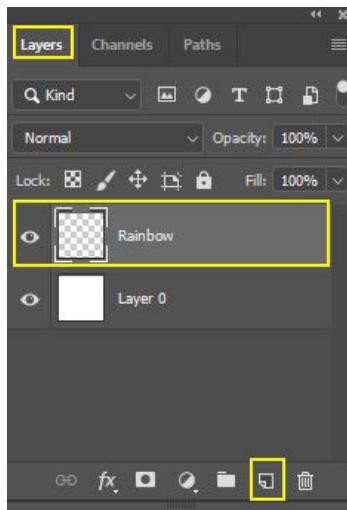




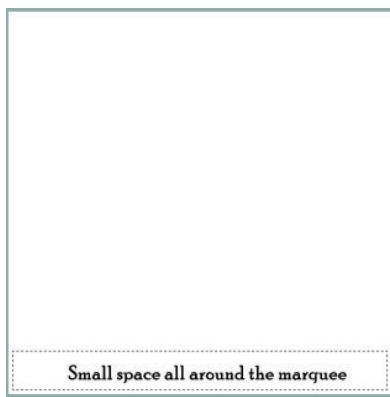
Create a rainbow with Photoshop



1. Start with a square background. I'm using 600 x 600 px.
2. Create a new layer and rename the layer to 'Rainbow'.



3. With the rainbow layer selected, use the Marquee Tool to draw out a long rectangle starting near the bottom of the document leaving a small space around both sides and the bottom.



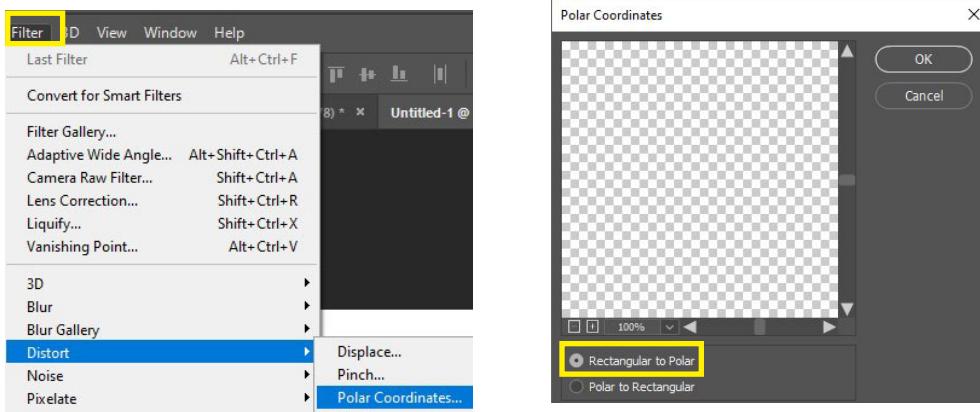
4. Select the Gradient Tool (G) & click on Transparent or Spectrum Gradient from the gradient options.

5. Hold down the Shift key then click and drag from the bottom left of the marquee to the top of the marquee. You will have a vertical rainbow:

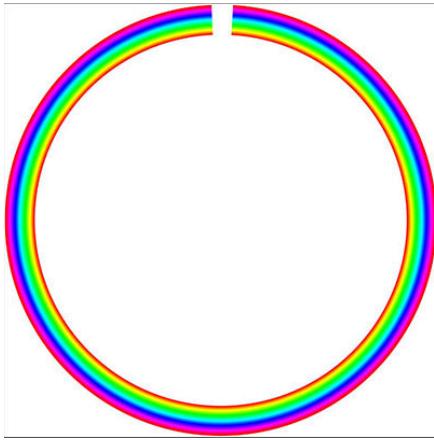


6. Deselect (Ctrl-D) the marquee.

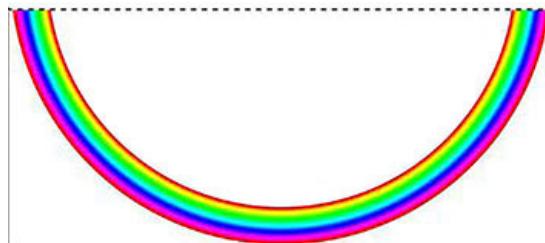
7. Go to Filter>Distort>Polar Co-ordinates and select the 'Rectangular to Polar' option:



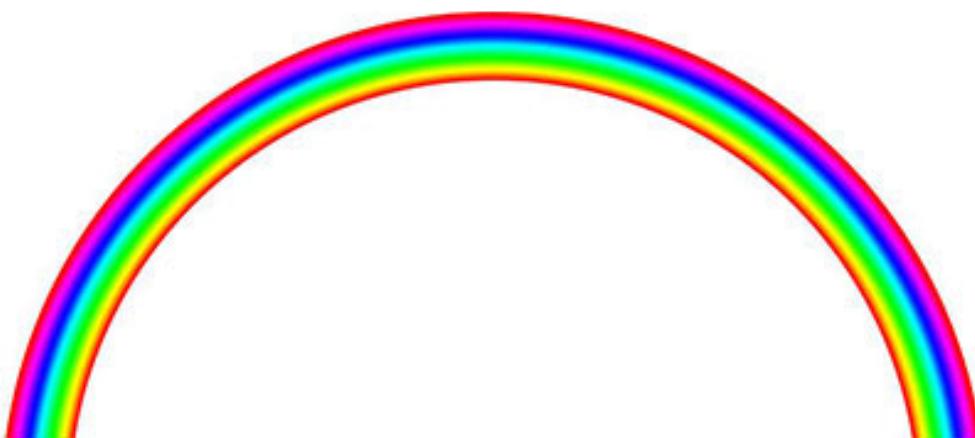
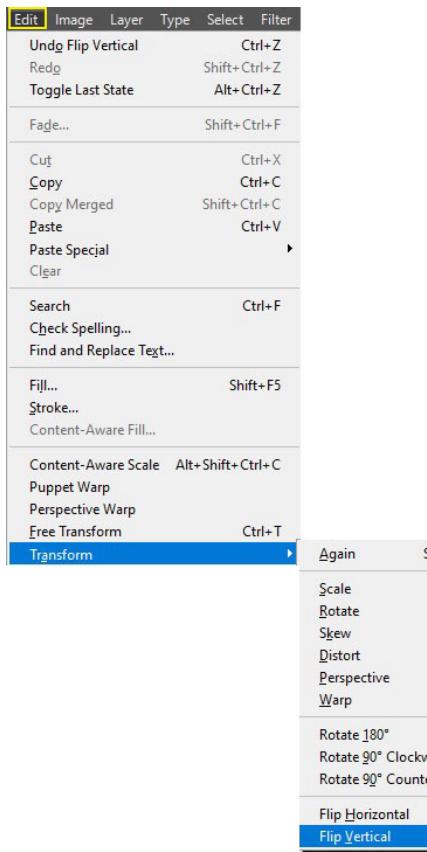
This creates a rainbow 'circle':



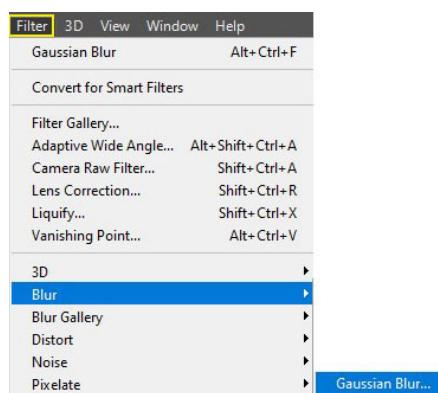
8. Draw a marquee across the top half of the rainbow and delete it:



9. Deselect the marquee and flip the rainbow vertically:



10. You can add some Gaussian blur to give the rainbow a softer look, I'm applying a 2px radius blur:



A very quick and easy way to make a rainbow in PSD :)