

Sketch cheat sheet: A crash course in proficiency

Canvas navigation		
Pan	Hold [space], click/drag	
Zoom in	Hold [z] + click	
Zoom out	Hold [z] and [option] + click	
Zoom to defined area	Hold [z] + click/drag	
Fit all content to screen	Cmd+1	
Selection (click)		
Basic selection	Click on object	
Deselect	[esc] or click empty space	
Change to selection tool	[esc]	When stuck in another tool mode, (create rectangle, oval, pen tool, etc.), resets the to the selection tool.
Preview	Hold [cmd ⌘] + hover	Highlights the object that will be selected on click.
Individual layer	Hold [cmd ⌘] + click	
Child group/object	Double-click	Selects a group/object a level down in the layer hierarchy, but is limited to the contents of the current parent.
Deselect	[esc] or click empty space	
Copy/paste		
Copy	[cmd ⌘] + C	Copying, then pasting, an object places the new object perfectly aligned and on top of the original.
Paste	[cmd ⌘] + V	To paste a copied object in the same x and y position on another artboard, select the new artboard and use the standard paste shortcut.
Paste aligned to selection	[cmd ⌘] + [shift] + V	Pastes object aligned with top left corner of selection.
Copy style (custom)	[cmd ⌘] + [option] + C	<i>See below to create custom keyboard shortcuts</i>
Paste style (custom)	[cmd ⌘] + [option] + V	
Misc. keyboard shortcuts		
Group selection	[cmd ⌘] + G	
Ungroup selection	[cmd ⌘] + [Shift] + G	
Undo	[cmd ⌘] + Z	
Redo	[cmd ⌘] + [Shift] + Z	
Hide/unhide UI panels	[cmd ⌘] + .	
Change to selection tool	[esc]	When stuck in another tool mode, (create rectangle, oval, pen tool, etc.), resets the to the selection tool.
Create shapes		
Rectangle	[R], then click/drag	
Square	[R], then hold [shift] + click/drag	
Oval	[O], then click/drag	
Circle	[O], then hold [shift] + click/drag	
Changing layer order		
Send up	[cmd ⌘] +]	Changing the layer order with keyboard shortcuts is limited to the confines of the object's parent group. Moving the object outside of its parent group can only be accomplished within the layer palette.
Send down	[cmd ⌘] + [

Send to top	[cmd ⌘] + [shift] +]	Changing the layer order with keyboard shortcuts is limited to the confines of the object's parent group. Moving the object outside of its parent group can only be accomplished within the layer palette.
Send to bottom	[cmd ⌘] + [shift] + [
Selection (click/drag)		
Multiple objects	Click/drag	Only selects top-level objects.
Multiple objects individually	Hold [cmd ⌘] + click/drag	
Deselect multiple objects individually	Hold [cmd ⌘] + click/drag	
Selection (layer panel)		
One layer	Click layer's name in the layer panel	
Multiple layers, individually	[cmd ⌘] + click layer name(s)	
Deselect multiple objects individually	[cmd ⌘] + click layer name(s)	
Range of layers	[shift] + click first and last layers	Selects the first and last layers + everything between.
Layers panel		
*Tip: hovering over an item in the layers panel will also highlight it in the canvas.		
Rename selected layer	[cmd ⌘] + R, then [enter] to commit edit	Renames the layer in the layer panel.
Filter layers by name	Click "filter" text at the bottom of the layers panel, enter name	Be sure to clear [x] the filter bar when finished!
Filter layers by type	Click layer icon in filter bar to select from list of layer types	
Measure distances		
From selected layer to other objects	Hold [opt] with object selected	Mouse over another layer or group to see its distance from selected object.
From nested/grouped object to other objects	Hold [opt ⌥] + [cmd ⌘]	Mouse over a nested/grouped object to see the distance from that object.
Arrow keys		
Nudge - 1px	[arrow]	Resizing anchored from upper-right corner of the object.
Nudge - 8px	[shift] + [arrow]	
Change dimension - 1px	[cmd ⌘] + [arrow]	* Preferences > Canvas > Move objects 8 px using [shift] + [arrow] keys. This follows the spacer system, because spacers larger than 8 px are a multiple of 8.
Change dimension - 8px	[cmd ⌘] + [shift] + [arrow]	

Creating custom keyboard shortcuts

These steps walk through an example for setting up a custom keyboard shortcut on a Mac. Copy/paste style is useful for quickly assigning complex styling to another object or group of objects. For example, if you have a fill, opacity, border, and three shadows on an object, it's nice to do all that in one action instead of doing each manually.

To create a keyboard shortcut for Copy Style and Paste Style:

1. On your Mac, open **System Preferences**, then click **Keyboard > Shortcuts > App Shortcuts**
2. Click the **+** button.
3. In the Application drop-down list, click **Sketch**.
4. In the Menu Title text box, enter the title of the action you want to create a shortcut for. You must type it *exactly* as it appears in the menu within the application, including case sensitivity. For this example, type "Copy Style".
5. Click the Keyboard Shortcut text box, then press the keys you want to assign. For this example, **[cmd ⌘] + [option] + C**
6. Click **Add**.
7. Repeat steps 2-6 for "Paste Style", using **[cmd ⌘] + [option] + V**
8. Use your new shortcuts to copy/paste the styling in the activity doc. It's already documented in this cheat sheet for future reference!

Use this procedure to create keyboard shortcuts for any keystroke combinations that would make your life easier.