Krita Default keyboard shortcuts

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

Ctrl + Space
Zoom (hold, drag)

Plus / Minus
Zoom in / out

1 — Zoom to 100%

CANVAS NAVIGATION (cont.)

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

TOOLS (cont.)

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

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Smaller / larger brush

X
Swap foreground and background

D
Reset to black and white

/ — Previous brush preset

F5 — Brush settings editor

F6
Brush preset quick access

I / O — Opacity up / down

BRUSHES AND COLOUR (cont.)

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

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

Ctrl + Alt + V
Paste at cursor

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