Masking in photoshop

- Masking is a technique that allows you to integrate two layers in photoshop and make them blend more seamlessly. layer>layer mask>reveal all.
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You can use masks to hide portions of a layer and reveal portions of the layers below. You can create two types of masks:

- Layer masks are resolution-dependent bitmap images that are edited with the painting or selection tools.
- Vector masks are resolution independent and are created with a pen or shape tool.
- Layer and vector masks are non destructive, which means you can go back and re-edit the masks later without losing the pixels they hide.
- In the Layers panel, both the layer and vector masks appear as an additional thumbnail to the right of the layer thumbnail. For the layer mask, this thumbnail represents the grayscale channel that is created when you add the layer mask. The vector mask thumbnail represents a path that clips out the contents of the layer.

- Layer masks use the gradients between black white and grey to hide and reveal
- Areas you paint black are hidden, areas of grey will appear with varying degrees of transparency
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