

How to create a *Polar Pano*

Polar Panoramas are great to show a 360 degree view, in a creative way. They're great for printing . Panoramas look great this way, and it's really simple to make, with some stunning results!

1. Grab your supplies

You will need:

1. A Tripod
2. A Gorgeous View
3. Photoshop
4. A camera with an SD card

2. Take the shot

For Polar Panoramas, you're going to need to take a panorama. This requires you to take at least three shots of a location, at a slightly different angle. To do so, make sure that you have your tripod lined up, take a shot. Then move your camera slightly to the left, then take another, until you've captured what you wanted to.

3. Upload onto Photoshop

Simply put, transfer the file onto photoshop.

4. Adjust the Image Size

In order to get the circular perspective, you have to compress the image. This requires changing the proportions. You go to image, and then click image size, and then adjust the proporditons so that they equal out to a square.

[For example, I changed 4500 by 2500 to 2500 by 2500]

5. Rotate 180 degrees.

Go to image, click rotate canvas, then select 180 degrees.

6. Use the "Polar Coordinates"

Go to "Filter", click "Distort" from the menu, and then click "polar coordinates"

7. Finalize

Make sure that "Rectangular to Polar" is selected, then hit "okay". Your picture should now look like one of the examples along the side if you did it correctly! Be sure to save it and share it. For these polar panos, I used a mask layer to remove anything that wasn't in the sphere I had just created. It made it look a lot cleaner!

