



THUNDERBOLT



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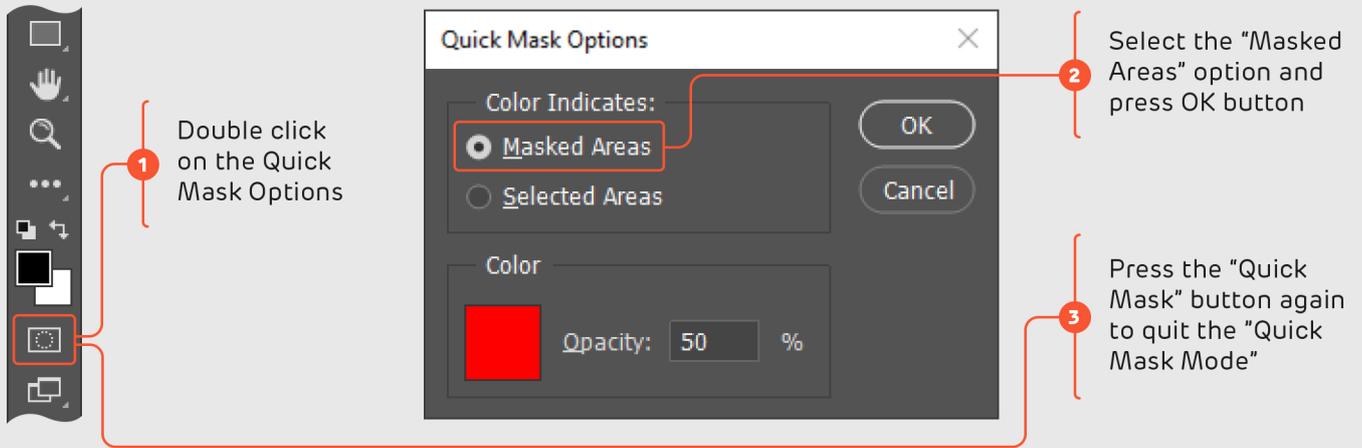
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Checking the Photoshop options

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Open your image, check the Quick Mask Options:



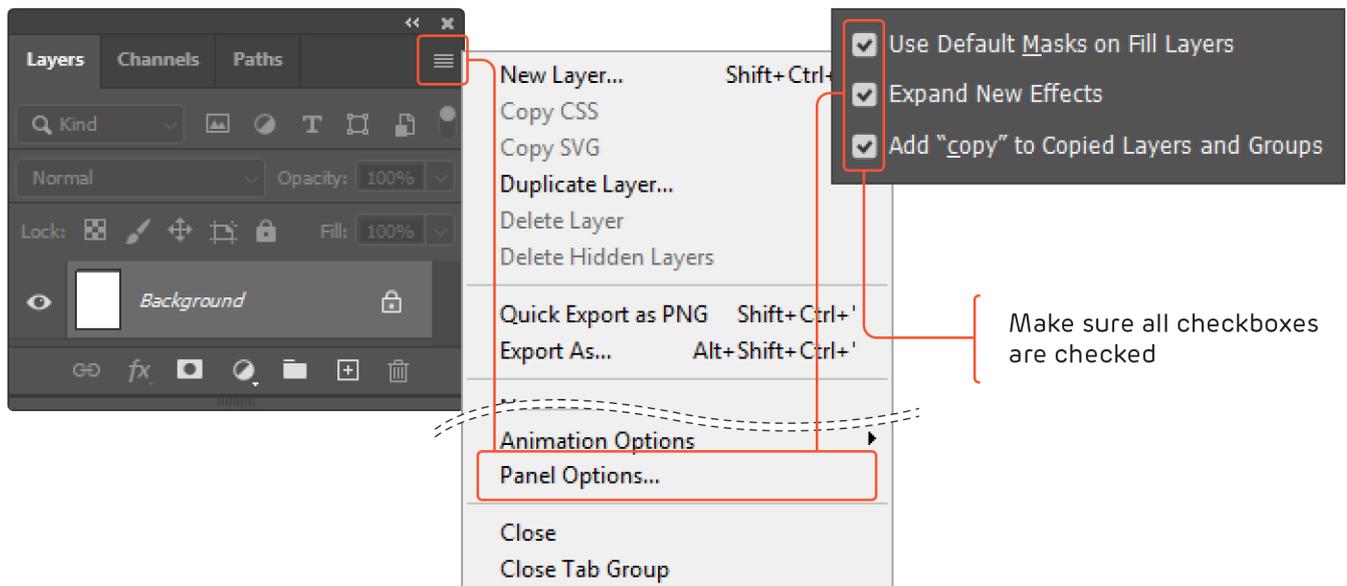
1 Double click on the Quick Mask Options

2 Select the "Masked Areas" option and press OK button

3 Press the "Quick Mask" button again to quit the "Quick Mask Mode"

The image shows the Photoshop Quick Mask Options dialog box. The 'Color Indicates' section has 'Masked Areas' selected. The 'Color' section shows a red square with an opacity of 50%. The dialog has 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons. Annotations with red boxes and lines point to the Quick Mask button in the toolbar (1), the 'Masked Areas' radio button (2), and the 'OK' button (3).

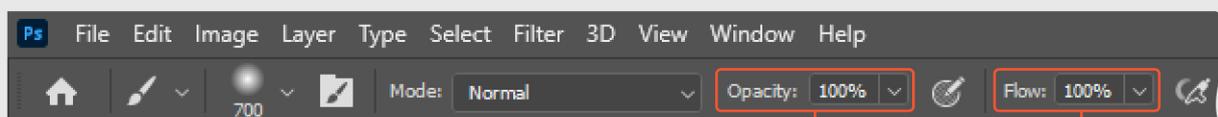
Check the Layer Panel Options:



Make sure all checkboxes are checked

The image shows the Photoshop Layer Panel Options menu. The menu items are: New Layer... (Shift+Ctrl+N), Copy CSS, Copy SVG, Duplicate Layer..., Delete Layer, Delete Hidden Layers, Quick Export as PNG (Shift+Ctrl+'), Export As... (Alt+Shift+Ctrl+'), Animation Options, Panel Options..., Close, and Close Tab Group. A sub-menu for 'Panel Options...' is open, showing three checked items: 'Use Default Masks on Fill Layers', 'Expand New Effects', and 'Add "_copy" to Copied Layers and Groups'. Annotations with red boxes and lines point to the 'Panel Options...' menu item (1) and the three checked items in the sub-menu (2).

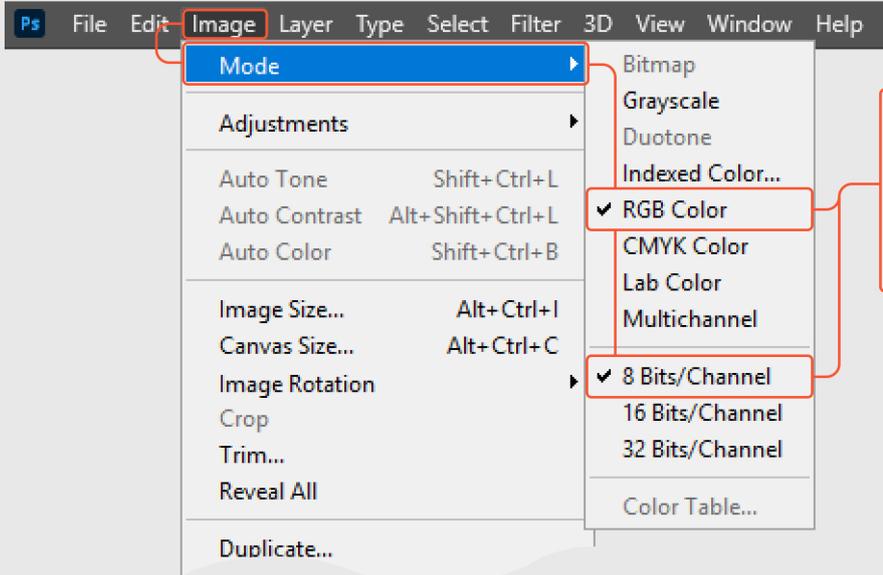
Check the Brush options:



The image shows the Photoshop Brush Tool options bar. The 'Opacity' and 'Flow' options are set to 100%. Annotations with red boxes and lines point to the 'Opacity' dropdown (1) and the 'Flow' dropdown (2).

Select the Brush Tool (B button) and set the Opacity and Flow options to the 100%. In other case you can get the error message or transparent effect

Check the image's mode:



Go to the "Image > Mode" menu. Make sure that your image is RGB color and 8 Bits/Channel. In other case some important Photoshop functions will not work and action will stop with the error message.

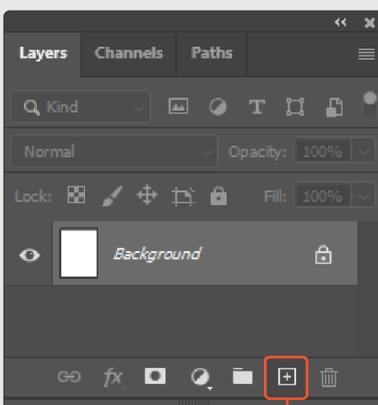
Load the files from the downloaded package:



Unzip the package you downloaded from the Market. Double click on the .ATN ,ABR* .PAT* files while the Photoshop is running. That will upload the action to your Photoshop.

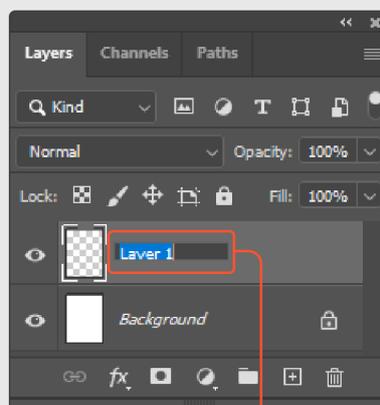
* - .ABR and .PAT files may not be available in some actions.

Create the 'brush' layer (all lowercase)



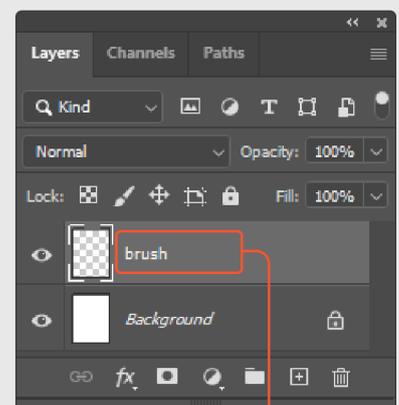
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Create the new empty layer.



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Double click on the layer's name to change it.



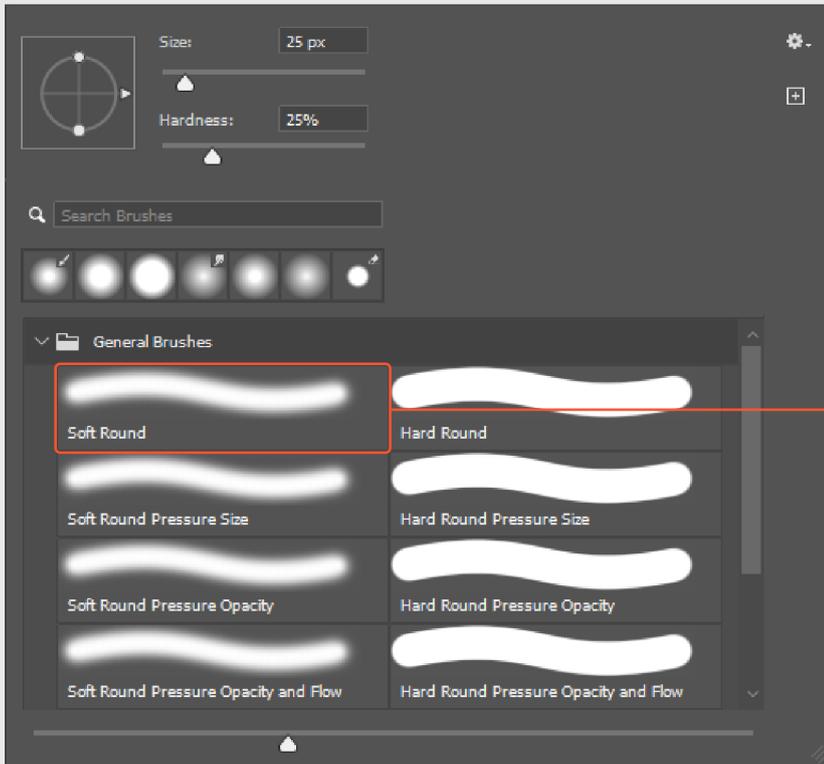
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Change the layer's name to 'brush' (all lowercase)

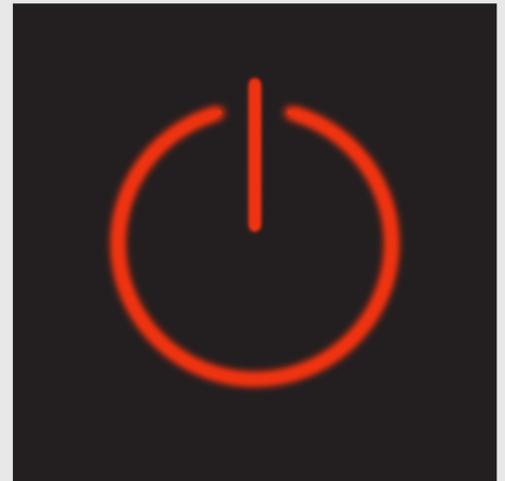
Preparations before using the action

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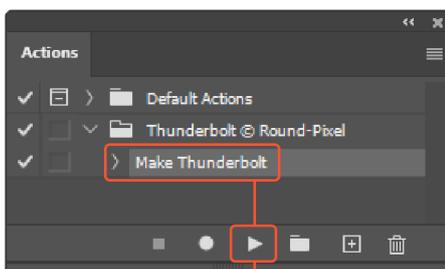
Choose the Brush Tool (B)  and paint the lines:



Choose the 'Soft Round' brush and set its size to 25-75 px. Paint the lines where you want to make the lightning effect. Don't forget to paint the lines on the 'brush' layer, not on the background.

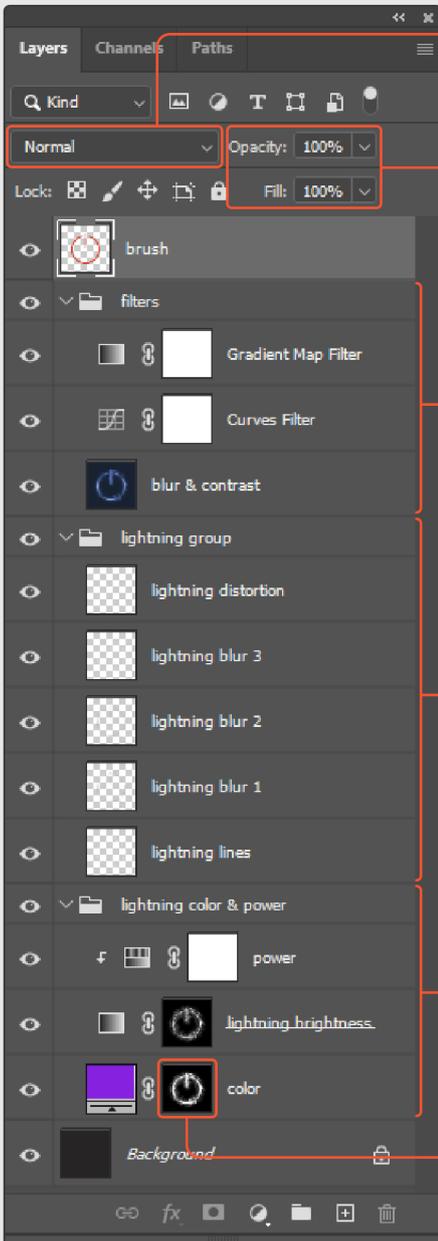


Open the 'Actions' panel (F9) and play the action:



Choose the action 'Make Thunderbolt' and press the 'Play Action' button.

Here are the options you can edit to get the better results:



Layer's Blending Mode:

Changing this option you can get interesting effects.

Fill & Opacity Options:

These options are responsible for the transparency of the layer. The less value will increase the opacity.

Filters Group:

Here are the filter layers located. Use the fill & opacity settings to control the power of the filters.

Lightning group:

The main lightning lines and blur effect are here.

Colorization group:

Here are the main coloring options. Double click on the icon of the 'color' layer will access you to the lightning color modification. If you double click on the 'power' layer's icon you will be able to control the power of the lightning.

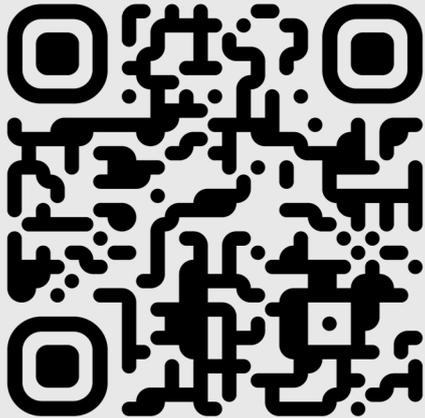
Layer's Pixel Mask:

Painting with the black color on it you can hide the areas you paint or reveal it with the white color.

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