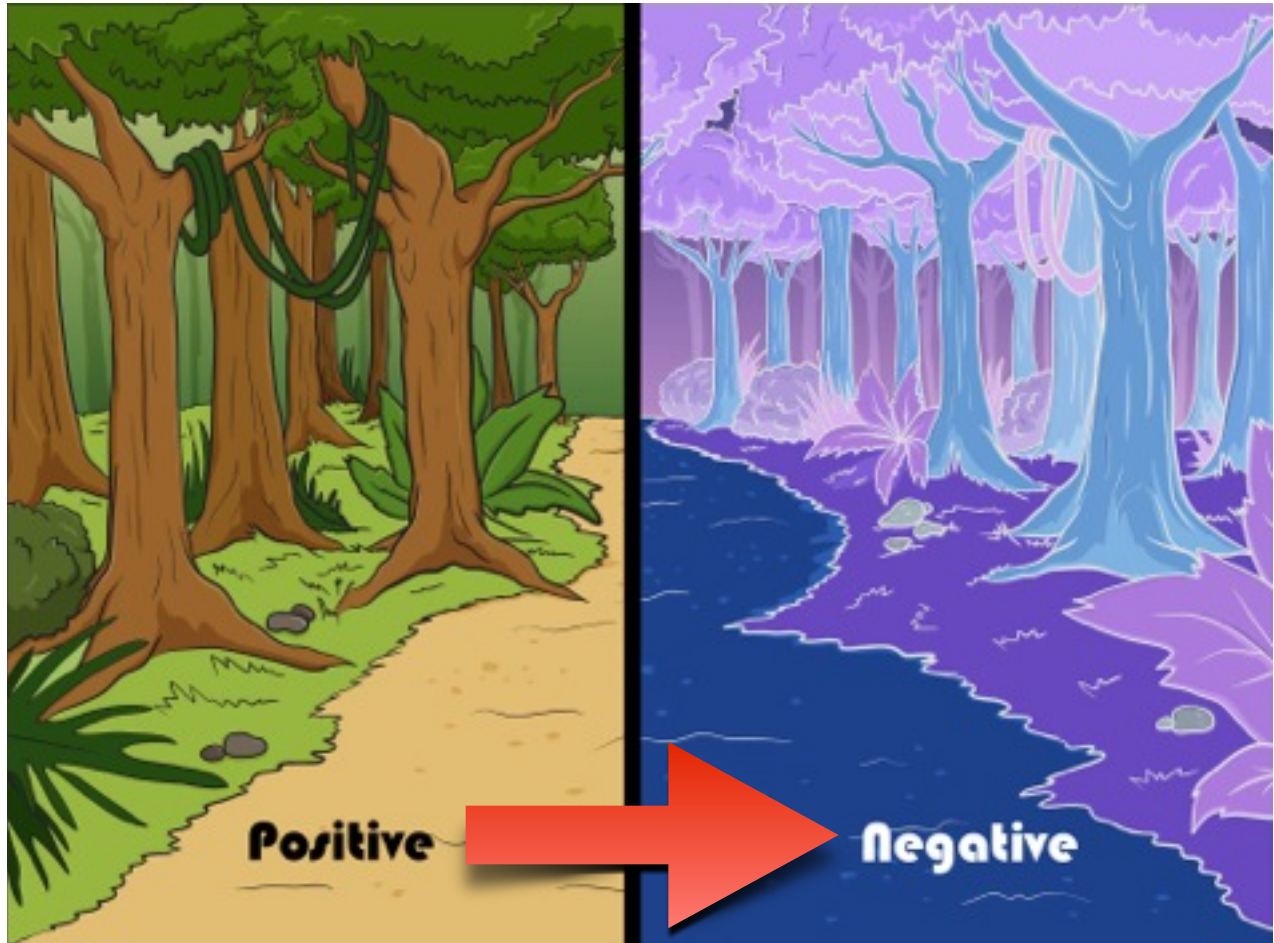# Photoshop Tutorials
Negative Images

MAKE AN IMAGE NEGATIVE IN PHOTOSHOP
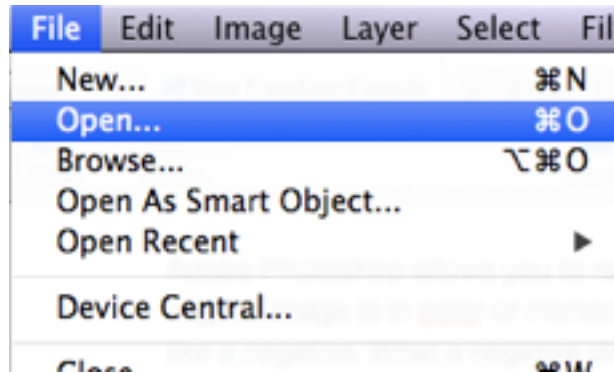

Negative Images

Adobe Photoshop allows you to recreate negative images with a single click. Whether your original image is in color or monochromatic, you can always inverse the colors to make it look like a negative. What a negative does is it inverts the color of your original image to its direct complimentary color.

There are two ways to transform your positive images to negative. First is by making an image color adjustment and the second technique is creating/adding a new fill to an existing layer.
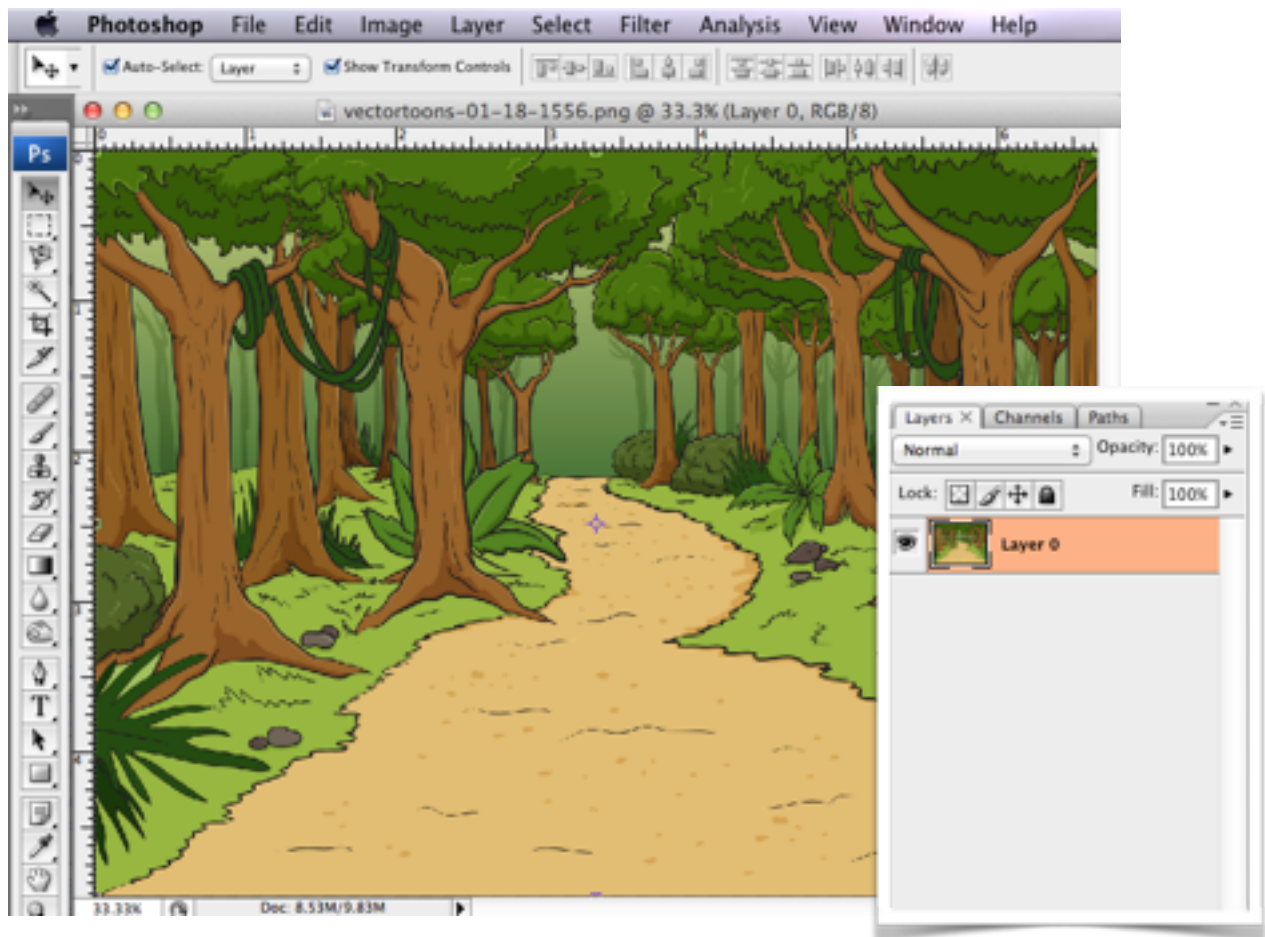
Image Inverse Technique

Below is the fastest way to turn any image to negative.

1. Open an image of your choice by selecting FILE -> OPEN.

2. Go to the location of your image file and once you find the file, select it then click OPEN.

3. In this example, we are using a vector toons forest backdrop. Make sure the background layer isn't locked. If it is locked, simply double click on it and hit OK to unlock it.

4. Next, is to click on IMAGE -> ADJUST -> INVERT or if you are going to use the keyboard shortcut, press "COMMAND + I". And as simple as that, you have converted your image to negative.

5. You may now save it by clicking on FILE -> SAVE AS then supply with desired details and image format.

Using The Adjustment Layer

Here is another technique to convert your image to negative. The advantage of using this technique is that you can hide the negative layer so if you'd like to see the original image/ background, you're still able to work around with it more. It is a matter of flexibility versus the first technique.
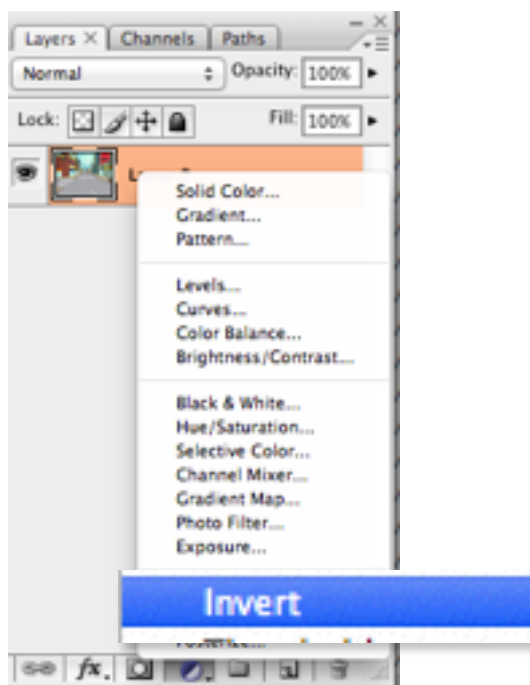
1. Open an image of your choice by selecting FILE -> OPEN.

2. Select the file that you are going to edit, then press OPEN.

3. Make sure the background image of your layer isn't locked. If it is locked, simply double click on it and press OK to unlock the layer or you may hold-click the lock and drag it to the trashcan button below the layers panel.
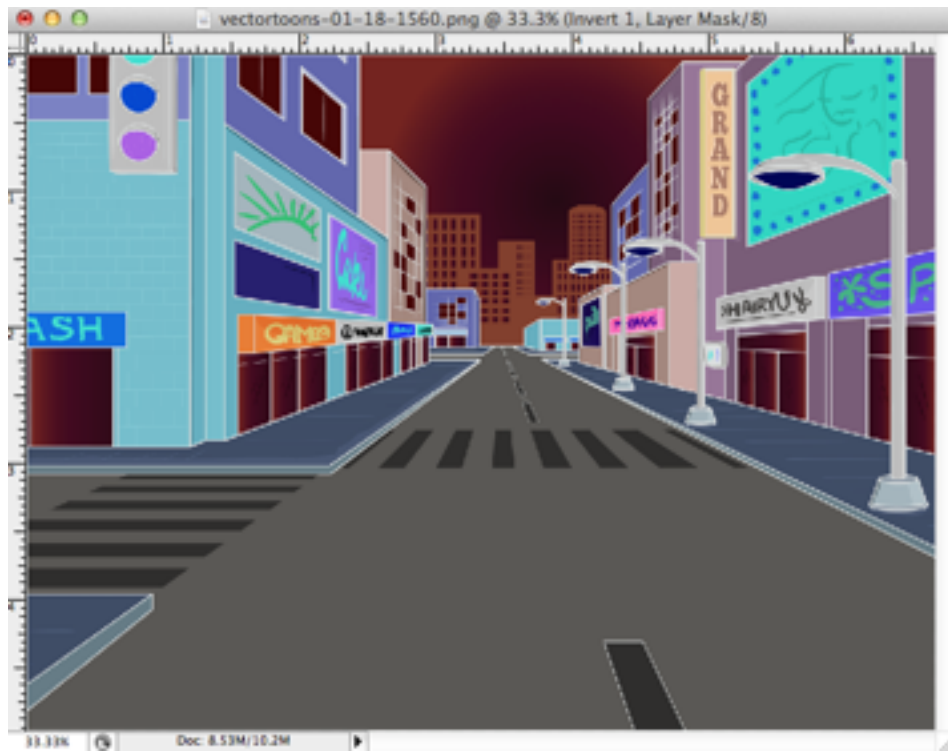

Drag-click the lock to the trash bin.

4. Once the background layer is unlocked, click on the CREATE NEW FILL/ ADJUSTMENT LAYER in the LAYERS panel again and select INVERT.

5. Selecting INVERT will create a new layer mask with the Negative effect which you can toggle on/off and make the original colors from your image reverse to its direct complimentary colors, thus having the look of a Negative.

6. Once done, you can save the file by clicking on FILE -> SAVE AS.

You may also do this for monochromatic images like below:

MONOCHROMATIC POSITIVE

NEGATIVE