

# 13 More on Layers

## Grouping Layers

The process of making complex edits can generate a large number of layers, fig 13.1. In web and design layouts with lots of graphics and type layers the number of layers can easily top one hundred. It is good practice to keep an orderly Layer panel by naming layers and Grouping similar layers into folders. In fig 13.2 the image edits have been grouped into Tonal and Colour adjustments, which makes for a much tidier Layers panel.

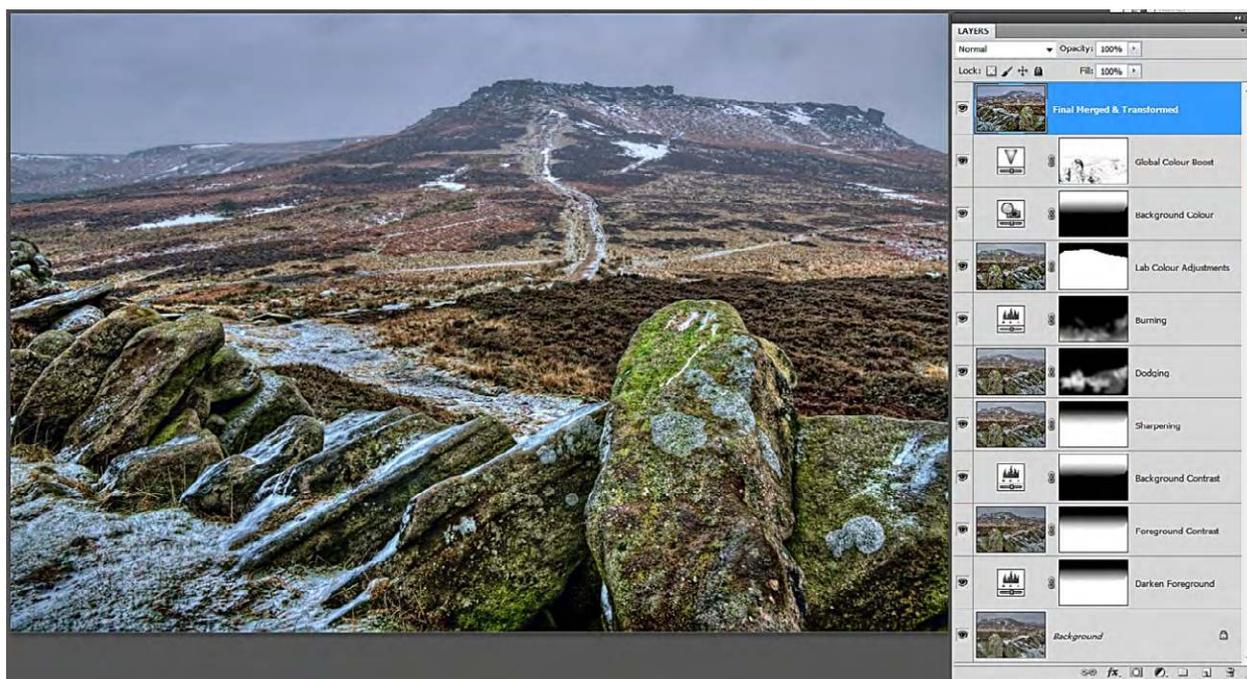


Fig 13.1 an untidy layers panel.

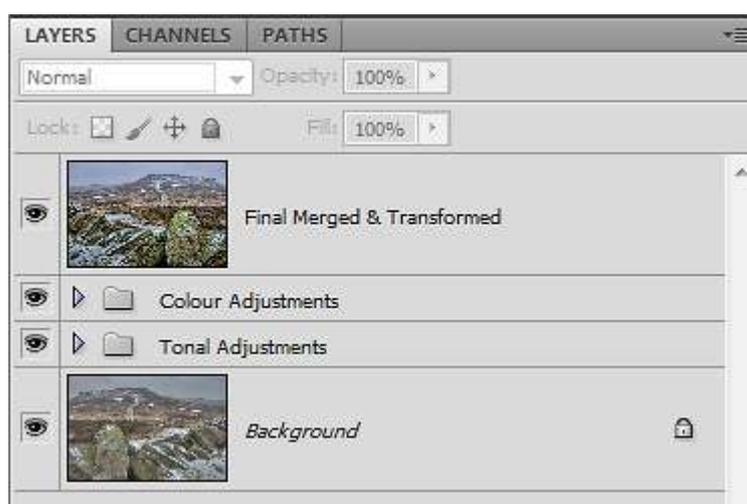
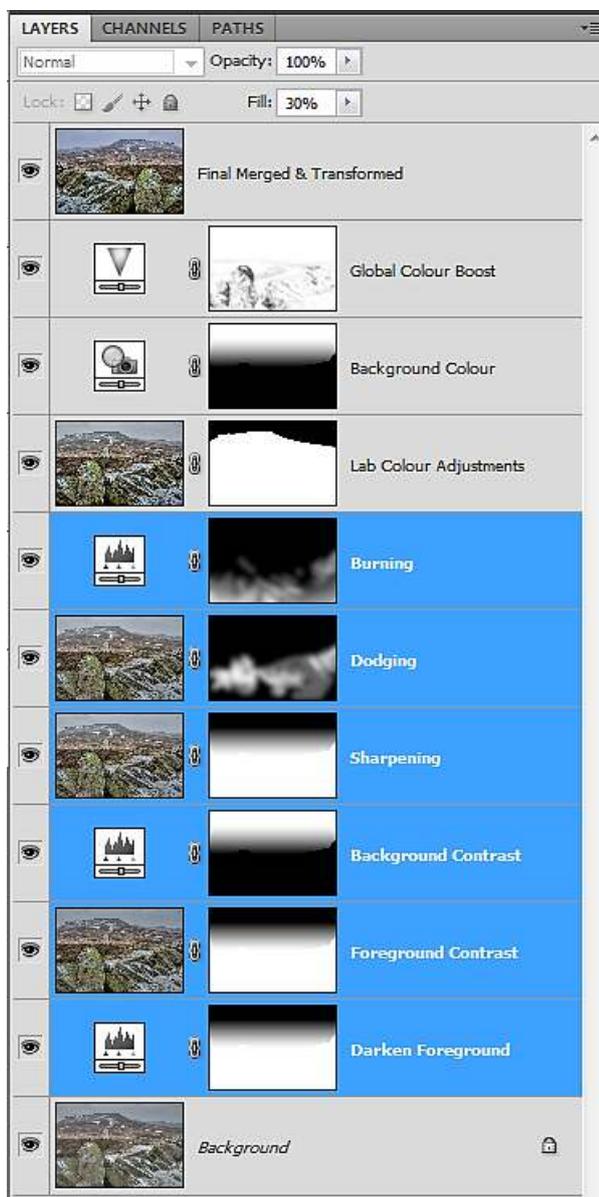


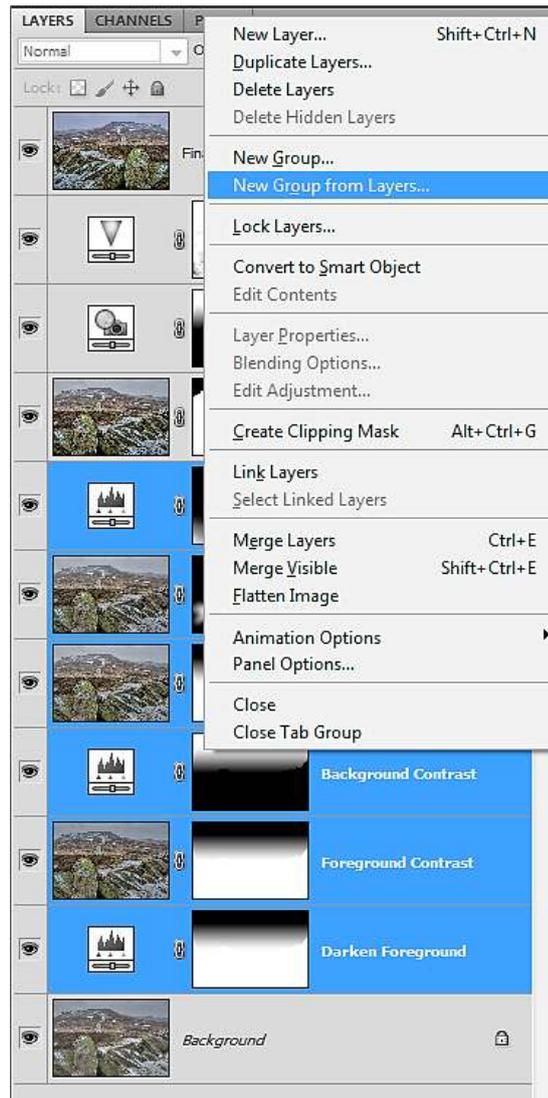
Fig 13.2 the edits have been grouped into Tonal and Colour adjustments

There are a couple of different ways of grouping layers into folders. My preferred method is to first select multiple layers by clicking on the lowest layer to be placed in a group and then hold down the Shift key and click on the uppermost layer, the selected layers will then appear blue, fig 13.3.

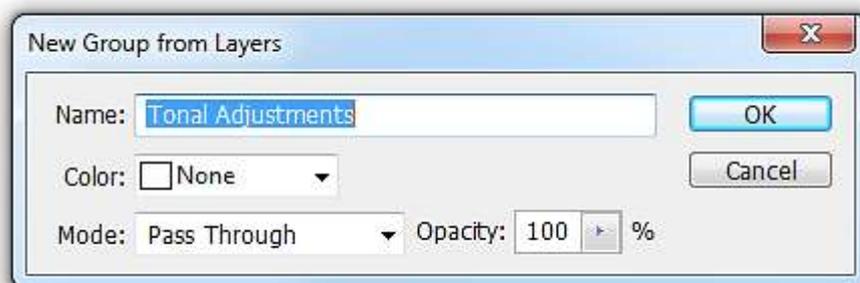


**Fig 13.3** multiple selected layers

Once the layers have been selected, go to the flyout menu in the top right hand corner of the Layers panel and choose the “New Group from Layers” option, fig 13.4. A dialogue box will appear (fig 13.5) in which you can name the Group, assign it a colour and also set the Blend mode and Opacity for the Group.



**Fig 13.4** the “New Group from Layers” in the Layers panel flyout menu.



**Fig 13.5** the “New Group from Layers” dialogue box