Krita Default keyboard shortcuts

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.

Pick a tool B, V, T, Ctrl+R
↓ then
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

Selection modifiers

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

CANVAS NAVIGATION

Space Pan (hold, drag)

MMB Pan from any tool

Ctrl + Space
Zoom (hold, drag)

Plus / Minus Zoom in / out

1 Zoom to 100%

2 Fit document in window

3 Fit document width

5 Reset rotation

Shift + Space
Rotate canvas (hold, drag)

Ctrl + [/ Ctrl +]
Rotate canvas in steps

M Mirror view

Tab Show canvas only

Ctrl + Shift + F Full screen

Ctrl + Tab Next open view

TOOLS

B Freehand brush

V Straight line (sticky key)

T Move tool

Ctrl + T Transform tool

Ctrl + R Rectangular selection

Ctrl Colour sampler while held

Enter Apply transform or crop

Esc
Cancel continued transform or crop

Arrows
Nudge layer with Move tool

Shift Resize brush: hold, drag

RMB Pop-up palette on canvas

BRUSHES AND COLOUR

E Toggle eraser mode

[/] Smaller / larger brush

X
Swap foreground and background

D Reset to black and white

/ Previous brush preset

F5 Brush settings editor

I / O Opacity up / down

K / L Darker / lighter colour

SELECTIONS

Ctrl + A Select all

Ctrl + Shift + A Deselect

Ctrl + Shift + D Reselect

Ctrl + Shift + I
Invert selection

Ctrl + H Show / hide selection

LAYERS

Ins New paint layer

Ctrl + J Duplicate layer

LAYERS (cont.)

Ctrl + E
Merge with layer below

Ctrl + G Group selected layers

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

Del Clear selection

Shift + Backspace
Fill with foreground colour

Backspace
Fill with background colour

FILES AND IMAGE

Ctrl + N New image

Ctrl + O Open

Ctrl + S Save

Ctrl + Shift + S Save as

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

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# 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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