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Photoshop Elements > Straighten Tool



The Straighten tool is easy to use.

Do the following.

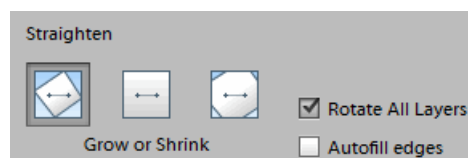
- 1) Select the tool.



Straighten Tool

- 2) In options bar/Tool Options:

- a) Select Rotate All Layers.
- b) Select from three options (described below).



- 3) Click, hold, and drag a line where the horizon **should be**.

In the example, the line was drawn on the shoulders of the mother and son.



Options Bar/Tool Options Choices

Because the photograph is going to rotate, the corners will no longer be inside the rectangle of the photograph.

The corners will stick out.

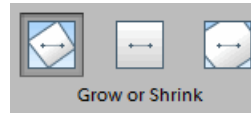
There are three options.

Experiment with them.

They're not easy to understand by reading.

Click [here](#) to see the three choices, described below, side-by-side.

You can more easily compare the differences between the choices.



Grow or Shrink Canvas to Fit

The photograph gets larger or smaller.

The canvas, the white area below, is expanded or contracted to fit the rotated photograph.

Below, the example's left and right corners were retained.

The top and bottom corners were cropped.

The example went from:

1280 x 1024

to

1510 x 1333



Crop to Remove Background

The photograph is cropped to remove any white areas.

The example went from:

1280 x 1024

to

945 x 627



Crop To Original Size

All four corners of the photograph are cropped.

The canvas remains the same size as the original.

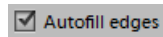
The example remained at the same size of 1280 x 1024.



Photoshop Elements 12 & Later Versions

In Photoshop Elements 12 and later versions, the program may be able to fill in the empty corners.

Select Autofill Edges in Tool Options.



Saving the Photograph

If you haven't already done so, go to [Saving Files](#).

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