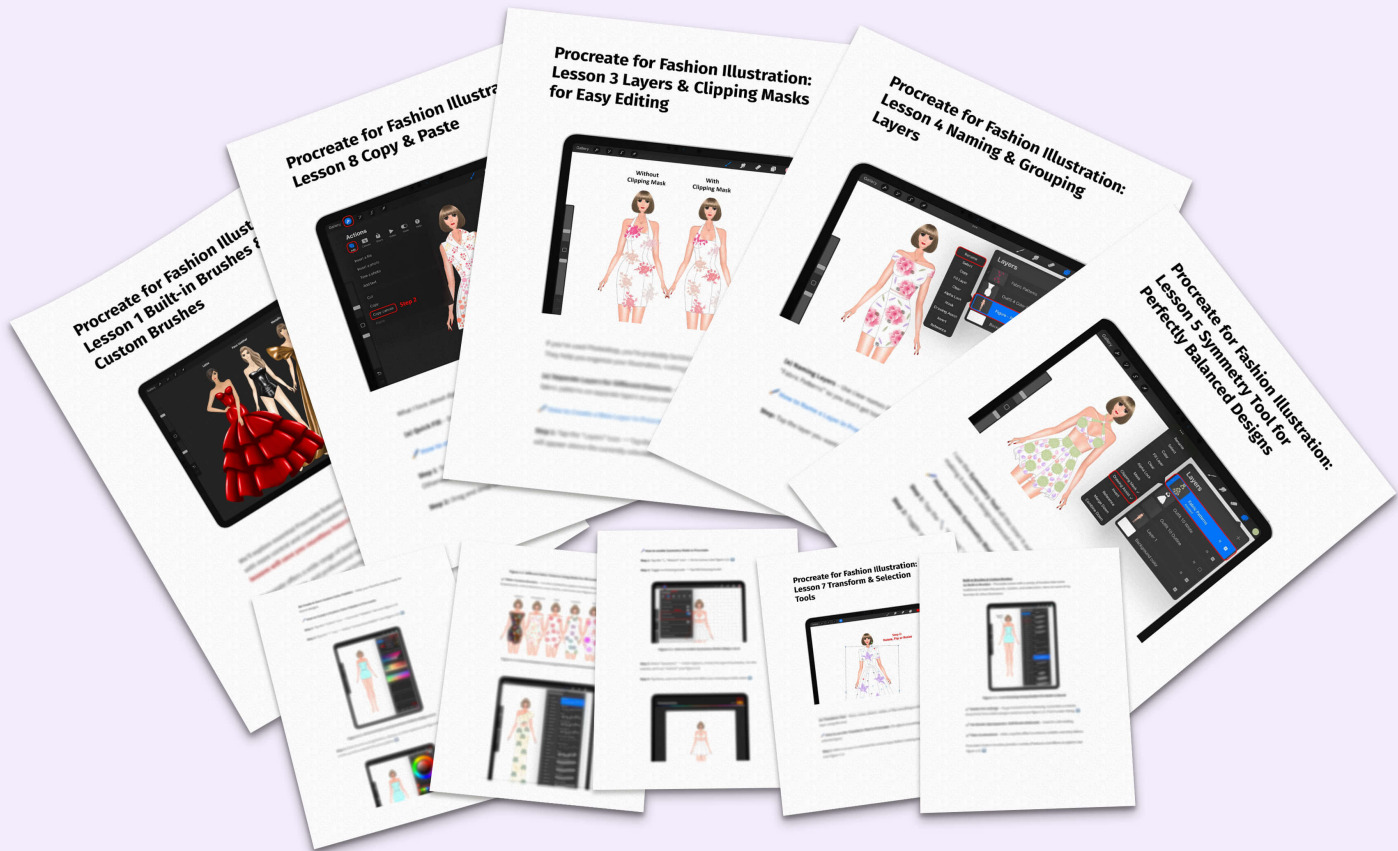


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If you're completely new to Procreate, these basic features will help you get started easily.

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Resources for Beginners

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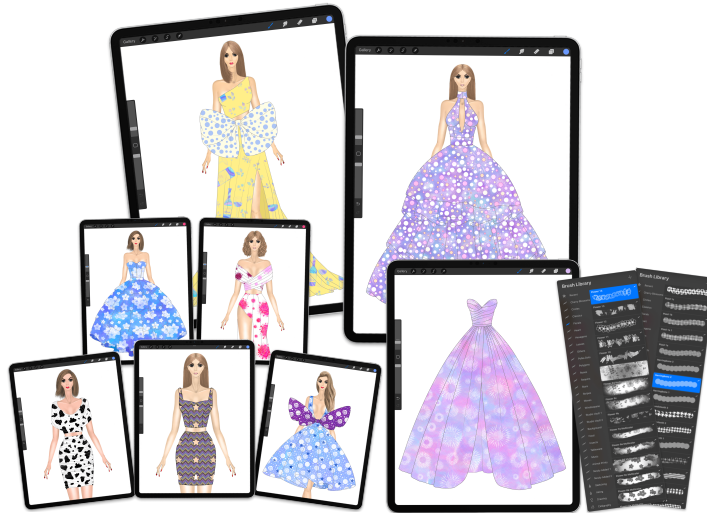


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Procreate Basic Features

In this guide, we'll explore the essential Procreate features that make fashion illustration for beginners easier and faster.

1. Color Fill

What I love about digital drawing is how fast I can work with colors. Drag and drop colors to instantly fill large areas.

 **How to use the Color Fill feature (see Figure 1.1):**

Step 1: To use this feature, make sure your line drawing forms a closed shape. Otherwise, the fill may not work properly.

Step 2: Drag and drop colors into the areas of your drawing.

Note: *To learn how to set up a new canvas for your designs, read Section 9: Setting Up a New Canvas & Time-Lapse Recording.*

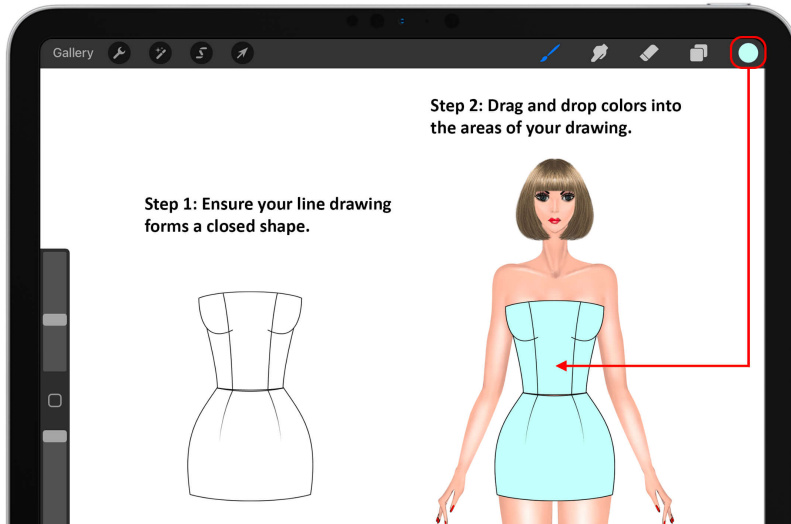


Figure 1.1. How to Use the Color Fill Feature

[Watch the Color Fill Tutorial here.](#)

2. Layers & Clipping Masks for Easy Editing

If you've used Photoshop, you're probably familiar with layers and clipping masks. They help you organize your illustration, making editing much easier.

(a) Separate Layers for Different Elements – Keep the dress outline, color fill, and fabric patterns on separate layers so you can adjust them individually.

 **How to Create a New Layer:**

Step 1: Tap the “Layers” icon → Tap the “+” icon (see Figure 2.1a & 2.1b). A new layer will appear above the currently selected layer.

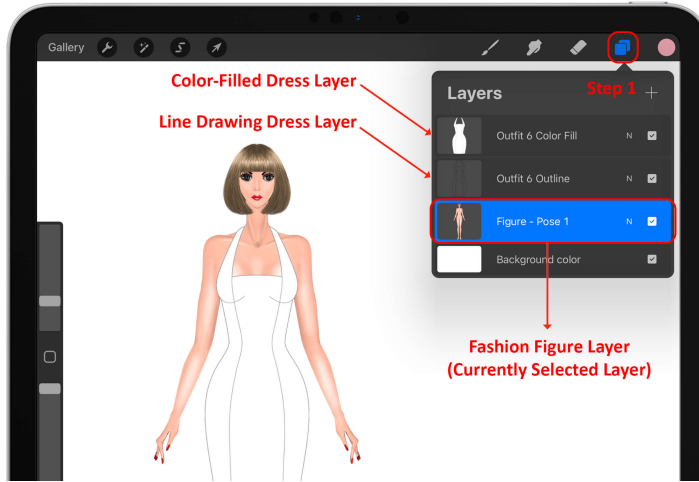


Figure 2.1a. How to Create a New Layer (Step 1)

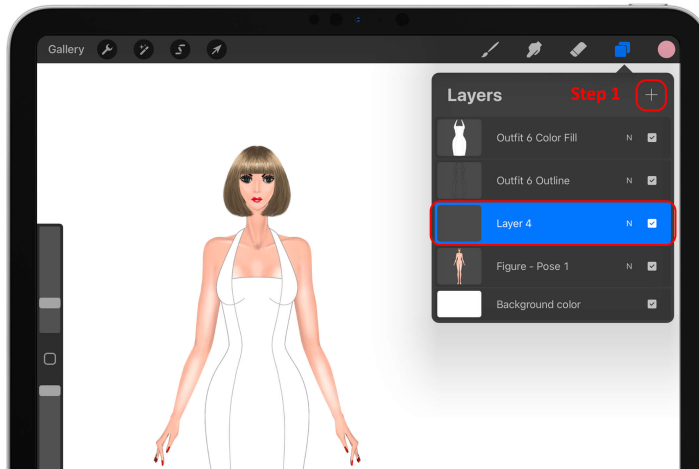


Figure 2.1b. How to Create a New Layer (Step 1)

Step 2: To move the layer, press and drag it anywhere you like (see Figure 2.2a & 2.2b).

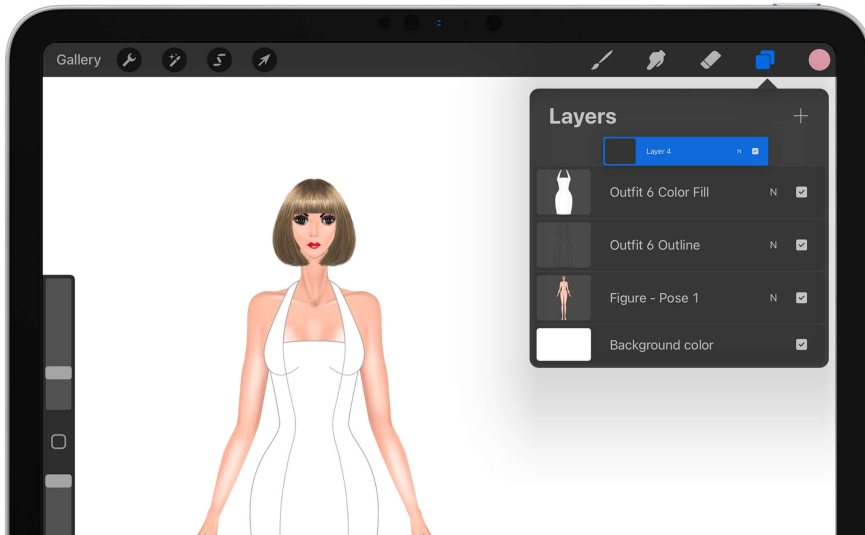


Figure 2.2a. How to Create a New Layer (Step 2)

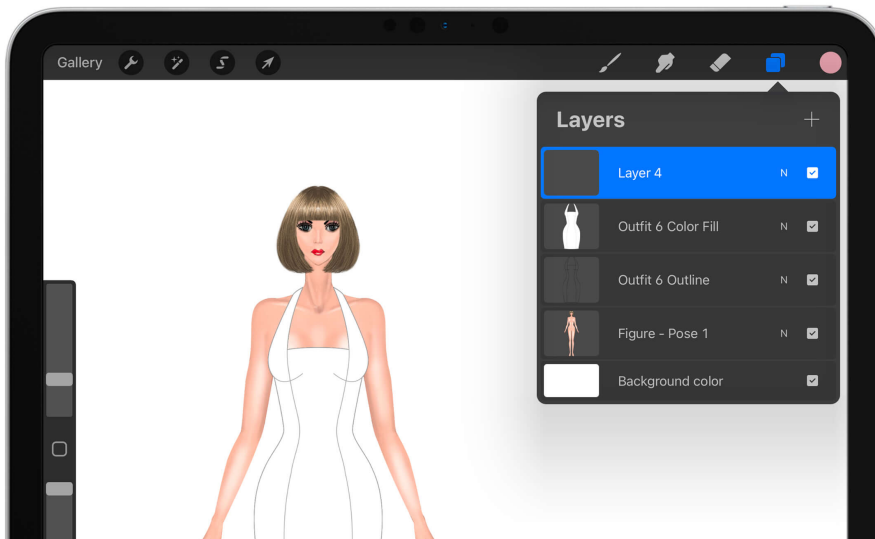


Figure 2.2b. How to Create a New Layer (Step 2)

(b) Duplicate Layers – Create variations of the same design without redrawing from scratch.

 **How to Duplicate a Layer (see Figure 2.3):**

Step: Swipe left on the layer → Tap “Duplicate”.

(c) Delete Layers

 **How to Delete a Layer (see Figure 2.3):**

Step: Swipe left on the layer → Tap “Delete”.

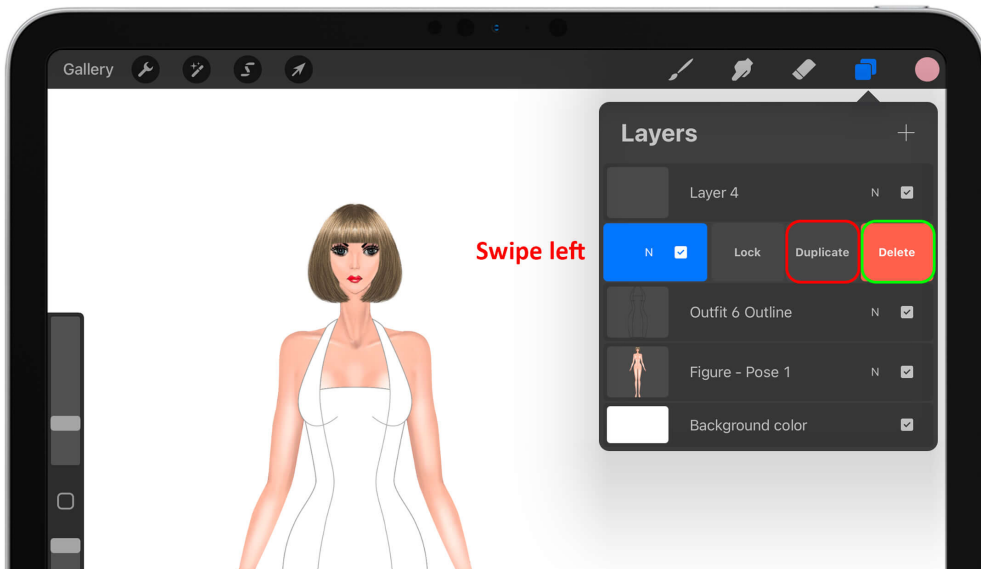


Figure 2.3. How to Duplicate or Delete a Layer

[Watch the Layers Tutorial here.](#)

(d) Clipping Masks – Apply shadows, highlights, or textures without coloring outside the lines.



How to use Clipping Mask:

Step 1: Create a new layer above your color-filled dress layer (base layer) (*see Figure 2.4a and 2.4b*). Make sure your dress is already filled with color using the Color Fill method (see Section 1: Color Fill).



Tip: *If the base layer only has a line drawing, the Clipping Mask won't show any color or effects.*

Step 2: Tap the new layer → Select “Clipping Mask”.

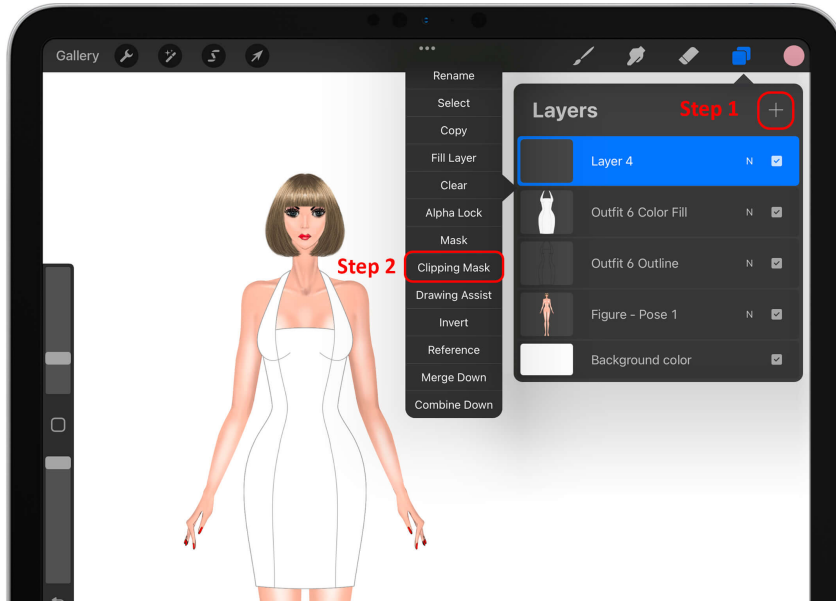


Figure 2.4a. How to use Clipping Mask (Steps 1 & 2)

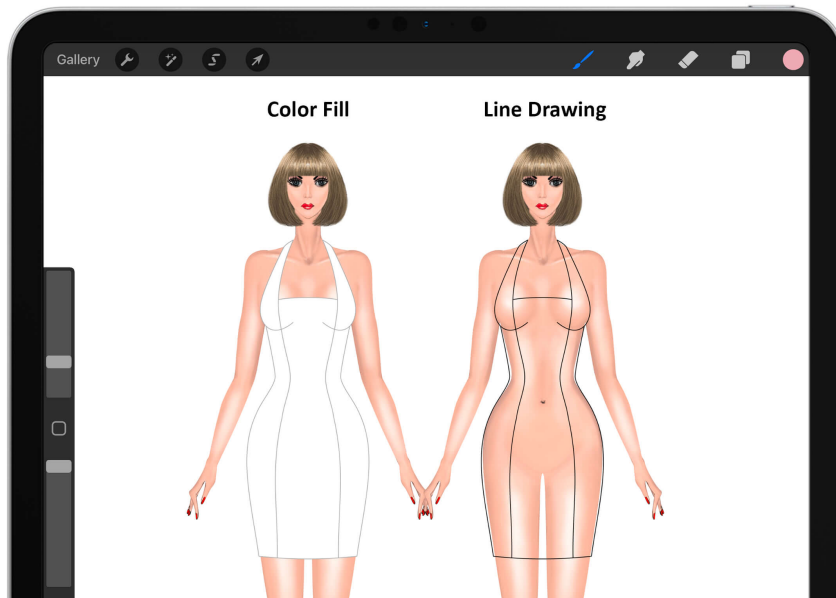


Figure 2.4b. Color-Filled vs Line Drawing Dresses

Step 3: Paint on this layer—your shading or patterns will stay neatly inside the dress shape (see Figure 2.5)!

 **Tip:** Use layers properly to avoid starting over when making adjustments.

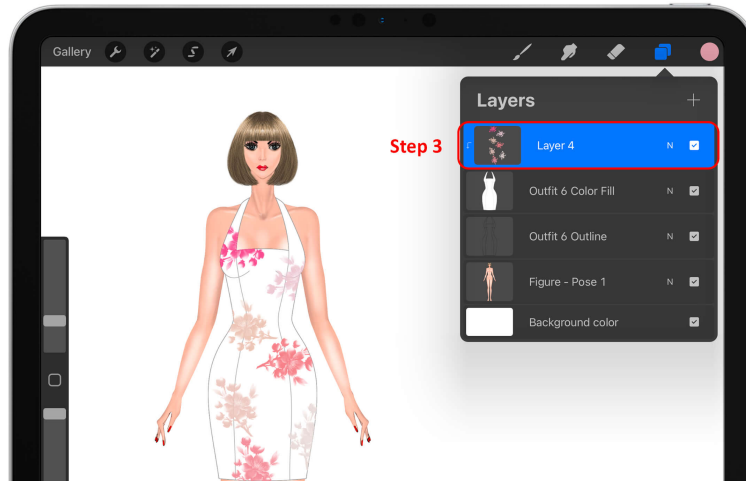


Figure 2.5. How to use Clipping Mask (Step 3)

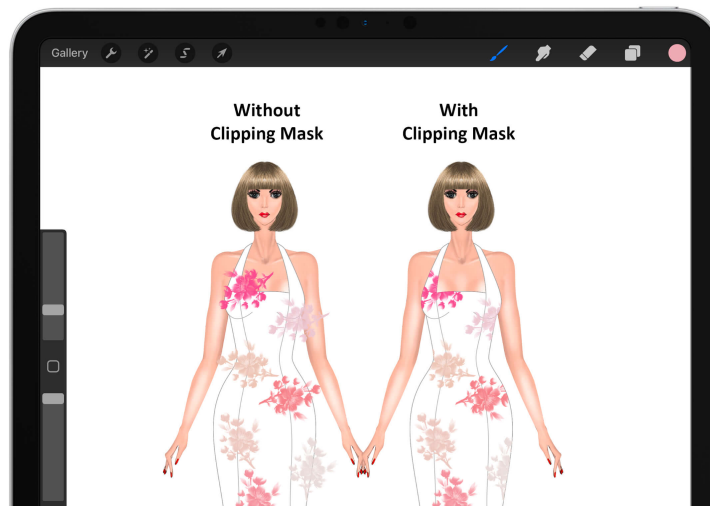


Figure 2.6. With & Without Clipping Mask

[Watch the Clipping Mask Tutorial here.](#)

(e) Merge Layers – Combine two layers or more into one for simplified editing and organization.



How to Merge the Layers:

Step: Pinch the layers together in the Layers panel to merge them.

[Watch the Layers Merging Tutorial here.](#)

3. Naming & Grouping Layers

(a) **Naming Layers** – Use clear names like “Dress Outline,” “Dress Color Fill,” or “Fabric Patterns” so you don’t get lost in complex illustrations.

 **How to Name a Layer** (see *Figure 3.1*):

Step: Tap the layer you want to rename → Select “Rename.”

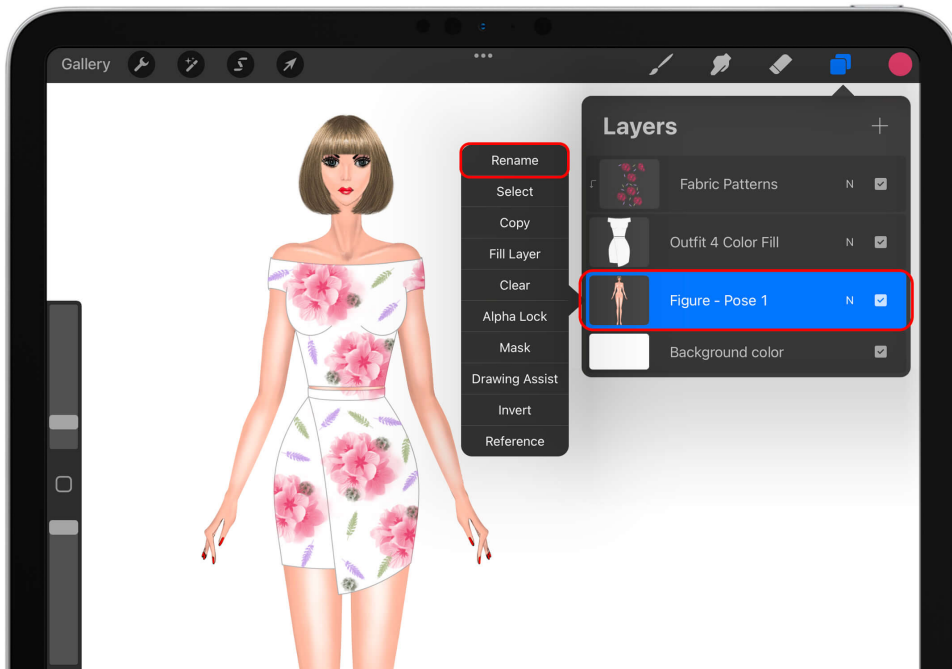


Figure 3.1. How to Name a Layer

[Watch the Layer Naming Tutorial here.](#)

(b) Grouping Layers – Group related layers together (like all parts of a single outfit) to keep your layer panel neat and easy to manage.

 **How to Group Layers:**

Step 1: Select any layer you want to include in the group (see Figure 3.2).

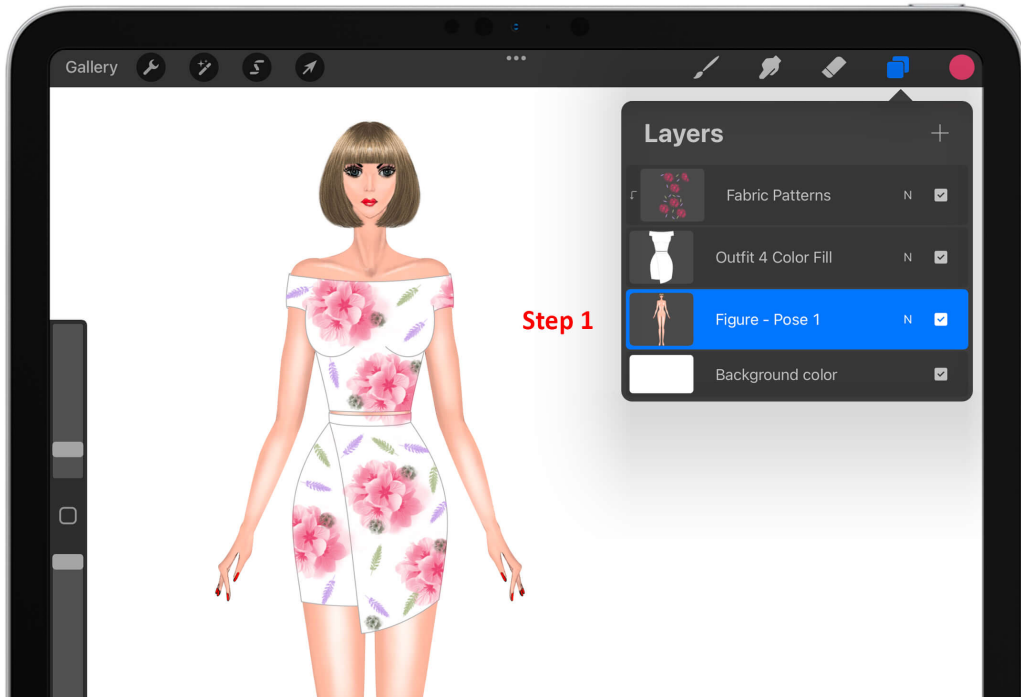


Figure 3.2. How to Group Layers (Step 1)

Step 2: Swipe right on the other layers you want to add (see Figure 3.3).

Step 3: Tap “Group” to organize them together.

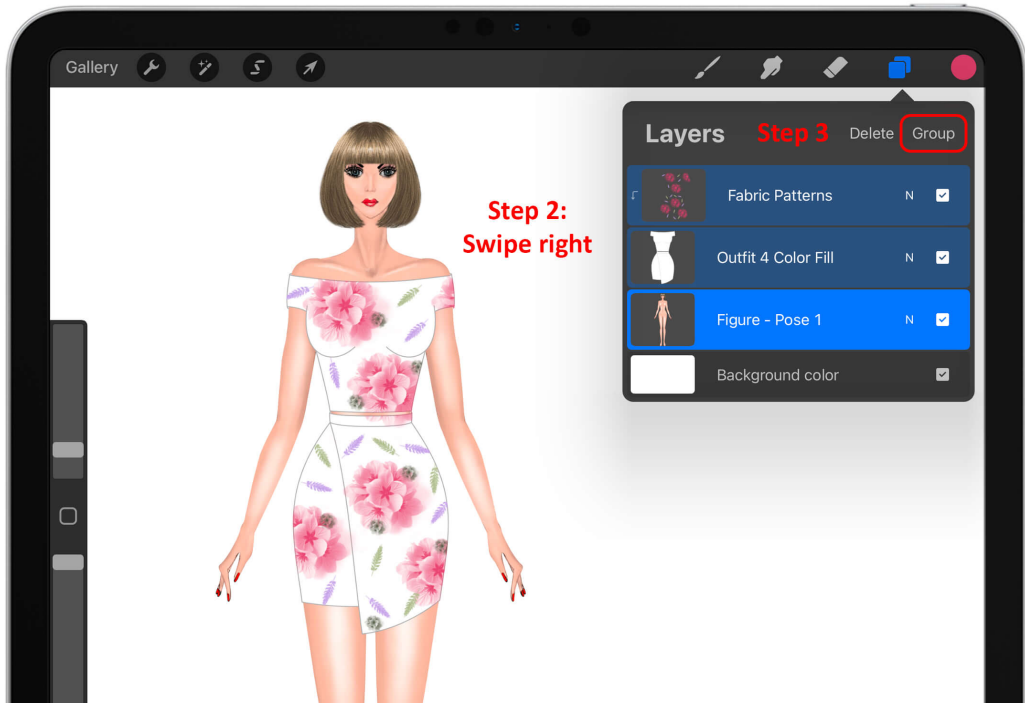



Figure 3.3. How to Group Layers (Steps 2 & 3)

[Watch the Layer Grouping Tutorial here.](#)

4. Symmetry Tool for Perfectly Balanced Designs

It automatically mirrors whatever you draw, making it easier to design balanced dresses.

 **How to enable Symmetry Mode:**

Step 1: Tap the  “Wrench” icon → Go to Canvas (see Figure 4.1).

Step 2: Toggle on Drawing Guide → Tap Edit Drawing Guide.

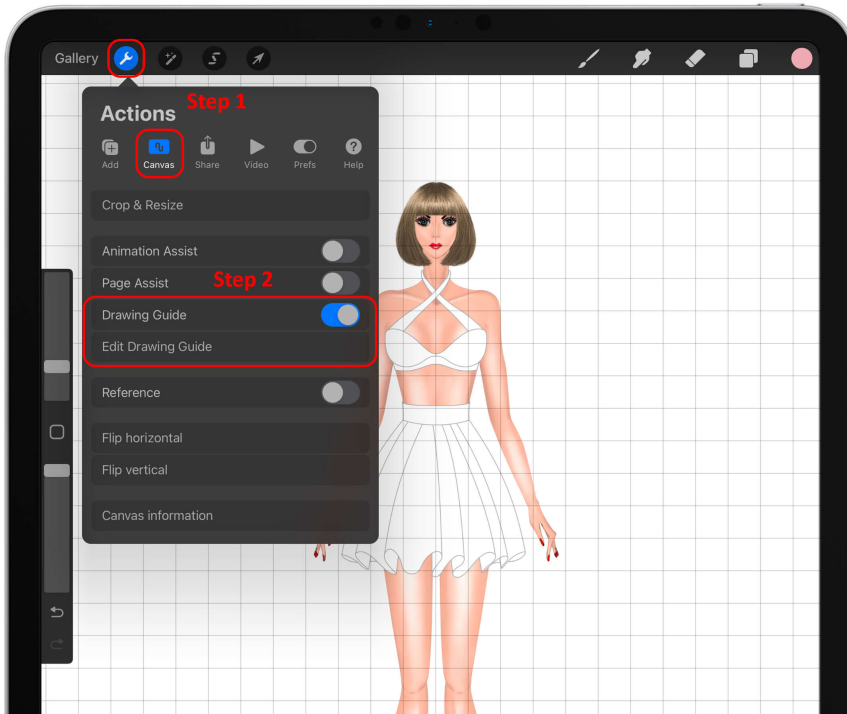


Figure 4.1. How to enable Symmetry Mode (Steps 1 & 2)

Step 3: Select “Symmetry” → Under Options, choose the type of symmetry. For this tutorial, we’ll use “Vertical” (see Figure 4.2).

Step 4: Tap Done, and now Procreate will reflect your drawing on both sides!

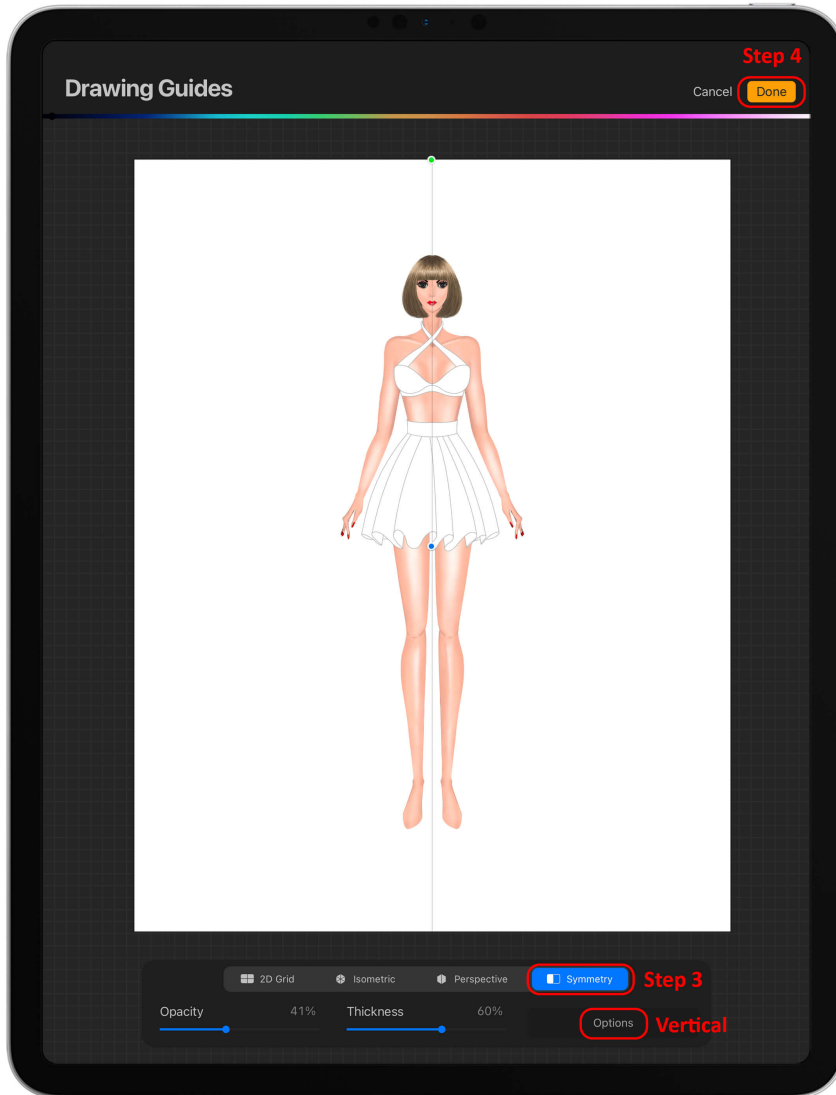



Figure 4.2. How to enable Symmetry Mode (Steps 3 & 4)

 **Tip:** You can enable or disable Symmetry on different layers. Simply tap the layer, then turn **Drawing Assist** on or off as needed (see *Figure 4.3*).

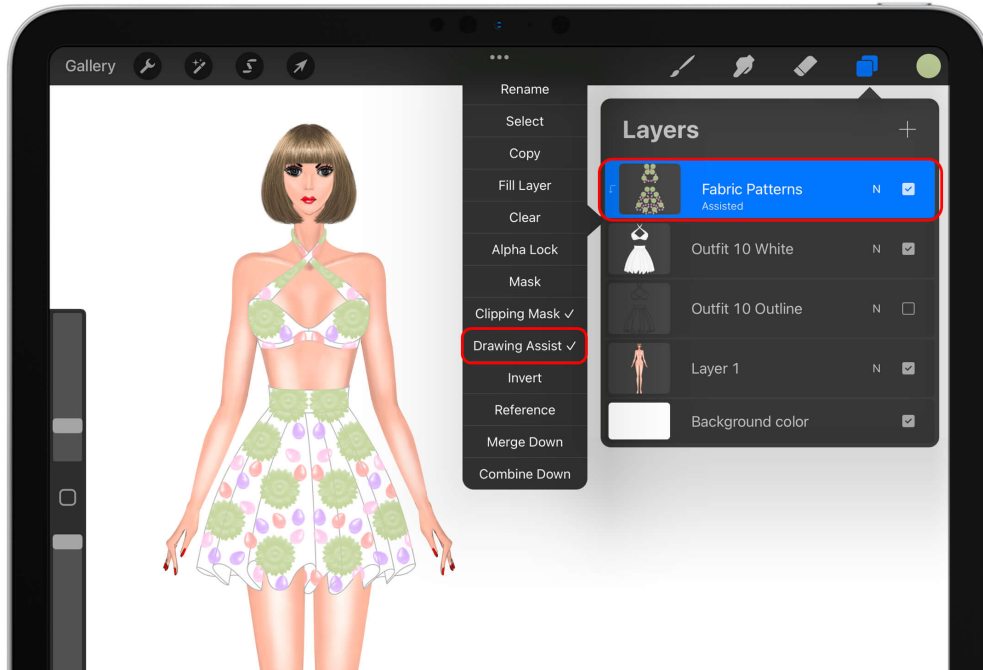


Figure 4.3. How to turn on Drawing Assist

[Watch the Symmetry Tool Tutorial here.](#)

5. Gesture Controls: Speed Up Your Workflow

Gestures in Procreate make designing faster and more efficient. Here are 4 essential shortcuts every beginner must know:

1. Undo: Tap with two fingers to undo your last action.
2. Redo: Tap with three fingers to redo.
3. Clear Layer: Scrub with three fingers to erase everything on the current layer.
4. Full-Screen View: Tap with four fingers to hide all interface buttons for a distraction-free view.

[Watch the Gesture Controls Tutorial here.](#)

6. Transform & Selection Tools

(a) Using the Transform Tool to adjust everything on the layer – Move, resize, distort, rotate, or flip everything on the selected layer using this tool.

 How to use the Transform Tool to adjust everything on the selected layer:

Step 1: Make sure you've selected the correct layer before making any adjustments (see Figure 6.1).

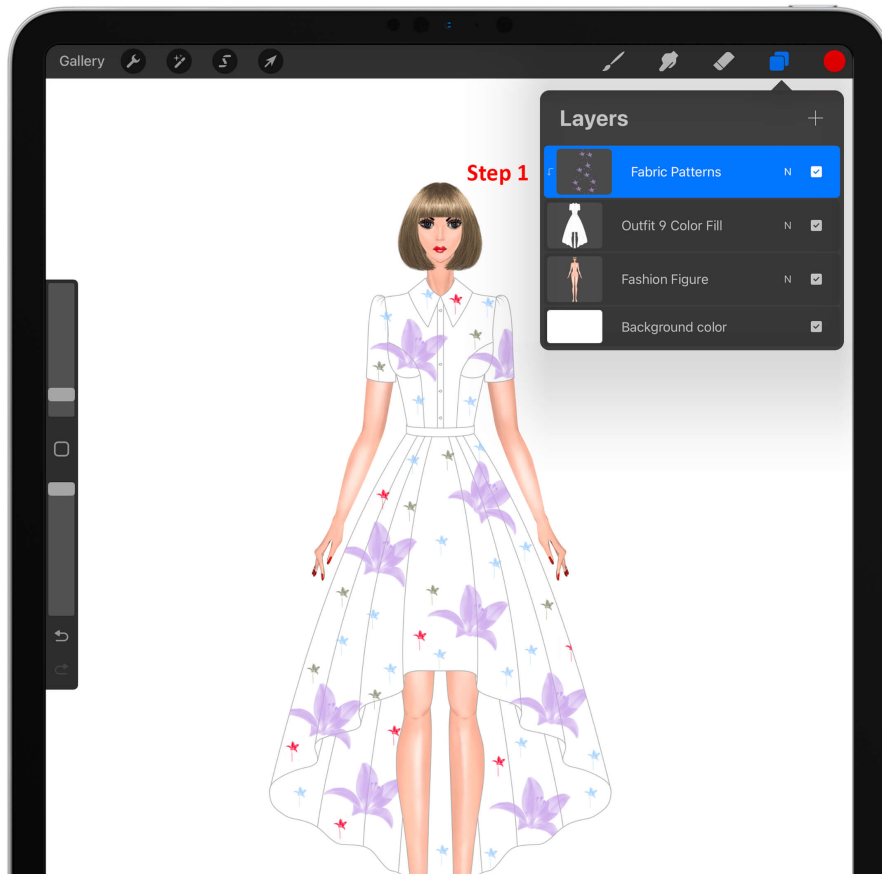



Figure 6.1. How to use the Transform Tool (Step 1)

Step 2: Tap the  “Arrow” icon (Transform Tool) → Choose Freeform, Uniform, Distort, or Warp. “Uniform” works great for simple resizing and repositioning (see *Figure 6.2a*).

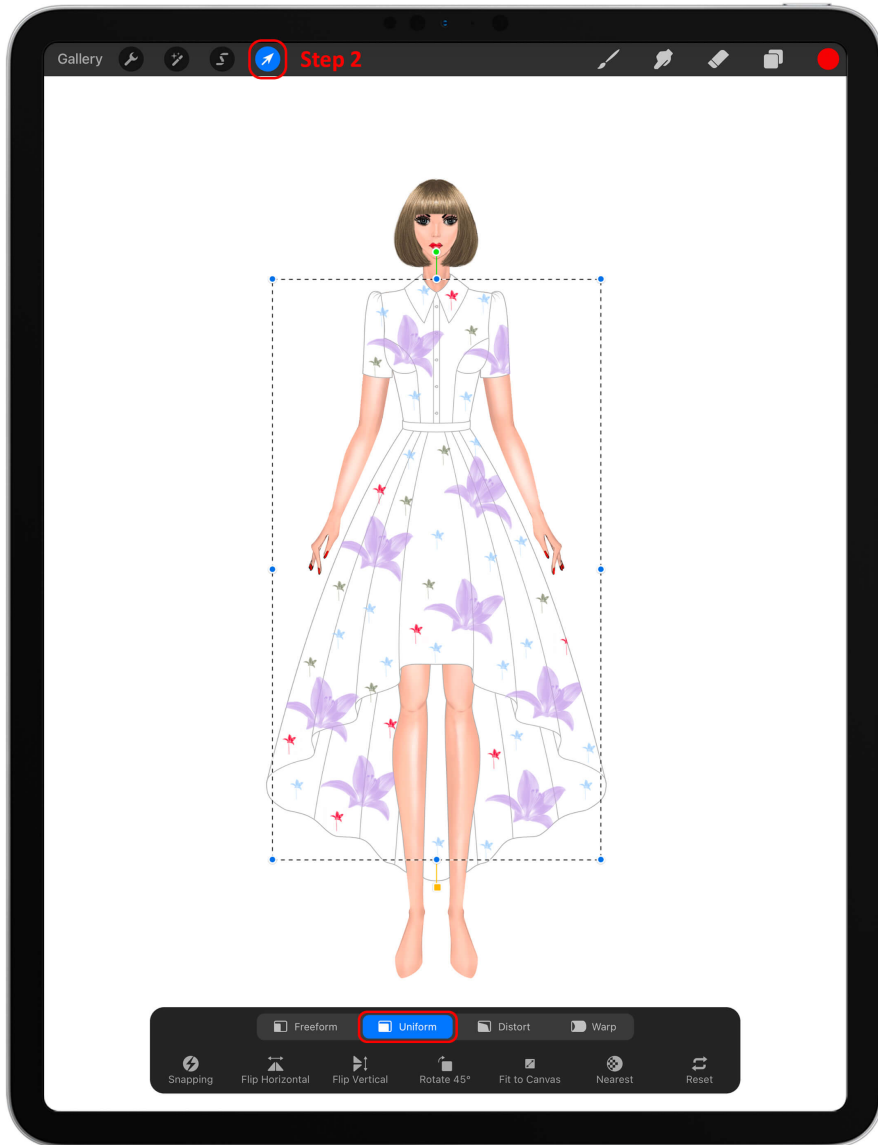


Figure 6.2a. How to use the Transform Tool (Step 2)

Adjust as needed—you can flip, rotate, resize, etc (see Figure 6.2b).



Figure 6.2b. How to use the Transform Tool (Step 2)

Step 3: Tap any tool at the top (like Brush, Eraser, or Transform) to exit and apply the transformation (see Figure 6.3).



Figure 6.3. How to use the Transform Tool (Step 3)

[Watch the Transform Tool Tutorial here.](#)

(b) Using the Transform and Selection Tools to adjust individual parts – Adjust specific parts of your design without affecting the entire layer.



How to use the Selection & Transform Tools to adjust individual parts on the selected layer:

Step 1: Tap the “S-shape” icon (Selection Tool) (see Figure 6.4).

Step 2: Choose Freehand, Rectangle, or Ellipse mode → Select the area you want to edit.

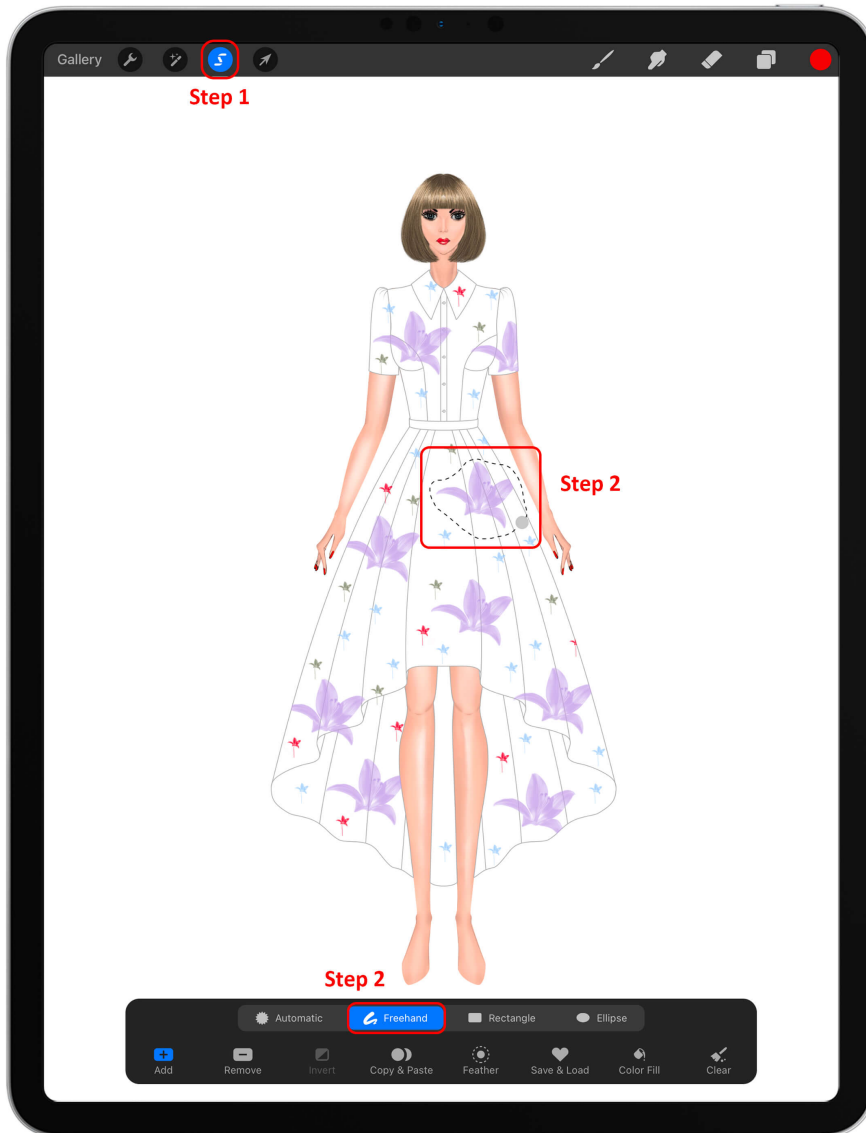



Figure 6.4. How to use the Selection & Transform Tools (Steps 1 & 2)

Step 3: Switch to the “Transform” tool ( Arrow icon) → Choose a mode that suits your needs—Freeform, Uniform, Distort, or Warp. For this tutorial, we’ll go with “Uniform”. Make any adjustments you like (see Figure 6.5).

Step 4: Tap any tool at the top to apply your changes (see Figure 6.3).

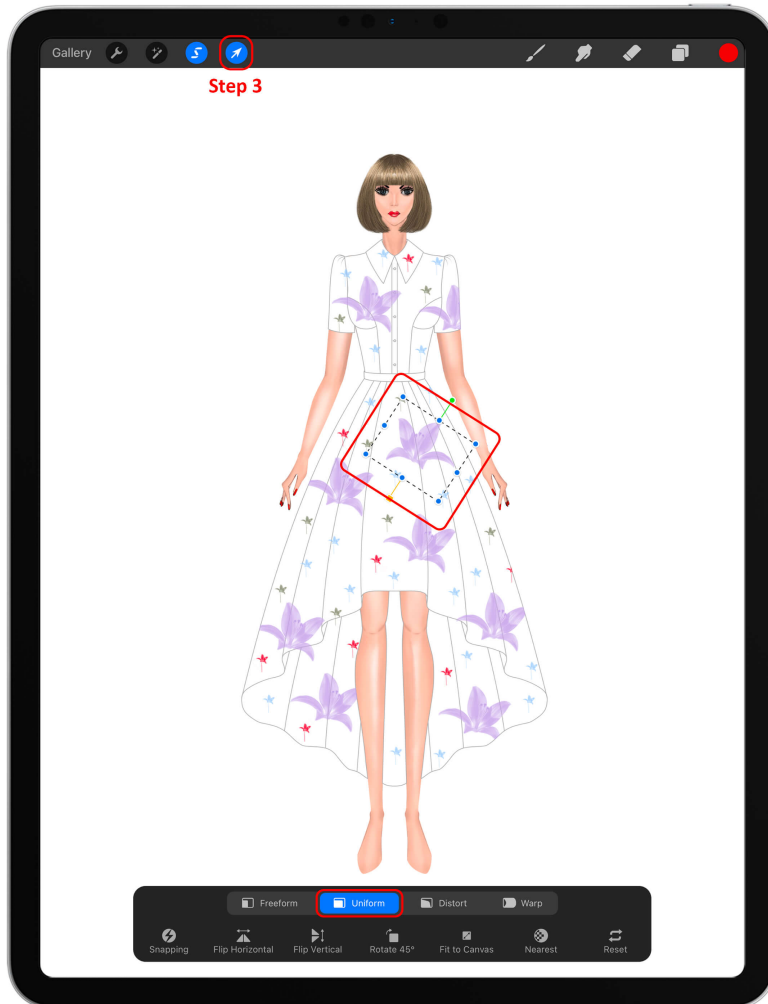


Figure 6.5. How to use the Selection & Transform Tools (Step 3)

[Watch the Transform & Selection Tools Tutorial here.](#)

(c) Warp Feature in the Transform Tool

[Watch the Warp Tool Tutorial here.](#)

7. Copy & Paste

You can copy and paste dress elements from one project to another without redrawing them. This saves time and lets you reuse your designs across multiple outfits.

(a) How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer:

We'll copy the fabric pattern from *Outfit 7* and paste it into *Outfit 10* (see *Figure 7.1*).

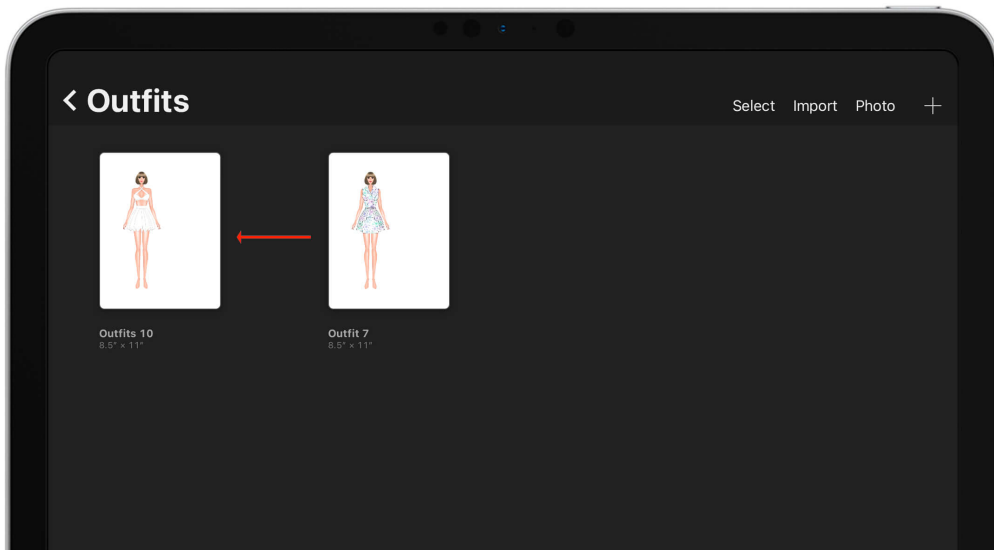


Figure 7.1. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer

Step 1: Tap the layer you want to copy (here, Fabric Pattern of Outfit 7) → Select “Copy” (see Figure 7.2).

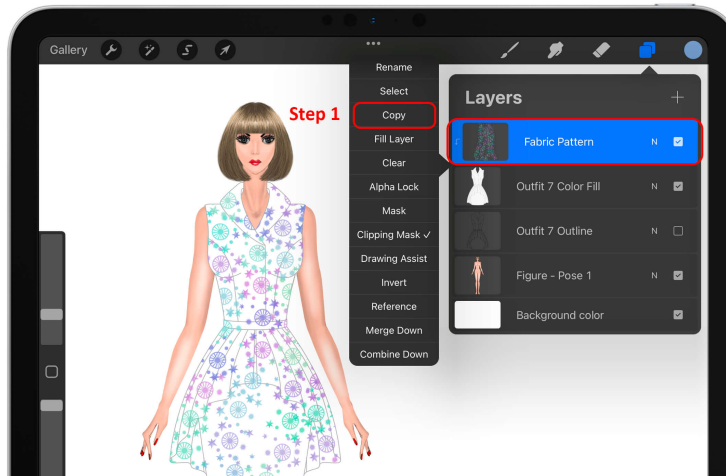


Figure 7.2. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer (Step 1)

Step 2: Go to *Outfit 10* → Select the layer where you want to paste the pattern (see Figure 7.3).

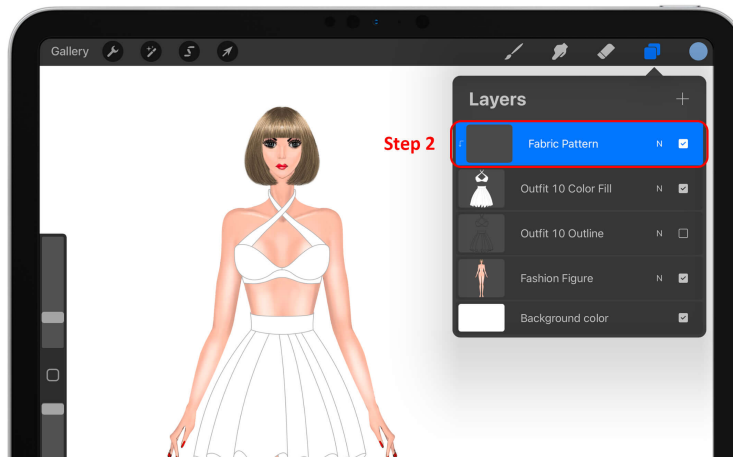



Figure 7.3. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer (Step 2)

Step 3: Tap the  “Wrench” icon → Select “Add” → Select “Paste” (see Figure 7.4).
You can rotate or resize the pattern using the “Transform Tool” (covered in Section 6).

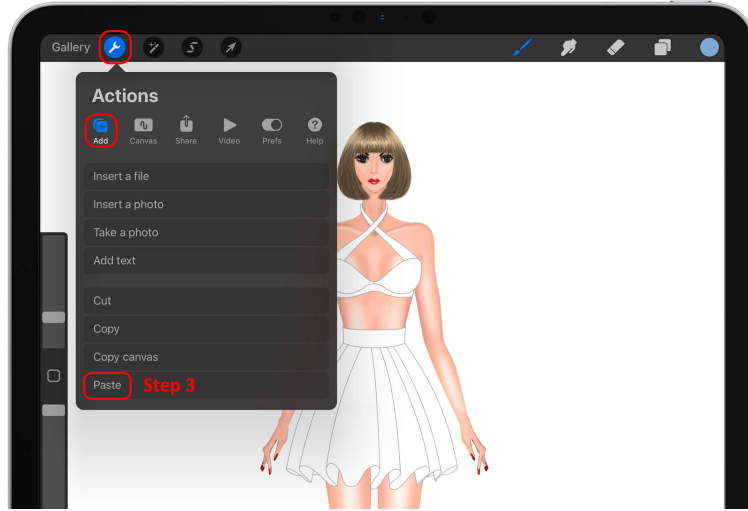


Figure 7.4. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer (Step 3)

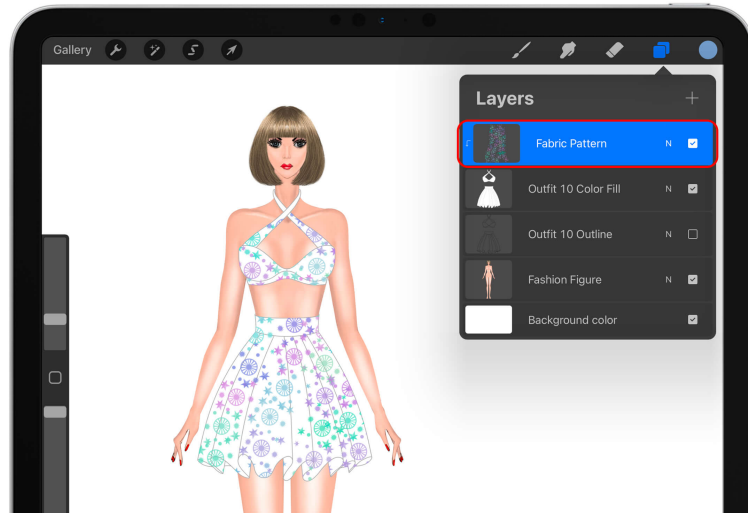


Figure 7.5. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Selected Layer

 **(b) Copying and Pasting Specific Parts on the Selected Layer**

[Watch the Tutorial here.](#)

 **(c) How to Copy & Paste All Content on the Canvas:**

Use this if you want to copy multiple layers or the whole artwork.

Step 1: Make visible only the layers you want to copy → Uncheck the rest (e.g., Outfit 7 Outline and Background Color) (see Figure 7.6).

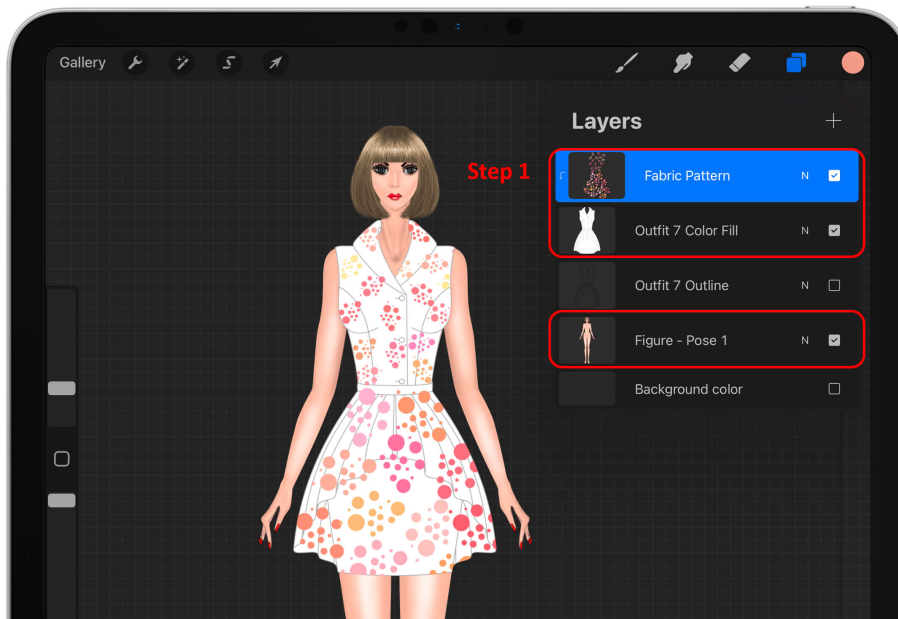



Figure 7.6. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Canvas (Step 1)

Step 2: Tap the  “Wrench” icon → Select “Add” → Select “Copy Canvas” (see Figure 7.7).

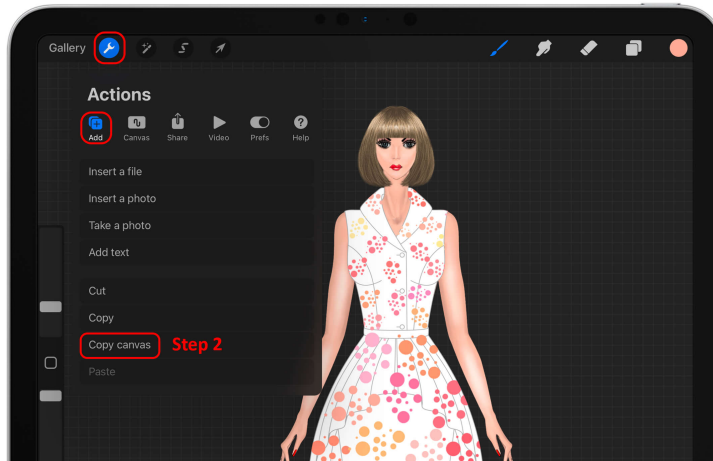



Figure 7.7. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Canvas (Step 2)

Step 3: Go to *Outfit 10* → Tap the  “Wrench” icon again → Select “Paste” (see Figure 7.8). Adjust the pasted artwork as needed.

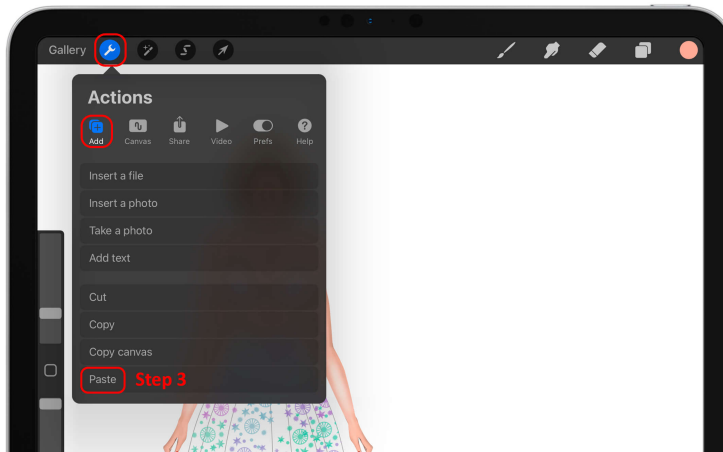


Figure 7.8. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Canvas (Step 3)

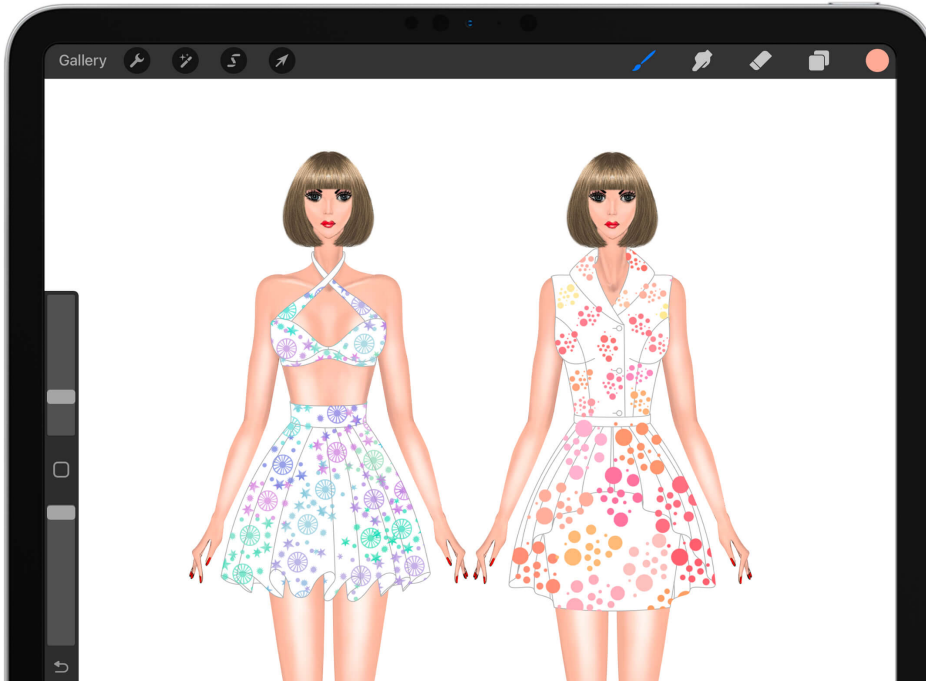


Figure 7.9. How to Copy & Paste Everything on the Canvas

[Watch the Copy & Paste Tutorial here.](#)

8. Custom Color Palettes

Create & Save Custom Color Palettes – Keep your favorite shades ready for future designs.

 **How to Create a Custom Color Palette:**

Step 1: Tap the “Colors” icon → Go to the “Palettes” tab (see Figure 8.1).

Step 2: Tap the “+” icon → Select “Create New Palette”.

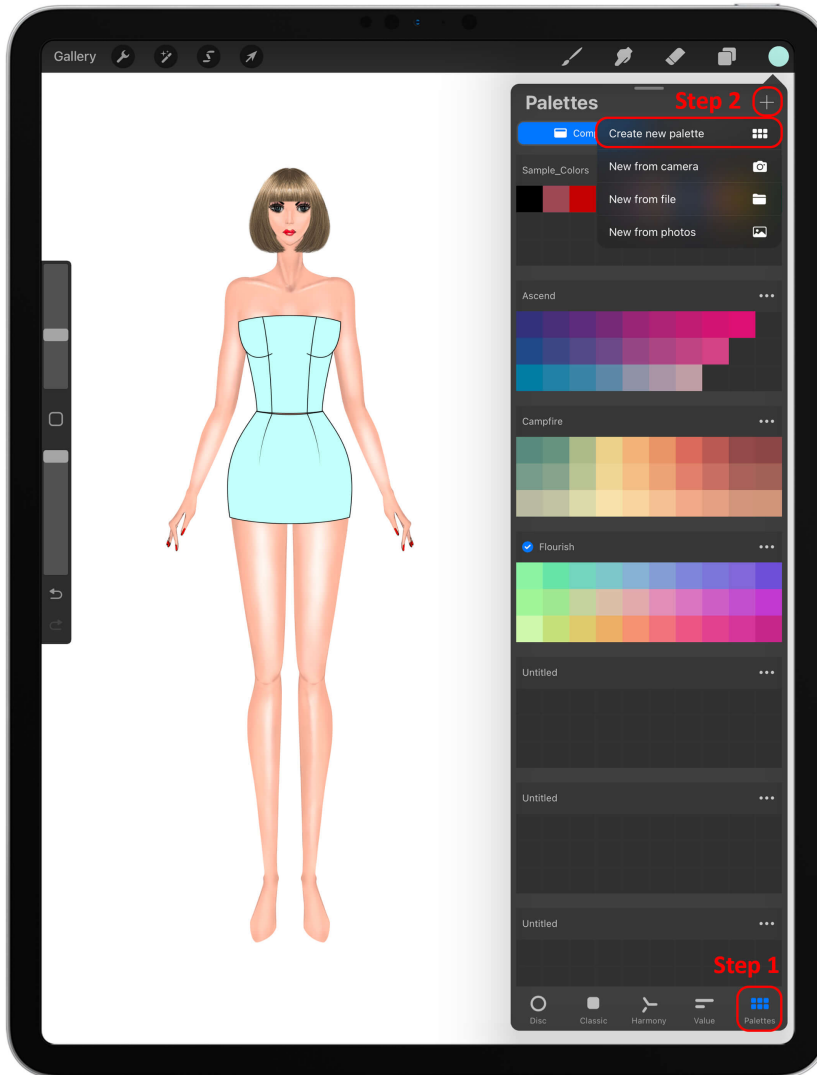


Figure 8.1. How to Create a Custom Color Palette (Steps 1 & 2)

Step 3: Choose colors using the Disc, Classic, or other options (see Figure 8.2) → Pick a color you like and add it to your palette.

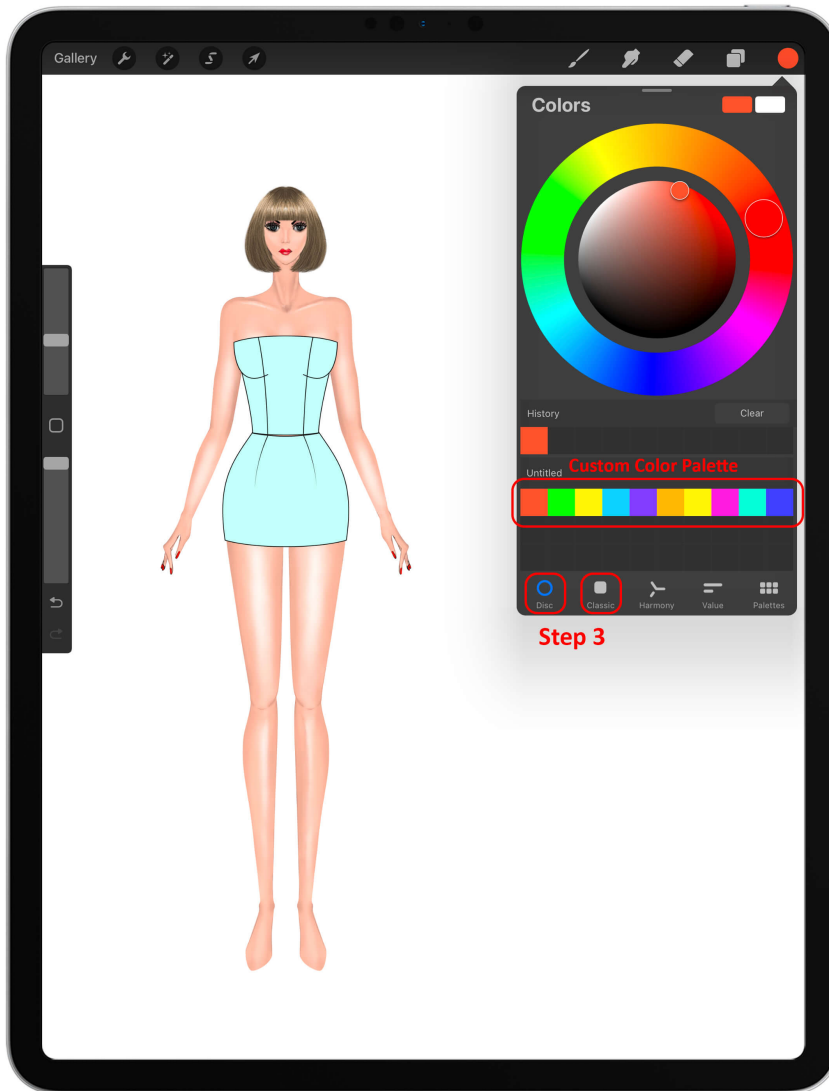


Figure 8.2. How to Create a Custom Color Palette (Step 3)

[Watch the "How to Create Custom Color Palettes" Tutorial here.](#)

9. Setting Up a New Canvas & Time-Lapse Recording

(a) **Setting up a new canvas** – Control the size and resolution of your artwork to

- ✓ Ensure your illustrations are crisp, clean, and not pixelated.
- ✓ Start your fashion designs with the right proportions from the beginning.

 **How to Set Up a New Canvas:**

Step 1: Tap the “+” icon → Then tap the “Folder” icon with a plus sign (see Figure 9.1).

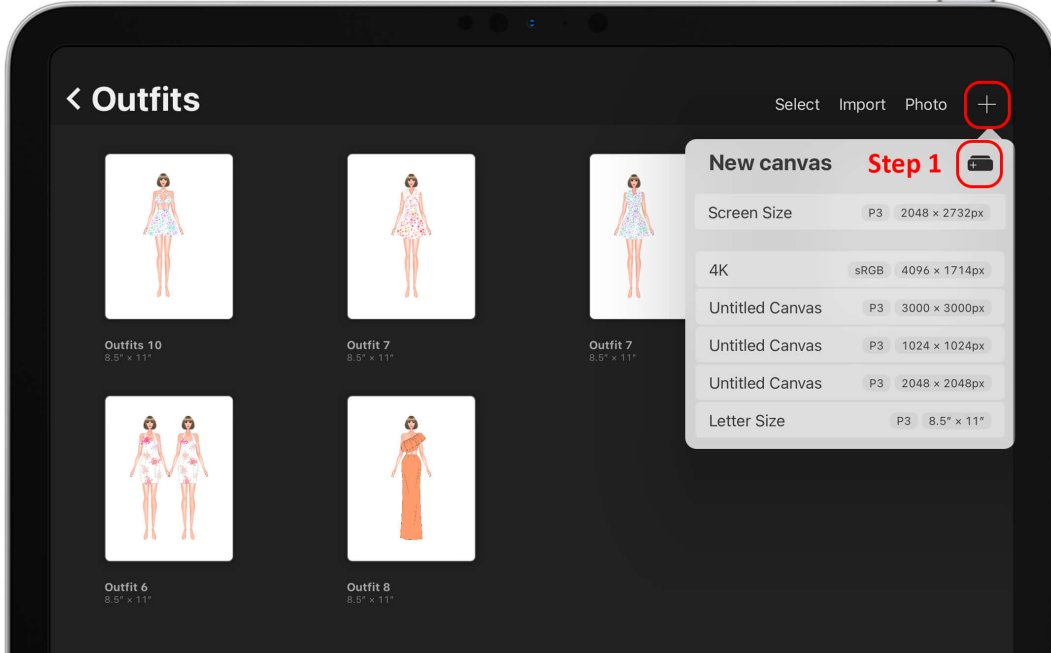


Figure 9.1. How to Set Up a New Canvas (Step 1)

Step 2: Under “Dimensions,” change the size of your canvas (see Figure 9.2). I always use *Letter Size (8.5” x 11”)* with 300 DPI for my dress illustrations. Rename “Untitled Canvas” to something like “Letter Size.”

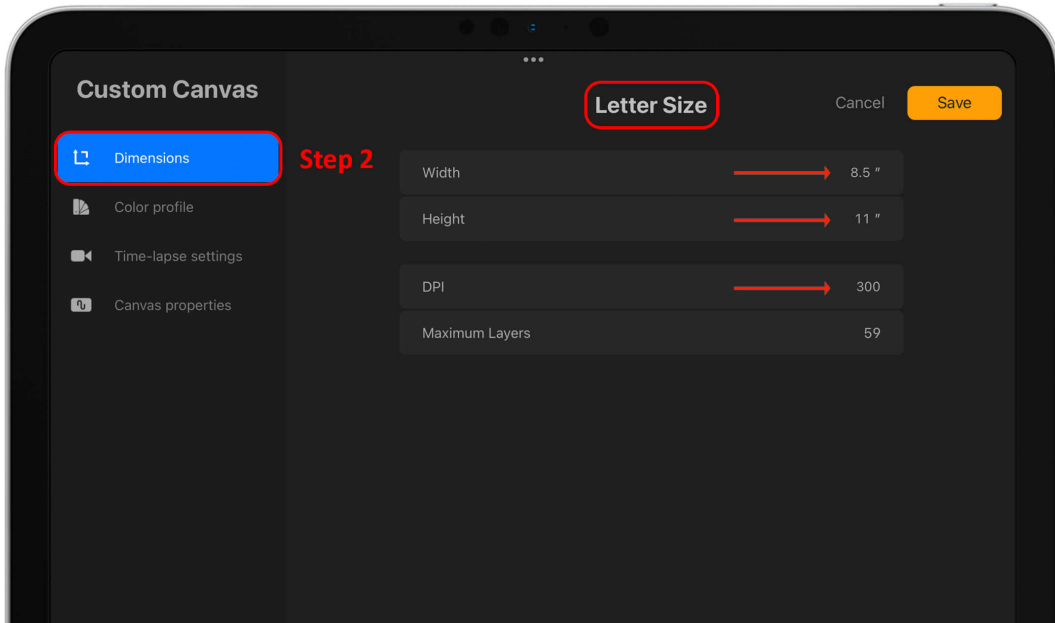


Figure 9.2. How to Set Up a New Canvas (Step 2)

Step 3: For “Color Profile,” select “RGB” and “Display P3” (see Figure 9.3).

Note: RGB is ideal for digital artwork (phones, tablets, computers), while CMYK is suggested for printing your designs.

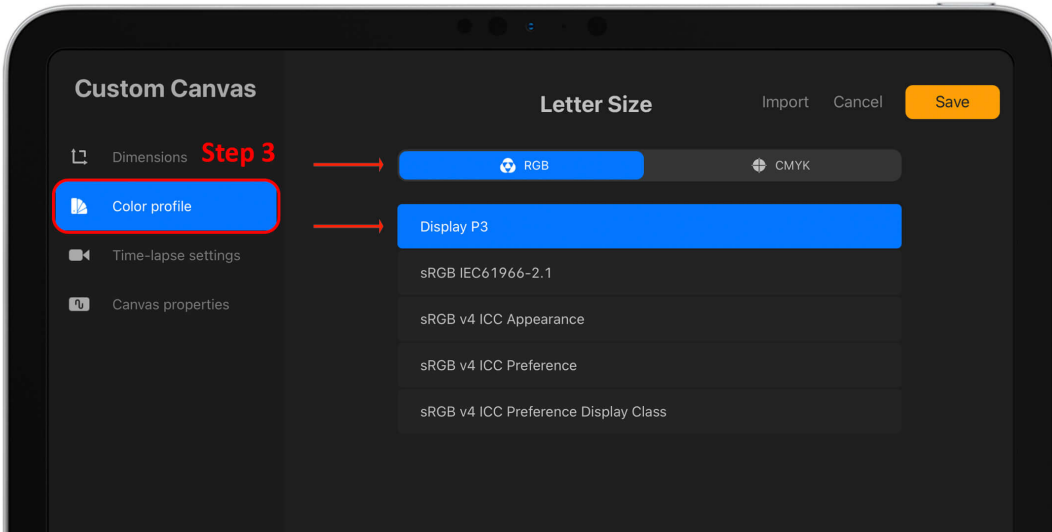


Figure 9.3. How to Set Up a New Canvas (Step 3)

Step 4: Under “Time-lapse Setting,” select your preferred video quality (see Figure 9.4). I use “4K” and “Lossless” for high-quality videos, but feel free to choose the options that suit your needs.

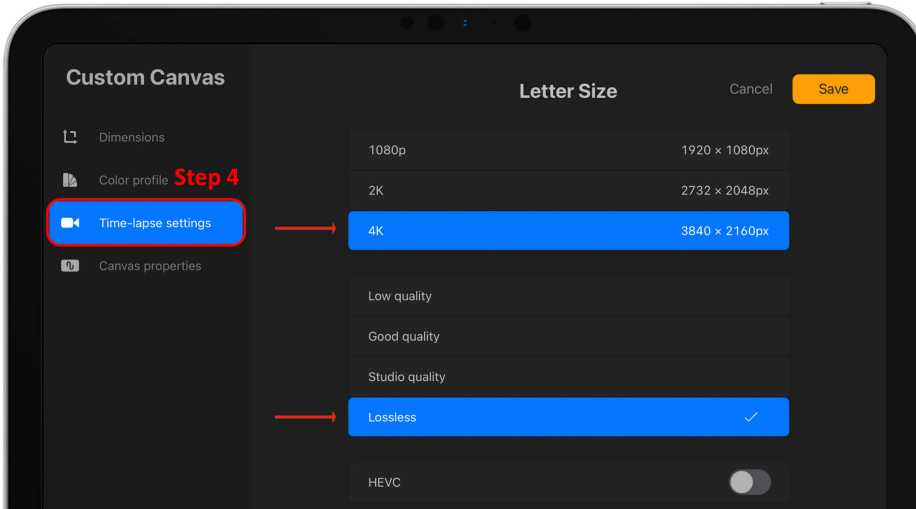


Figure 9.4. How to Set Up a New Canvas (Step 4)

Step 5: Adjust “Canvas Properties” if needed → Tap “Save” (see Figure 9.5).

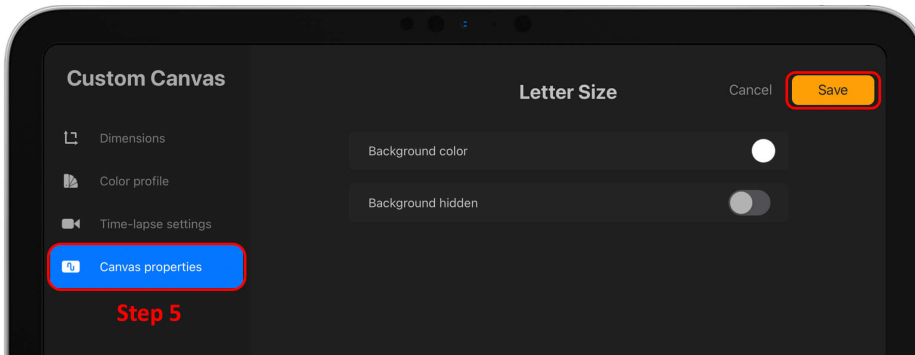


Figure 9.5. How to Set Up a New Canvas (Step 5)

Note: You can always edit the canvas settings later. Just swipe left on the canvas option (e.g., Letter Size) you want to edit → Tap “Edit” (see Figure 9.6).

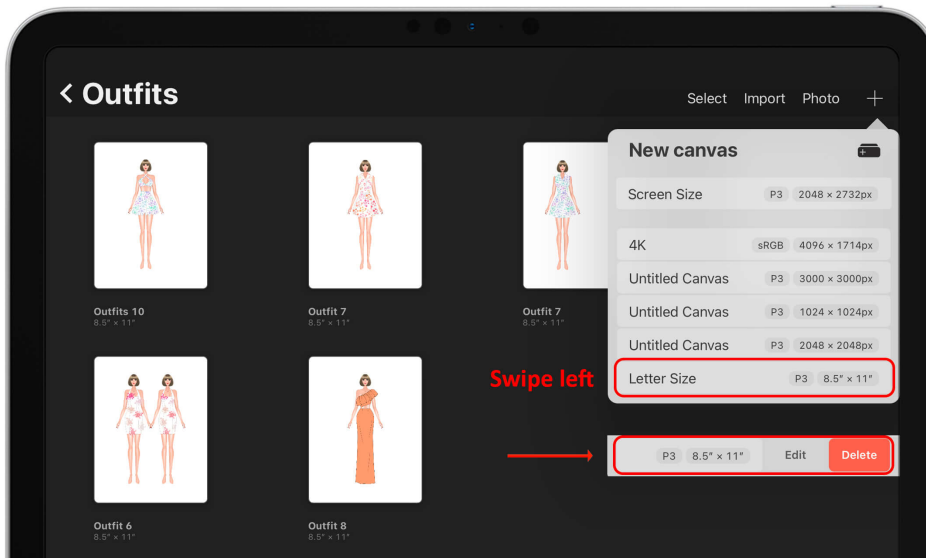


Figure 9.6. How to Set Up a New Canvas

(b) Time-Lapse Recording – Automatically captures your entire drawing process, perfect for

- ✓ Showcasing your creative process on social media.
- ✓ Reviewing your progress to see how much you've improved.
- ✓ Building a professional portfolio with process videos.

 **How to Turn On Time-Lapse Recording (see Figure 9.7):**

Step 1: Tap the  “Wrench” icon → Go to the  “Video” tab.

Step 2: Toggle on “Time-lapse Recording” before you start drawing.

Step 3: After finishing your illustration, tap “Export time-lapse video” → Choose between the “Full Length” or “30-second” version → Select “Save Video.” You'll find it in your Photos app.

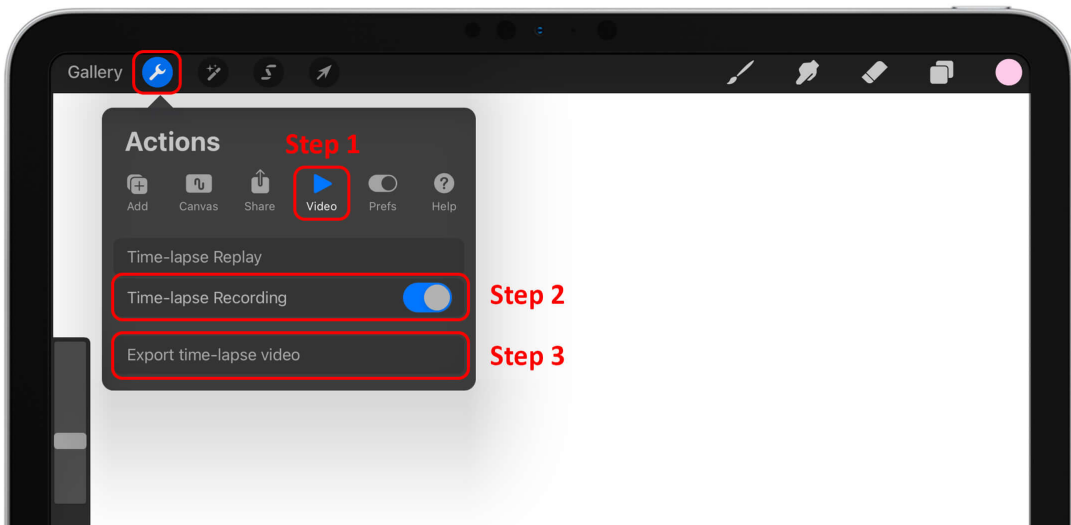


Figure 9.7. How to Turn On Time-Lapse Recording

By now, you've learned the essential features and seen just how powerful Procreate can be for fashion illustration. These basics give you a strong foundation to create and experiment with confidence.

Remember, this is just the beginning of your creative journey. Keep practicing and experimenting! For more resources, tips, and tutorials, you can connect with me here:

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