Krita Default keyboard shortcuts

START HERE

- **B** Freehand brush
- **Ins** New paint layer
- **E** Toggle eraser
- **Tab** Canvas only
- **[** / **]** Brush size
- **Space** Pan (hold)
- **Ctrl** + **Z** Undo
- **Ctrl** + **Enter** Search any action

Pick a tool B, V, T, Ctrl+R → **Hold a modifier** Shift add, Alt subtract, Ctrl replace → **Drag on canvas** Space pans, Ctrl+Space zooms → **Confirm** Enter applies, Esc cancels

CONCEPTS

Press Ctrl+Enter and type: any action without a shortcut can be found and run from the search box.

Rarely used tools have no default key. Assign your own under Settings > Configure Krita > Shortcuts.

Defaults listed are for Windows and Linux. On macOS Cmd replaces Ctrl for most keys.

Selection modifiers

Hold	Mode
Shift	Add
Alt	Subtract
Ctrl	Replace
Shift+Alt	Intersect

CANVAS NAVIGATION

Space Pan (hold, drag)

MMB Pan from any tool

Drag with the middle mouse button.

Ctrl + **Space**
Zoom (hold, drag)

Plus / **Minus** Zoom in / out

1 Zoom to 100%

2 Fit document in window

3 Fit document width

CANVAS NAVIGATION (cont.)

5 Reset rotation

Shift + **Space**
Rotate canvas (hold, drag)

Ctrl + **[** / **Ctrl** + **]**
Rotate canvas in steps
4 and 6 rotate too.

M Mirror view

Quick check for lopsided drawings.

Alt + **M** Mirror around cursor

Added in 5.1.

Tab Show canvas only

Ctrl + **Shift** + **F** Full screen

Ctrl + **Alt** + **Space**
Zoom in discrete steps (drag)

Ctrl + **Shift** + **'** Show grid

Ctrl + **Tab** Next open view

Shift + **L**
Instant preview mode

TOOLS

B Freehand brush

V Straight line (sticky key)

Hold V while drawing from the brush.

T Move tool

Ctrl + **T** Transform tool

Ctrl + **R**
Rectangular selection

TOOLS (cont.)

Ctrl
Colour sampler while held
Left click sets foreground, right click sets background.

Enter
Apply transform or crop

Esc
Cancel continued transform or crop

Arrows
Nudge layer with Move tool

Shift
Resize brush: hold, drag

Shift + **drag**
Constrain Move to one axis

RMB
Pop-up palette on canvas

Ctrl + **Shift** + **L**
Toggle assistant snapping

Shift
Snap line to 15 degrees while held

BRUSHES AND COLOUR

E Toggle eraser mode

[/ **]** Smaller / larger brush

X
Swap foreground and background

D Reset to black and white

BRUSHES AND COLOUR (cont.)

/ Previous brush preset

F5 Brush settings editor

F6
Brush preset quick access

I / **O** Opacity up / down

K / **L** Darker / lighter colour

Shift + **I** / **Shift** + **N** / **Shift** + **M**
On-canvas colour selector

SELECTIONS

Ctrl + **A** Select all

Ctrl + **Shift** + **A** Deselect

Ctrl + **Shift** + **D** Reselect

Ctrl + **Shift** + **I**
Invert selection

Ctrl + **H**
Show / hide selection

Shift + **F6** Feather selection

Ctrl
Polygon mode in freehand select

LAYERS

Ins New paint layer

Ctrl + **J** Duplicate layer

LAYERS (cont.)

Ctrl + **E**
Merge with layer below

Ctrl + **G**
Group selected layers

Ctrl + **Shift** + **G**
Group with inherit-alpha layer

Ctrl + **Shift** + **E**
Flatten image

Shift + **click**
Select several layers

Ctrl + **Shift** + **C**
Copy merged

EDIT AND FILL

Ctrl + **Z** Undo

Ctrl + **Shift** + **Z** Redo

Ctrl + **X** Cut

Ctrl + **C** Copy

Ctrl + **V** Paste

Ctrl + **Alt** + **V**
Paste at cursor

Del Clear selection

Shift + **Backspace**
Fill with foreground colour

Backspace
Fill with background colour

Ctrl + **L** Levels

Ctrl + **U** HSV adjustment

FILES AND IMAGE

Ctrl + **N** New image

Ctrl + **O** Open

Ctrl + **S** Save

Ctrl + **Shift** + **S** Save as

Ctrl + **Alt** + **S**
Save incremental version

F4 Save incremental backup

Ctrl + **W** Close view

Ctrl + **Q** Quit

Ctrl + **Alt** + **I**
Scale image to new size

Ctrl + **Alt** + **C** Resize canvas

RECIPES

Clean line over a sketch

```
# B pick brush, Ins new layer
# V then drag for straight lines
# E toggle eraser to fix, Ctrl+E merge down
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Cut out and move part

```
# Ctrl+R select, Ctrl+J duplicate layer
# Ctrl+T transform, Enter to apply
# Ctrl+Shift+A deselect
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Check proportions

```
# M mirror view, 5 reset rotation
# 2 fit to window, Tab canvas only
# M again to flip back
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