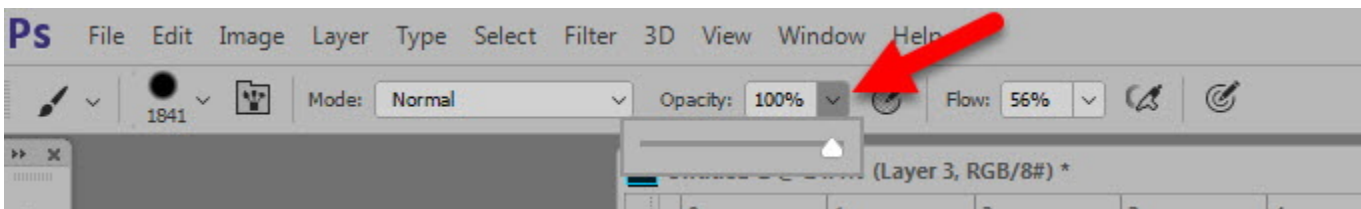# How To Change the Opacity of a Brush

Photoshop brushes are an extremely powerful tool. However, many Photoshop users don't realize how easy they are to edit. In this tutorial, I'll show you 4 different ways to quickly change the opacity of a brush.

This tutorial was written using Adobe Photoshop 2021, but these methods work the same in Photoshop Elements.
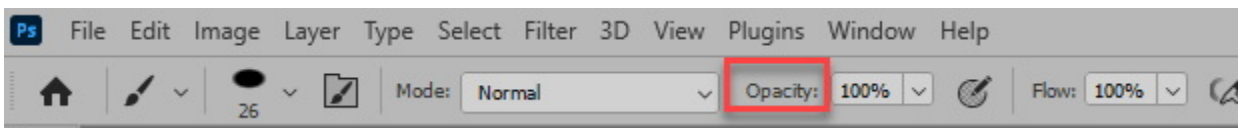
Method 1: Using the Opacity Dropdown Menu

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Menu Bar, click on the down pointing arrow to access the Opacity slider.
- Drag the slider to the left to decrease the opacity and to the right to increase.
- **Note:** Photoshop Elements users will use the Opacity slider in the Tool Options.
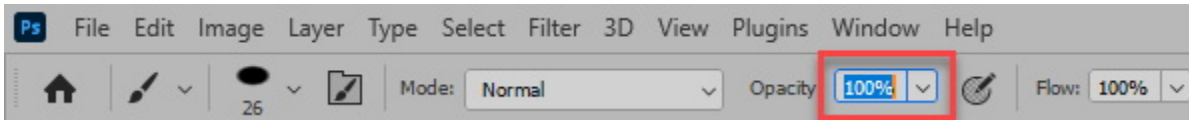

Method 2: Scrubby Slider Method

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Menu Bar, left click and drag your mouse over the word Opacity.
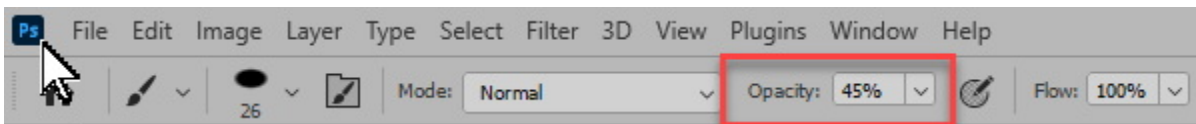- Drag to the left to decrease the opacity and to the right to increase.

Method 3: Typing in Percentage

- Get the Brush tool.
- In the Menu Bar, highlight the Opacity percentage.
- Type in the exact percentage that you want.

Method 4: Using Your Keyboard with Shortcuts

- Get the Brush tool.
- Type a number on your keyboard to change the opacity in 10% increments. For example, type the number 1 to create a 10% opacity, 2 for 20% opacity, and so on.
- Typing 2 numbers quickly will give you an exact percentage. For example, quickly typing the numbers 4 and 5 will result in a 45% opacity.

And that's how easy it is to change the opacity of a Photoshop brush!

If you are a visual learner, view this tutorial on my You Tube Channel.

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