

Customizing Photoshop Menus

If there are particular areas of Photoshop you use a lot, you can make finding them in the menus even faster by color-coding your favorite menu items. Here's how: Go under the Edit menu and choose Menus. When the dialog appears, scroll down to the menu you want and double-click on it. Now scroll down until you find the command you want to color-code, and then click on the word "None" to the far right of that item (under the Color column) and a menu of colors will appear. Choose the color you want for that item, and from now on it will appear highlighted in that color.

You can also hide menu items you don't want to see or mess with, leaving only the items you actually use visible. You can even hide palettes you don't need to see (by double-clicking on the word "Window" in the dialog and turning off the Eye icons to hide palettes).

Photoshop has more than a hundred different filters, and most of us probably use just a handful in our daily work. So, if there are filters you never use just go under the Edit menu and choose Menus. In the list of Application Menu commands, double-click on Filter to reveal a list of all Photoshop filters. Now, just turn off the Eye icon (a.k.a. the Visibility button) beside the filters you don't want to see. Don't worry, if for some reason you decide you need to temporarily access one of those hidden filters, just go under the Filter menu, to the submenu where it used to appear, and choose Show All Menu Items.