Useful tips for using Photopea on a mobile device

All tutorials to date have been created on a desktop version of Photopea. Since more and more people are using mobile devices questions have been presented to me on how to use the tools on their device. (These tips can also be applied to a desktop version)
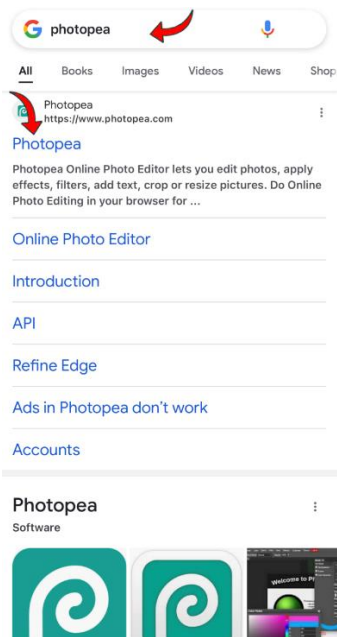
So let's start here……….

If at any point you do not see a tip for what you are trying to do, please complete the contact form at the bottom of the page and I will get back to you.
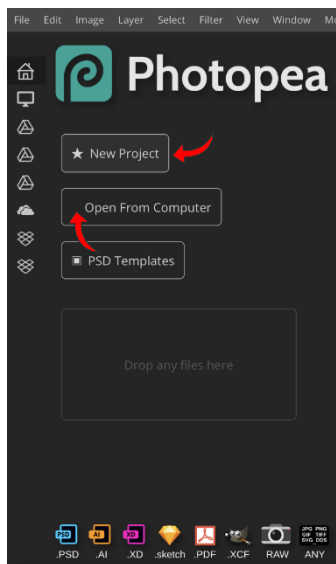
Good luck and have fun creating!

Tip #1: Use your browser (e.g. Chrome) on your mobile device

Type in 'Photopea' in the Google search bar.
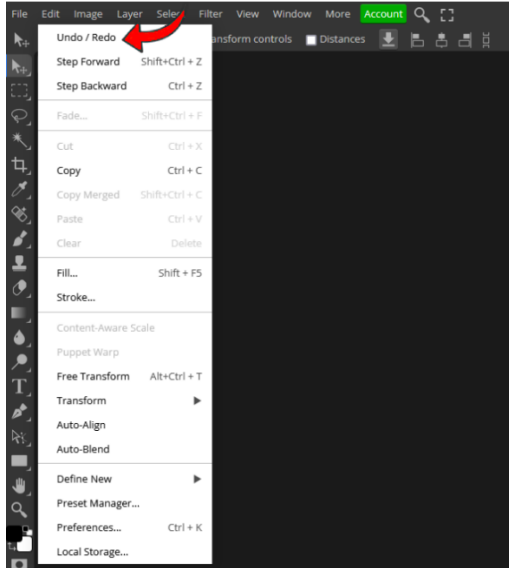

Click on the first link.

You have the option of starting a new project or opening an image that is saved on your mobile device.

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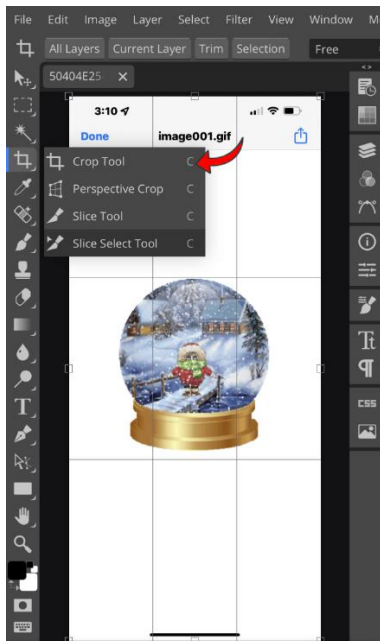**Tip #2: How to undo the last change**

At any time during your project if you create an error, on a mobile device you can undo it.

Click on the Edit tab on top. When the drop down menu opens click on the 'Undo/Redo'.

Tip #2: How to crop an image
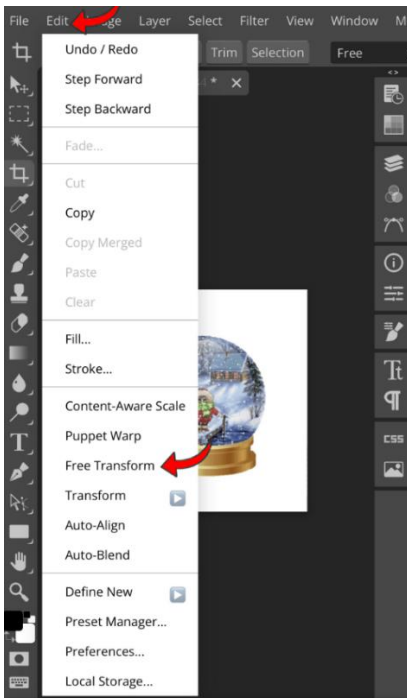
Open your image in Photopea

Click on the crop icon on the left side. Click on 'Crop Tool'. You will now see handles surrounding the image.
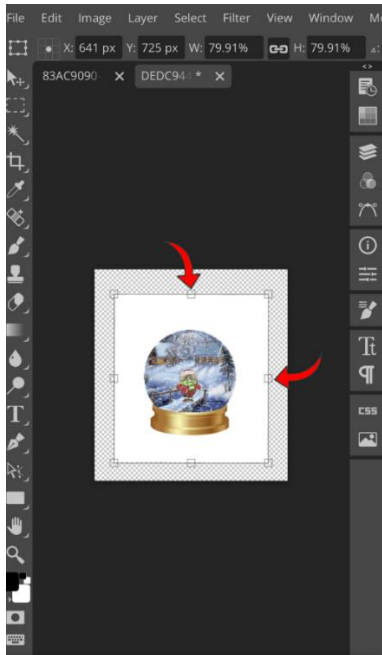
Click on the top, side or corner of the image to reduce it down to size.

Once you are satisfied with the cropping, go to the top and start scrolling to the right until you see the checkmark. Click on the checkmark.
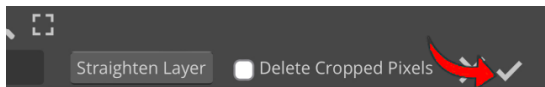
Tip #3: how to resize an image

Click on the 'Edit' tab and when the drop down menu opens click on 'Free Transform'.
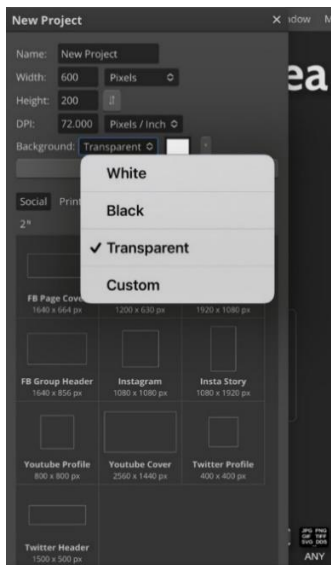
A rectangle will now appear surrounding your image. Click on the top, side or corner and bring it closer to reduce the size.
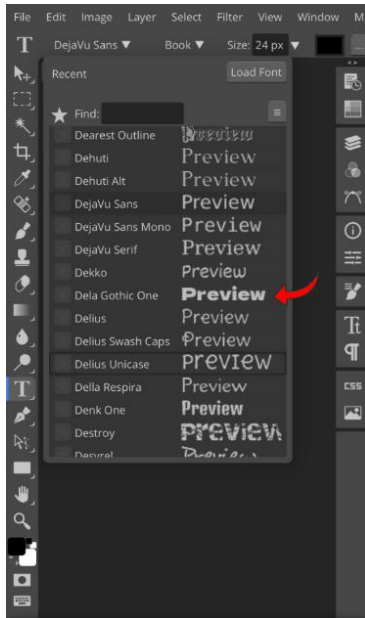

Once you are satisfied with the size, go to the top row and scroll to the right until you see the check mark. Click on the check mark.
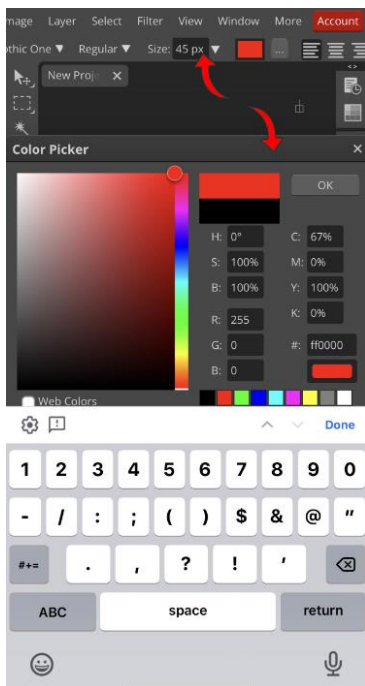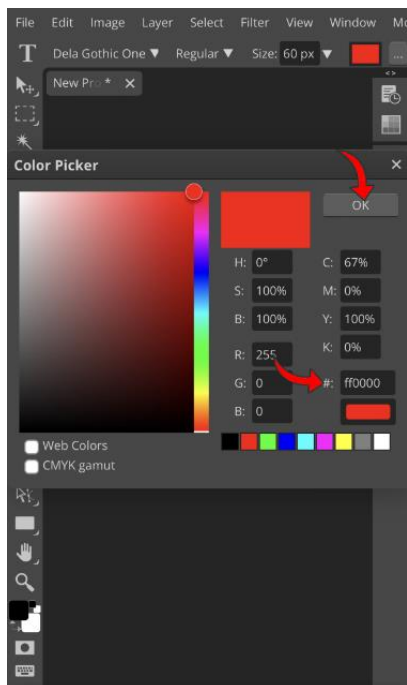
Tip #4: Creating text

Click on 'New Project' and when the pop up box opens, choose your size and height with a transparent background. For this tutorial use 600 pixels wide and 200 pixels high. Click OK.
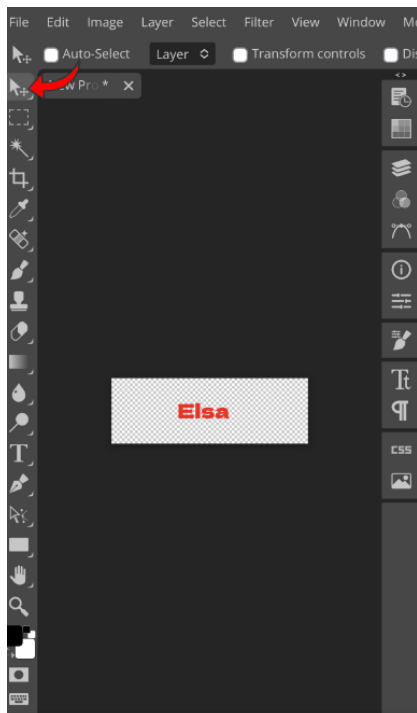
On the left side choose the text "T" icon and then on the top first column click on the different font styles. For this tutorial Delta Gothic One was used.

Choose the font size by clicking on the size arrow. You have the option of typing in your size or using the slider. For this tutorial 60 pixels was used.
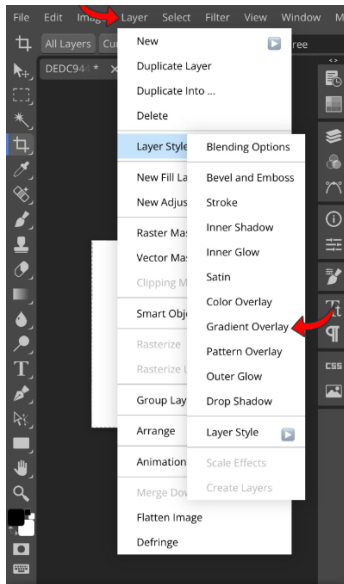
Choose your color by clicking on the box to the right of the size. When the pop up box opens use one of the colors available; however, you can customize your color by typing in a HTML code in the code box. Click OK.
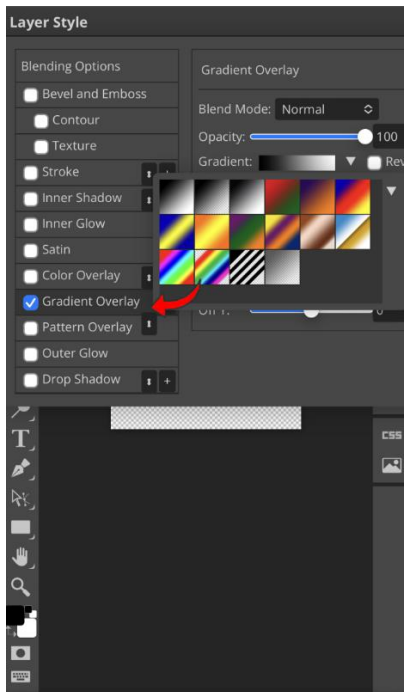

To center your text click on the move icon on the left side and then click on the text until it's located in the center.
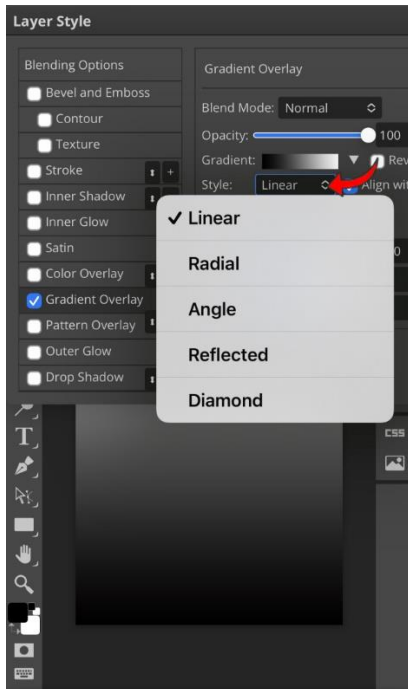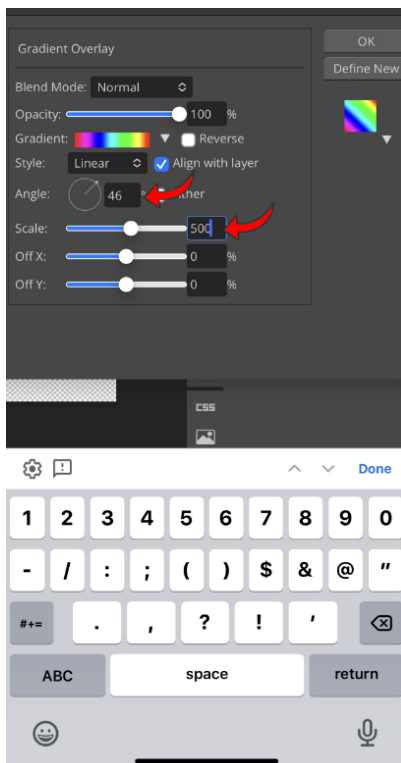
Tip #5: How to add gradient to text

Click on the Layer tab on top. When the drop down menu opens, click on 'Gradient Overlay'. A pop up box will open.

Click on the 'Gradient Overlay' tab on the left side. Click on the gradient that you want to use for this text. For this tutorial the bottom left gradient was used.
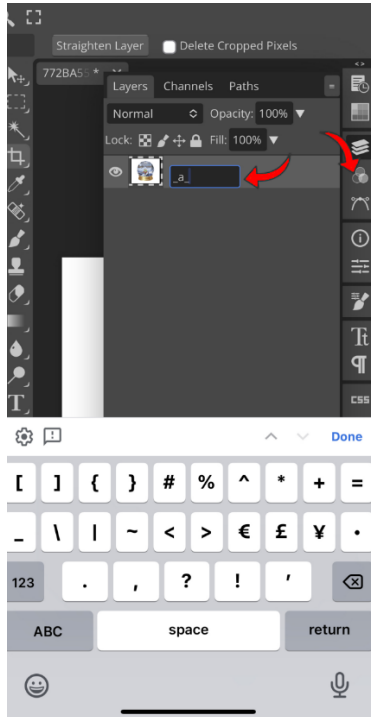
You have the option of changing the gradient style but for this tutorial it was kept as 'Linear'.
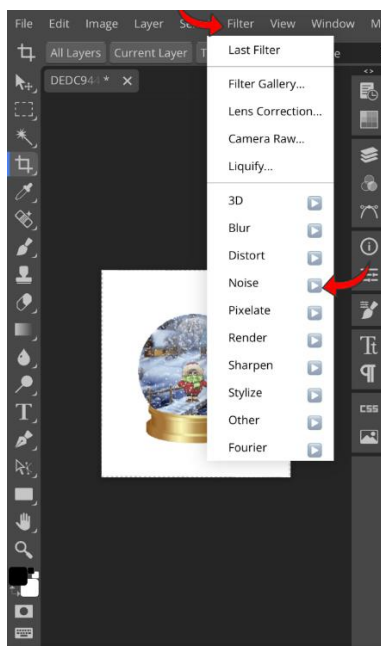

Choose the angle either by typing in a number or scrolling the circle to the left or right. Choose the 'Scale', 'Off X' and 'Off Y'. This tutorial has the 46 degree angel and the 'Scale' is set to 500. Click OK.

Tip #6: Adding noise to create an animation
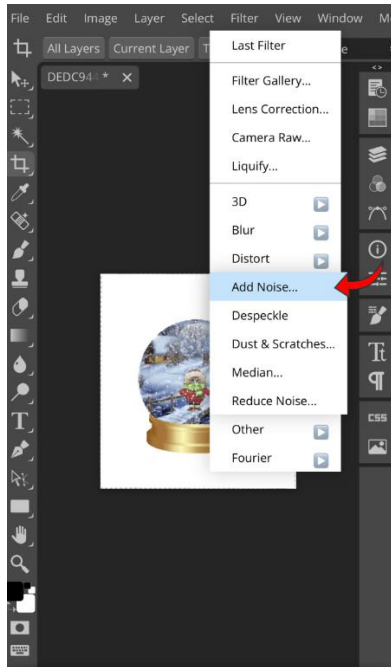
Without going into details here on how to add noise to text, please refer to the tutorials on Learn to Animate, to learn how to create text or animate. This is just tips on how to use the various tools in Photopea.

The first step is to change the coding so that it can animate. Click on the layer tab on the right side. Double click on the layer and type in the HTML animation code – '_a_'.

Now the noise can be added. Click on the 'Filter' tab on top and choose 'Noise' from the drop down menu.
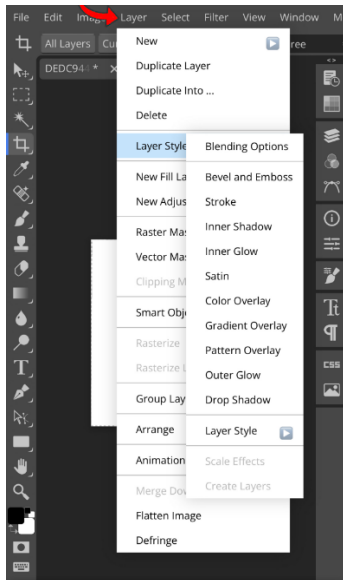

Click on the 'Add noise'.

When the pop up box opens you have the option of choosing the percentage amount. The default is set at 20%. You have the option for the distribution so click on the arrow. This tutorial is using the 'Uniform'. You also have the option of checking off the Monocromatic. This tutorial is using it; however, feel free to try with or without it. Change the amount of noise by typing in a number and then click OK.

 To use this image as an animation, you will need to create 2 more layers. Please refer to the tutorial "How to create animated text" which is #5 on the Creating Text webpage.
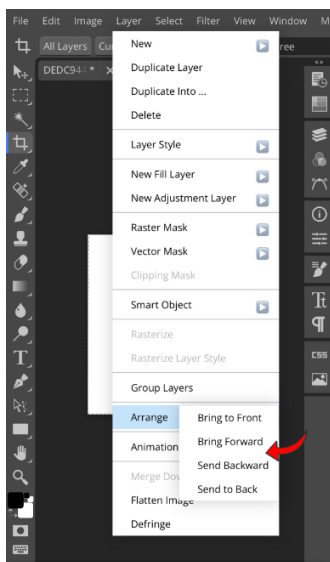
Tip #7: Choosing a layer style

This will be a separate tutorial due to the detail involved.

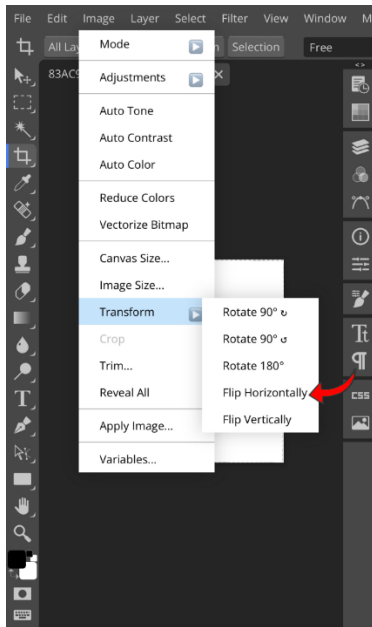**Tip #8: Changing the order of the layers**

Sometimes you will find that when you open or create layers that the order of the top, middle and bottom layers needs to be adjusted. On the desktop it's much easier to explain because you can just click on the actual layer and then move it above or below. Mobile is much different.

Click on the Layer tab and when the drop down box opens click on either 'Bring to Front' or 'Bring Forward'. Or you can s'Send Backward' or 'Send to Back'. Unfortunately, I have not tried this on my phone so I cannot offer any further details on how it works.
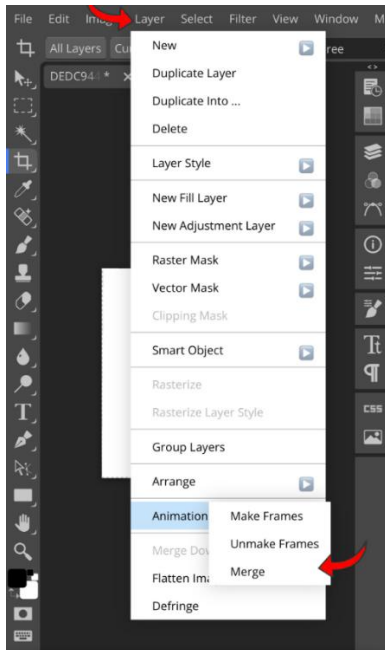
Tip #9: How to 'Mirror' an image

Sometimes when you are working on an image it needs to be facing the opposite direction. Below is some information on how to do it on a mobile device.

Click on the Image tab and when the drop down menu opens click on 'Transform' and then 'Flip Horizontally'.

Tip #10: Merging more than one animation

Click on the Layer tab on top and when the drop down menu opens click on 'Animation' and then click on 'Merge'.