

BBTools Shadow

Quickstart Instructions

Installation

Method 1: Using the Creative Cloud Desktop App

1. **Opening Creative Cloud Desktop App:** Launch the Creative Cloud desktop app. You'll typically find it in your Applications folder on a Mac or in the Start Menu on Windows.
2. **Navigating to Plugins:** Within the app, click on the 'Stock & Marketplace' tab. This is usually located at the top of the window. Here, click on 'Plugins'.
3. **Finding Your Plugin:** Use the search bar to find the plugin you need. Once you find it, click on 'Get' or 'Learn more'—the button depends on whether the plugin is free or paid.
4. **Completing Installation:** Follow the instructions that appear on your screen. This process usually involves a few simple clicks.
5. **Accessing the Installed Plugin:** If you're unsure where to find your newly installed plugin in Photoshop, visit Adobe's 'My Exchange' website, find your plugin, and look for the 'Where to find it' section.

Method 2: Manual Installation via CCX File

1. **Locating the CCX File:** After downloading your CCX file (usually from a trusted online source), note where it's saved on your computer.
2. **Unzipping the CCX File:** Use a file extraction tool like 7zip or WinRAR to unzip the CCX file. Right-click on the file and select 'Extract here' or 'Extract to...' to unzip it to a chosen location.
3. **Moving Files to Photoshop Plugin Folder:** Open the folder where Photoshop is installed, typically found in 'C:\Program Files\Adobe' on Windows or the 'Applications' folder on Mac. Inside, locate the 'Plug-ins' folder and drag your unzipped plugin files into this folder.



Accessing the Plugin

- Launch Adobe Photoshop.
- Open an image or create a new project.
- Open the plugin under the Plugins -> BBTools Shadow

Creating Shadow

- Select the layer you want to add a shadow to. Supported layers include regular (raster) layers, smart-objects, and text layers.
- Click "Create Shadow".

Configuring Shadow Parameters

In the Shadow plugin interface, adjust the following parameters:

- Shadow Angle: Set the angle of the shadow in degrees.
- Scale: Adjust the size of the shadow relative to the object.
- Opacity: Set the transparency of the shadow.
- Blur: Control the level of blurriness of the shadow.
- Shadow Color: Choose the color of the shadow.

Creating Shadow Based on Sun Position

- Use the Pen tool to place a single point on the canvas, representing the position of the sun.
- With the object selected, press the "Create Shadow" button.
- The shadow angle will be automatically calculated based on the relative position of the object to the sun.

Auto-Update Option

- Enable the auto-update option to see changes to the shadow in almost real-time as you adjust parameters.

Creating Shadows for Multiple Objects

- Select multiple objects you want to add shadows.
- Follow steps 3 to 5 to configure and apply shadows to all selected objects simultaneously.

Saving Settings

- All settings are saved in the current session. If the plugin is closed and reopened, everything is preserved, making it easier and faster to add more shadows.

Presets Manager

All parameters can be saved as a preset in the Presets manager. The presets can be easily accessed via the dropdown menu under the “Preset” label.

