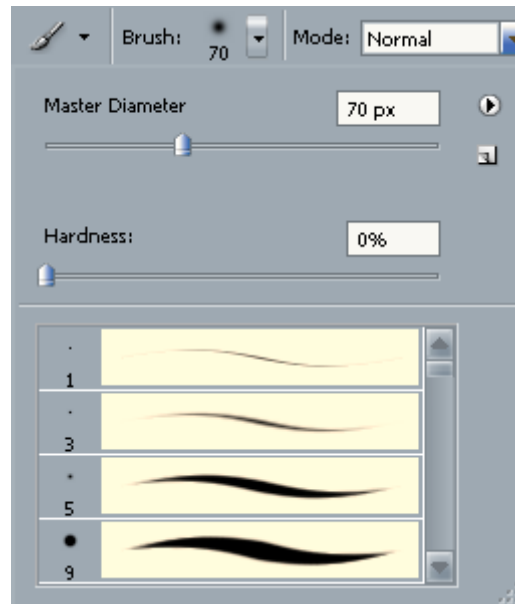




Photoshop Tips

Tip 1 – Custom Brushes

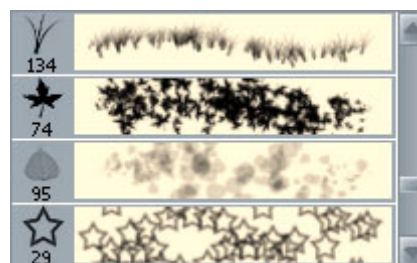
In Photoshop, you have a wide range of brush types to choose from. Not all of them are regular round shapes. Select any tool that uses the brush options, display the brush options and you get a list of custom brushes as seen below.



Scroll far enough down the list and you'll get some custom brushes that simulate various types of brushes, pens and charcoal.

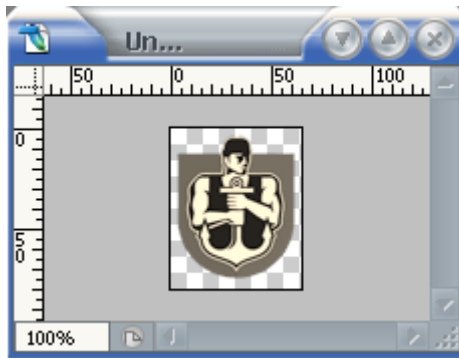


You'll even get some that allow you to paint with picture shapes.

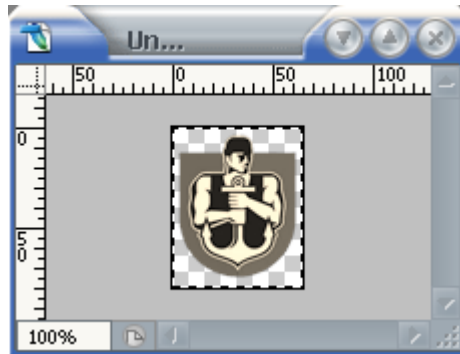


So how do you make your own? Easy! You just need to start with the picture you want to use as the basis for your brush.

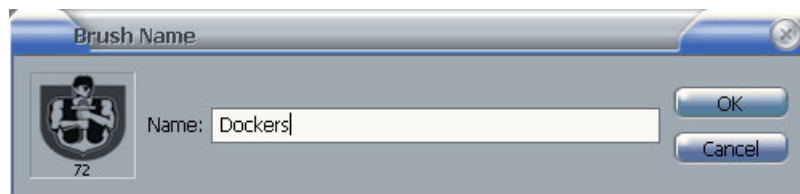
In the example below, we've opened a picture that represents one of the finest sporting teams in the known universe (<http://fremantlefc.com.au>). Those with less taste might prefer to select a different image.



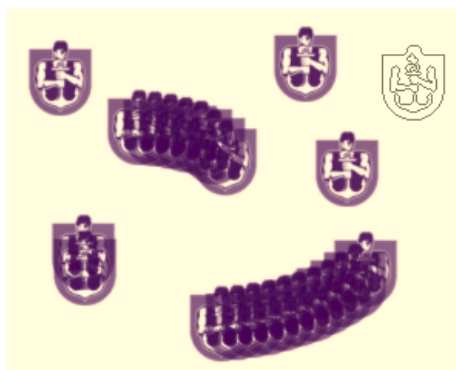
1. Start by selecting the image that you want to use with one of the marquee tools.



2. Select **Edit Copy [Ctrl] [C]** to copy the selection to the clipboard.
3. From the **Edit** menu select **Define Brush Preset**.
4. Enter a suitable name in the **Pattern Name** box and click **OK**.



5. Create a blank image to test your brush on.
6. Your new brush will be selected in the brushes palette and will be at the end of the list. Try painting with it.



If you want to make sure your brush is kept in case you need to re-install photoshop, you can save it. From the Brush options, display the menu (top right corner of the options. About halfway down the list you will see a Save Brushes option, which allows you to save the set. When you want to recover saved brushes later, you can use Load brushes to add the saved ones or Replace brushes to replace the existing ones with the saved ones.

