



# How to use your Actions, borders, LUTs and presets

Once you have downloaded the 'dcm304-files.zip' file to your computer, extract it and put the folders somewhere they can easily be located

## How to use your Photoshop Actions

- 1 OPEN PHOTOSHOP**  
We're using Photoshop CC, the desktop version of Adobe's image editing software.
- 2 CLICK IMPORT**  
In the Actions palette (Window > Actions) at the top right, click on Load Actions.
- 3 SELECT THE FILES**  
Locate the folder called 'Photoshop\_Blue Sky Effects' and double-click on the .atn file. It will load into your palette.
- 4 EXPAND THE MENU**  
The Actions are imported into Photoshop and accessed from the Actions palette.
- 5 VIEW THE ACTIONS**  
Load your image, select an Action and click on the play icon to run it.

## How to use LUTs with Affinity Photo

- 1 OPEN AFFINITY**  
We're using Affinity Photo 2 for this tutorial; however, these are standard .cube files, so they will also work with Photoshop.
- 2 LOAD YOUR PHOTO**  
Once your image has been loaded, go to the Layers palette and click on the New Adjustment Layer icon.
- 3 CREATE LUT ADJUSTMENT**  
Select LUT Adjustment and then click on this new layer. In the options, click on Load LUT and navigate to the folder where it is stored, titled 'Affinity\_Frequency Separation'.
- 4 ADD THE COLOUR**  
Click on the .cube file to load it. You can then tweak the opacity to modify the effect.

## How to use borders with any photo editor that supports layers

- 1 OPEN APP**  
You can use these borders with any software that supports layers and blending modes.
- 2 LOAD BORDER**  
From the folder titled 'Photoshop\_Fine Art Borders', load the border you want to use, then drag and drop your image on top of it. Set the blend mode to Screen and the border will now be applied.
- 3 TWEAK THE BORDER**  
This creates a white border effect. If you reverse the colours of the border and change the blend mode to Multiply, you will get a black border instead.

## How to use Lightroom presets

- 1 OPEN LIGHTROOM**  
We're using version 11 of Lightroom Classic, the desktop version of Adobe's image editing software.
- 2 CLICK IMPORT**  
Click on the File menu in the top left of the screen, and select the option to import the presets from the folder titled 'Lightroom\_Expand Range'.
- 3 VIEW THE NEW PRESET**  
The three presets are now visible in the Develop module's Presets palette. With an image displayed in the main window, hover over the preset to see how it affects the image. To apply the effect, click on its title. You can fine-tune the effect by using the slider for each preset.