

Krita - shortcuts/hotkeys

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The shortcuts are explained in the guide available at the following link:
[Krita guide to new shortcuts/hotkeys and pdf](#)

Conventions:

LMB = Left Mouse Button

MMB = Medium Mouse Button (middle button or wheel of the mouse pressed)

RMB = Right Mouse Button

Drag = after pressing the keys, drag the mouse

In most functions, to confirm an action you use the key "Enter", to cancel it you use the key "Esc".

Brushes:

Choose the brush tool	b
Line tool in Krita	v
Increase brush size	] (or "}") or "Alt Gr"+"+"")
Decrease brush size	[(or """) or "Alt Gr"+"+"")
Change brush size	Shift+LMB+Drag
Increase brush opacity	o
Decrease brush opacity	i
Make brush color darker	k
Make brush color lighter	l
Set brush erase mode	e
Show available brush types	F6
Select the previous brush	.
Select next brush	,
Switch back to the previously used brush and vice versa	/ (or "ù")
Show brush properties	F5
Show/hide the palette	RMB
Organize and activate your favorite brushes	Ctrl+Alt+number

Brush Blending Mode:

Previous blending mode	Alt+Shift+"-"
Next blend mode	Alt+Shift+"+"
Behind	Alt+Shift+q
Clear	Alt+Shift+r
Burn	Alt+Shift+b
Color	Alt+Shift+c
Color Dodge	Alt+Shift+d
Darken	Alt+Shift+k
Difference	Alt+Shift+e
Dissolve	Alt+Shift+i
Exclusion	Alt+Shift+x
Hard Light	Alt+Shift+h
Hard Mix	Alt+Shift+l
Hard Overlay	Alt+Shift+p
Hue	Alt+Shift+u
Lighten	Alt+Shift+g
Linear Burn	Alt+Shift+a
Linear Dodge	Alt+Shift+w
Linear Light	Alt+Shift+j
Luminosity	Alt+Shift+y
Multiply	Alt+Shift+m
Normal	Alt+Shift+n
Overlay	Alt+Shift+o
Pin Light	Alt+Shift+z
Saturation	Alt+Shift+t
Screen	Alt+Shift+s
Soft Light	Alt+Shift+f
Vivid Light	Alt+Shift+v

Colors:

Select a color from the canvas:

Select the foreground color with the color sampler	p
Select the foreground color using a drawing tool	Ctrl+LMB
Select the foreground color, only in the selected layer, using a paint tool	Ctrl+Alt+LMB
Select the background color using a drawing tool	Ctrl+RMB
Select the background color, only in the selected layer, using a paint tool	Ctrl+Alt+RMB

Choosing and setting a color:

Reset foreground color and background color to black and white	d
Swap foreground color and background color	x
Show history of colors used	h
Show color picker	Shift+i
Show the Wide Gamut Color Selector	Shift+o
Show MyPaint shade picker	Shift+m
Show a minimal shading selector	Shift+n
Show the common colors of the current image	u

Coloring:

Filling tool (bucket)	f
Fill a selection or layer with the foreground color	Shift+Backspace
Fill a selection or layer with the background color	Backspace
Fill a selection or layer with the foreground color (opacity)	Ctrl+Shift+Backspace
Fill a selection or layer with the background color (opacity)	Ctrl+Backspace
Gradient tool	g

More color tools:

"Soft Proofing" CMYK preview	Ctrl+Y
Activate "Out of Gamut Warning"	Ctrl+Shift+Y
Quickly change the exposure value for HDRI	Y+LMB and drag

Canvas display management:

Moving the Canvas:

How to move the canvas (Pan)	MMB and drag or Space Bar+LMB and drag
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Rotate the canvas:

Rotate the canvas with the mouse	Shift+MMB and drag, or Shift+Spacebar+ LMB and drag
Rotate the canvas with the mouse in discrete steps	Shift+Alt+ Spacebar+ LMB and drag
Rotate the canvas to the left with the keys	Ctrl+[(or Ctrl+')
Rotate the canvas to the right with the keys	Ctrl+] (or Ctrl+i)
Rotate the canvas to the left with the keys, with discrete steps	6
Rotate the canvas to the right with the keys, with discrete steps	4
Reset each rotation of the canvas	5

Canvas zoom:

Zoom In using the mouse	mouse wheel upwards
Zoom Out using the mouse	mouse wheel downward
Zoom with the mouse	Ctrl+MMB and drag, or Ctrl+Spacebar+ LMB and drag

Discreet zoom with the mouse	Ctrl+Alt+MMB and drag or Ctrl+Alt+Spacebar +LMB and drag
Discreet Zoom In using the keyboard	"+" Numpad, or "=" or "+" on Keyb.
Discreet Zoom Out using the keyboard	"-" Numpad or "-" on Keyb.
Zoom reset (100%)	1 or Ctrl+0
Zoom to fit the canvas to the page	2
Zoom to fit the canvas widthwise to the page	3
Activation of "Instant Preview Mode"	Shift+I

Full Screen Canvas:

Krita in full screen mode	Ctrl+Shift+f
Show only the canvas in Krita	Tab

Resizing an image in Krita:

Resize image in Krita	Ctrl+Alt+i
Resize the canvas in Krita	Ctrl+Alt+c
Crop tool	c

Tools for selecting:

Rectangular selection tool	Ctrl+r then LMB and drag, Shift for squar. sel.
Elliptical selection tool	j then LMB and drag, "Shift" for circ. sel.
Move selection	Alt before release of LMB
Select entire canvas	Ctrl+a
Invert a selection	Ctrl+Shift+i

Deselect	Ctrl+Shift+a
Reselect	Ctrl+Shift+d
Show/Hide selection	Ctrl+h
Feather a selection	Shift+F6
Add (join) selection mode	Shift
Subtract (difference) selection mode	Alt
Intersection selection mode	Shift+Alt

Other useful drawing tools:

Move tool	t
Move with the keys	Up Arrow, Down Arrow, Left Arrow, Right Arrow
Move faster with the keys	Shift+Arrow up, down, left, right
Transform tool	Ctrl+t, then Shift to keep the aspect ratio

Mirroring:

Temporary mirror view	m
Mirror view around cursor	Alt+m
Multi-Brush tool	q
Wrap around mode	Shift+w

Snap:

Show Grid	Ctrl+Shift+' or Ctrl+Shift+à
Show snap options	Shift+s
Bind snap to grid	Ctrl+Shift+; or Ctrl+Shift+è
Toggle snapping to assistants	Ctrl+Shift+l

File management:

New file	Ctrl+n
Open file	Ctrl+o
Save file	Ctrl+s
Save as	Ctrl+Shift+s
Save incremental backup	F4
Save incremental version	Ctrl+Alt+s
Close	Ctrl+w
Close all	Ctrl+Shift+w
Quit	Ctrl+q

Edit:

Undo	Ctrl+z
Redo	Ctrl+Shift+z
Clean	Del
Copy	Ctrl+c
Merged copy	Ctrl+Shift+c
Cut	Ctrl+x
Paste	Ctrl+v
Paste as reference image	Ctrl+Shift+r
Paste at Cursor	Ctrl+Alt+v
Paste into new image	Ctrl+Shift+n

Layers:

Add Paint layer	Ins
Add Vector layer	Shift+Ins
Remove layer	Shift+Del
Layer properties	F3
Rename the current layer	F2
Select next layer up	PgUp or Up Arrow if focus on layers panel
Select next layer down	PgDown or Down Arrow if focus on layers panel
Activate, select, consecutive layers	Shift+LMB or Shift+Arrow, up or down, if focus on layers
Activate previously selected layer	; or è
Activate the top layer	Home
Activate the lower layer	End
Move layer or mask down	Ctrl+PgDown
Move layer or mask up	Ctrl+PgUp
Select a layer in the image	r+LMB
Select multiple layers from the image	Shift+r+LMB
Copy selection to a new layer	Ctrl+Alt+j
Cut selection and paste it onto a new layer	Ctrl+Shift+j
Duplicate the current layer or mask	Ctrl+j
Merge with the layer below	Ctrl+e
Flatten the image (Merge all layers)	Ctrl+Shift+e

Groups:

Group layers	Ctrl+g
Quick clipping group	Ctrl+Shift+g
Ungroup from group	Ctrl+Alt+g

Layers and vector objects:

How to create a vector layer	Shift+Ins
Rectangle tool	Shift+r, then "Shift" for square
Ellipse tool	Shift+J, then "Shift" for circle
Place element lower	Ctrl+Alt+[or Ctrl+Alt+'
Move item to top	Ctrl+Alt+] or Ctrl+Alt+i
Send item to back	Ctrl+Shift+[or replace with Ctrl+Shift+'
Bring item to front	Ctrl+Shift+] or Ctrl+Shift+i

Bezier and vector curves:

End the curve	Double LMB or Enter
Undo the last point	click RMB
Insert a point between two existing points	Double LMB on the segment
Remove a point	Backspace or Del
Join two points	j
From Curve to Line	f
Line to Curve	Shift+c

Text tool:

Bold	Ctrl+b
Italic	Ctrl+i
Light	Ctrl+l

Normal	Ctrl+n
Underline	Ctrl+u
Increase text size	Ctrl+">" or Shift+Ctrl+"><"
Decrease text size	Ctrl+"<" or Ctrl+"><"
Subscript	Ctrl+Shift+b
Superscript	Ctrl+Shift+p
Align Center	Ctrl+Alt+c
Align the text to the right	Ctrl+Alt+r

File:

Save	Ctrl+s
Close	Ctrl+w

Edit:

Undo	Ctrl+z
Redo	Ctrl+Shift+z
Cut	Ctrl+x
Copy	Ctrl+c
Paste	Ctrl+v
Select All	Ctrl+a
Deselect	Ctrl+Shift+a
Find	Ctrl+f
Find Next	f3
Find Previous	Shift+f3
Replace	Ctrl+r

Turn text into curve	p
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Filters:

Desaturate the color	Ctrl+Shift+u
Invert the colors	Ctrl+i
Color Adjustment Curves	Ctrl+m
Color Balance	Ctrl+b
HSV/HSL adjustment	Ctrl+u
Layer Filter	Ctrl+l

Apply filter again	Ctrl+f
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Help:

Search actions	Ctrl+Return
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Animation:

Go to Next Frame	Right Arrow
Go to previous frame	Left Arrow
Select the frames	LMB and drag
Select next frames	Shift+ Right Arrow
Select previous frames	Shift+ Left Arrow

Gestures:

Paint	One finger drag
Toggle canvas only mode	Four-finger tap
Redo an action	Three-finger tap
Undo action	Two-finger tap
Move Canvas	Two-finger drag (no rotate)
Rotate Canvas	Two-finger drag (rotate fingers)
Zoom	Two-finger drag (spread/narrow fingers)
Enable Popup Palette	Long tap with one finger
Activate the graphics tablet debugger	Ctrl+Shift+t

Organize and activate favorite scripts:

Ctrl+Shift+number