

## Some ProCreate Terminology

**Alpha Lock:** A setting you can activate on a layer that prevents you from drawing on any area that doesn't already have color.

**Backup:** A copy of your file saved somewhere on your device or in Cloud storage, like Dropbox. Typically, a Procreate file is used as a backup so your layers stay intact.

**Color Space:** The modes you can set for each document to determine how the color is read and displayed by other devices. For most online and print uses, sRGB is a great choice. Some printers may request CMYK, but in special cases such as custom printing you can ask the printer before creating the file.

**File Type:** The setting used to export a file (for example, JPG, PNG, PDF, PSD, Procreate). For most online uses, .JPG is a great option. If you want to save your layers and TimeLapse, the Procreate option is best.

**Image Dimensions:** The physical (inches, cm's and pixels) that your image contains.

**Layers:** Layers are like pieces of transparent tracing paper stacked on top of each other. If you put each color/element of your drawing on a different layer, you can easily edit them separately. If everything is on one layer, we can't edit individual elements easily.

**Masks:** Settings that you can apply to layers to add texture or color to existing layers without damaging the original layer.

**Reference Images:** Imagery that artists/designers use to get inspiration or correctly portray something. Reference images should never be copied directly, but used as inspiration along with other reference images!

**Selection/Select:** In digital art, selection refers to the act of making one area "active" so you can make changes to only that area and nothing else on the canvas.

**Split Screen:** A feature of most iPads that allows you to put two apps side by side, so you can see your reference images while drawing in Procreate.

**Stacks:** Stacks are Procreate's version of folders. You can keep your artwork organized in stacks to keep your gallery from getting disorganized.

**Time Lapse:** A recording of your drawing process that shows every step you took throughout the creation process.