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Tools and tips for editing your images in Photoshop.

If you open a file and can't make any edits, you may need to unlock your background layer. You can do this by double clicking the layer in the layer palette.

Always create a new document if you are making changes. That way if you ever want to start over again, you have an original to go back to.

Cropping an image:

Use the Marquee tool: Very Top left tool in the tool bar.

Click and drag to make your selection. Copy and paste into a new document.

To rotate or scale an image:

Go to the Edit menu at the top. Choose Transform and select either scale or rotate. You can grab the corners of the image to rotate and scale the image.

To make color corrections:

Go to the Image menu at the top. Choose Adjustments, under this menu you can choose to adjust the Brightness/Contrast, Color Balance and Hue/Saturation. Using these options you can make adjustments until you're happy with the overall color.

These are just a few helpful suggestions. If you need more Photoshop help, use the Help tools in the Help window, or take an online tutorial at the Adobe website.