Removing the Background of Images

Google Slides

When creating your graphics in Google Slides, you can start off with selecting a transparent slide background.

Transparent Slide Background

1. Select **Background** from the toolbar.
2. Select **Color** from the Background menu.
3. Select **Transparent** from the Solid color options.

Preview on Mac

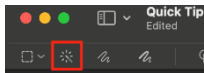There are two methods for removing an image's background using Preview.

Remove Background Tool

The **Remove Background** tool is available under the **Tools** menu and can be used to automatically remove the background. Unfortunately, it sometimes removes additional objects. If that happens, use **CTRL + Z** to undo and try the next option.

Instant Alpha Button

If **Remove Background** does not work properly, you can use the **Instant Alpha** button, which is located on the **Markup Toolbar**. If you don't see this toolbar, go to the **View** tab and select **Show Markup Toolbar**.

1. Select the **Instant Alpha** button.

2. Drag over an area of the background that you want to remove. This will select the area along with any pixels around that area that have the same colors.
3. Press **DELETE** on your keyboard to remove the selected area.
4. Repeats steps 2 & 3 as needed.
5. **Save** when done.

Paint 3D on Windows

This option is available in Paint 3D for Windows and not in Paint.

Magic Select Tool

The **Magic Select** tool is available on the toolbar and can be used to select the image's background for removal.

1. Select the **Magic Select** button.
2. Choose the area to cut out by dragging the focus box around your image.
3. Select the **Next** button.
4. Use the **Add** or **Remove** options to refine the selection area.
5. Select the **Done** button.
6. Select your remaining image and drag it off the canvas.
7. Click and drag over the remaining canvas area to select it.
8. Press **DELETE** on your keyboard.
9. Select **Canvas** on the toolbar.
10. In the Canvas window, turn on the **Transparent Canvas** option.
11. Move your remaining image back onto the canvas.
12. Adjust the canvas as needed.
13. **Save** when done.