

Mini-Skills

03_Layer Mask

1. Open the *03_Layer Mask* folder, and then open these two images in Photoshop:

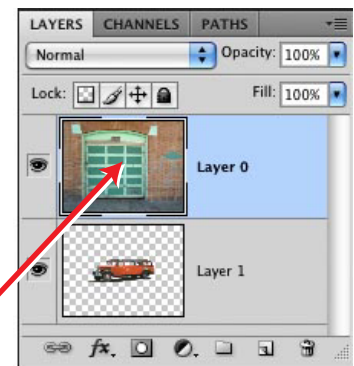


bus.psd



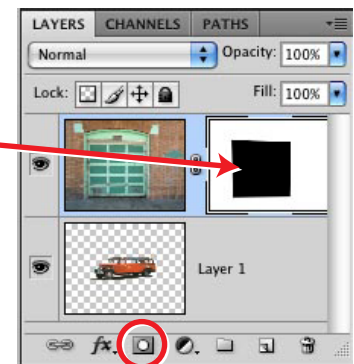
garage door.jpg

2. Using the **Move Tool**, drag the *bus* image onto the *garage door* image. The bus will be floating on top of the garage layer.



3. Next, in the LAYERS panel, unlock the *background* layer (the *garage door* image), and drag the *garage door* layer up to the top:

4. Select the four edges of the garage door, using the **Polygonal Lasso Tool**. Create a new **Layer Mask** for the garage door by choosing: Layer > Layer Mask > Hide Selection. The LAYERS panel will display a thumbnail of the layer mask in black and white. In the image, **Black** areas are invisible, **White** areas are visible.

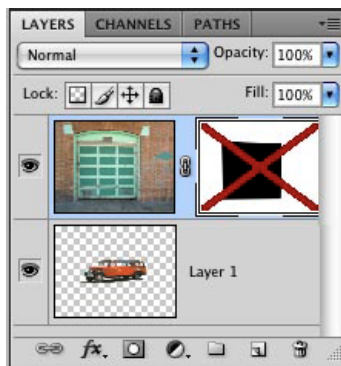


Add Layer Mask

5. Things to try:

Hold the SHIFT key, and click on the layer mask in the LAYERS panel to de-activate the mask.

A red "X" will appear. SHIFT-click again to activate the mask.



Hold the OPTION (ALT) key, and click on the layer mask to see **only** the layer mask.

Try painting on the layer mask using a gray paintbrush. This will produce a semi-transparent mask.

