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## Affinity Photo Beginner's Guide

*First 10 Skills*

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This book is dedicated to my

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**Introduction** Thank you for purchasing the **Affinity**

**Photo Beginner's Guide - First 10 Skills.** This book was made specifically for beginners who want a step-by-step approach to mastering this amazing software. For us, *Affinity Photo* is the most amazing photo-editing software on the market today. We think you'll like this easy-to-understand-and-follow guidebook to Affinity Photo. We have also included the two introductory units on the "Most Common Shortcuts" and "Why Affinity Photo is Better Than Adobe Photoshop". We feel that these two units are an integral part of getting the most out of this great software. This is the newest edition (republished late December 2018). We've tried to perfect how we teach these initial skills and we feel the added information and tips & tricks will add value to this already well-appreciated book.

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**Why Affinity Photo is Better Than Adobe Photoshop** In our humble opinion, Affinity Photo is better than Adobe Photoshop in a couple of important ways. Here are just seven reasons why we think this way: Affinity Photo is more stylish Affinity Photo has a better Move Tool Affinity Photo offers live previews Affinity Photo has better gradients Affinity Photo has lots over very nice, smaller features PS lacks Affinity Photo offers a full screen experience on Macs Affinity Photo offers a much better value for your money than PS When it comes to editing photos, no one can deny that Photoshop is an amazing piece of software. However, we have zero regrets about switching to Affinity Photo. Overall, **Affinity Photo** and **Photoshop** are very similar. Layers, Masks, Selections, and Adjustments are virtually identical in both programs. But, there are some reasons why we prefer **Affinity Photo** instead of Photoshop. Here are our reasons with a bit of an explanation: Affinity Photo is more stylish. Here is the **Photoshop** logo: Here is the **Affinity Photo** logo: **Photoshop toolbar:** **Affinity Photo toolbar (notice the nice colors):** It's a minor detail, but, we appreciate programs that look good, especially a program who is designed for creativity. In a more serious tone, Affinity Photo's **Move tool** is way better than Photoshop's. In Photoshop you need to: *select* the **Move tool** make the layer to **Smart Object** to avoid losing quality *press Ctrl/Cmd + T* to bring up the transform tools *resize* the object and then *confirm the transformation*. Too many steps to do something so simple. \_\_\_\_\_ In **Affinity Photo** resizing objects works just the way you expect. *Grab* the **Move tool**. *Click and drag* the **Frame** around the object. No need to make the layer a smart object. Affinity Photo *automatically resizes layers* in a non-destructive manner.

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The **Affinity Photo Beginners Guide** is a great companion for all new users of the amazing Affinity Photo software. If you want to really get a fast handle on the world's leading photo-editing software, then this will be a great help to you.

We proudly offer this insightful book on Amazon's Kindle Unlimited platform and we are selling this book at the absolute lowest price. We are doing this because we want as many people as possible to start reaping the rewards of this amazing software as fast as possible.

This book will teach you the first 10 skills you need to know how to use to get a great

start using Affinity Photo.

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- The Affinity Photo Interface
- How to Crop Pictures
- How to Remove Imperfections from a Photo (like acne or blemishes)
- How to use the Adjustment Layer
- How to use Masks
- How to make Selections
- How to change the background of a photo
- How to add text (to an image)
- How to Save and Export

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