

Cropping, Straightening and Adjusting Perspective

Perspective Crop Tool feature

To correct an off-square object,

(1) start by choosing the Crop tool and clicking the Clear button in the Options bar at the top of the screen (to be certain not to scale or constrain the image).

(2) Click and drag across the entire image to create a cropping rectangle, release the mouse button, and then turn on the Perspective checkbox in the options bar at the top of the screen.

(3) Drag each corner handle on the cropping rectangle and position them so they match the four corners of the rectangular object.

(4) Press Return to crop and straighten the image.

Keystone Correction

(1) Command-J to create a new layer

(2) View>show Grid settings by choosing Preferences> guides, Grid & Slices from the Photoshop Menu

(3) Type F to create full screen mode

(4) Command -T to begin transforming the image. Hold the Command key and drag the upper left and right handles until any vertical lines in the image line up the with grid lines.

(5) To correct for any foreshortening in the image, drag the top middle handle straight until any square objects are square.

Lens Correction

Examine the Lens Correction Filter in CS2, which is found under “Distort” in the filter list. This is fun to play with and has some learning curves.