

## **Tip: Merging selected layers to new layer...**

I often find myself wanting to merge a selection of layers to a new layer without deleting the merged layers. That's what the regular merge command does. One way to accomplish this is to turn on all the layers to merge and turn off all the layers not to merge, then use the Stamp Visible (ctrl-alt-shift-e) command. I find all this turning of layers off/on and having to reset the on/off status after the merge too tedious. So here's how I do it:

1. Select the layers to merge (all selected layers must be on).
2. Duplicate the layers.
3. The duplicated layers remain selected.
4. Merge the selected layers.

A new layer is created from the duplicates and the duplicates go away. That's it.

This is not perfect but, it generally works better than Stamp Visible does for me. Perhaps it will be of use to you as well. I do this so often, I created an action for it.

I'm sure I didn't invent it, but I don't know who did. To whoever did, thanks.

### ***Here's another tip, FWIW:***

#### **Tip: Show/Hide selected layers...**

I often want to hide/show a group of selected layers. It's easy. Select the desired layers, and pick Layers > Show Layers or Hide Layers as is appropriate. I do these commands so often, I created actions for them.

Best,

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