

Duplicate a Layer

There are three main ways to duplicate a layer in Photoshop, all of them do exactly the same thing.

The first way is to drag and drop the layer you want to duplicate. This is done by putting your cursor on the chosen layer and left clicking your mouse, while holding the click down move the cursor down to the bottom tool bar of the layers palette and put it over the icon that looks a sheet of paper with a corner turned back. This should be the second from the right, once over it release the click and Photoshop will do the rest. This is probably the quickest to do in practice but the longest to describe.

The second way is to click on the small box at the top right of the layers palette (it's a small square box with three lines in it) A drop down menu will appear and you then select **Duplicate Layer** from this and Photoshop does the rest.

The third way is almost the same as the second. Go to the header bar at the top of the main screen, from this select, **Layers** and then select **Duplicate Layer** from the drop down menu and let Photoshop do the rest.

You can make a blank layer in exactly the same way as in the second and third method but click on **New Layer** and click **OK** in the box that opens. The other way is to just click on the second icon from the right at the bottom of the layers palette (the one that looks like a sheet of paper with a corner turned back).