# 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 → then **Drag on canvas** Space pans, Ctrl+Space zooms → then **Confirm** Enter applies, Esc cancels → after

## 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
```

**Check proportions**

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