

# Photoshop Blending Modes

## 1 The Darken Group

Q: What does this group do?

A: It ignores white, and makes things darker.

Q: Which one will you use the most?

A: Multiply

## 2 The Lighten Group

Q: What does this group do?

A: It ignores black, and makes things lighter.

Q: Which one will you use the most?

A: Screen

## 3 The Contrast Group

Q: What does this group do?

A: It ignores gray, and increases contrast and saturation.

Q: Which one will you use the most?

A: Overlay (or Soft Light)

## 4 Differences Group

These show differences between two layers.

This group is probably used the least.

## 5 Color Group

These blend modes work with color.

✓ Normal Dissolve	
Darken Multiply Color Burn Linear Burn Darker Color	1
Lighten Screen Color Dodge Linear Dodge (Add) Lighter Color	2
Overlay Soft Light Hard Light Vivid Light Linear Light Pin Light Hard Mix	3
Difference Exclusion Subtract Divide	4
Hue Saturation Color Luminosity	5