Cropping Images Using Pixlr

Pixlr is a free online software which mimics a lot of features from Photoshop. This tutorial will show you how to crop images to a certain size to use in your website or whenever you are asked on a website for a specific size image.

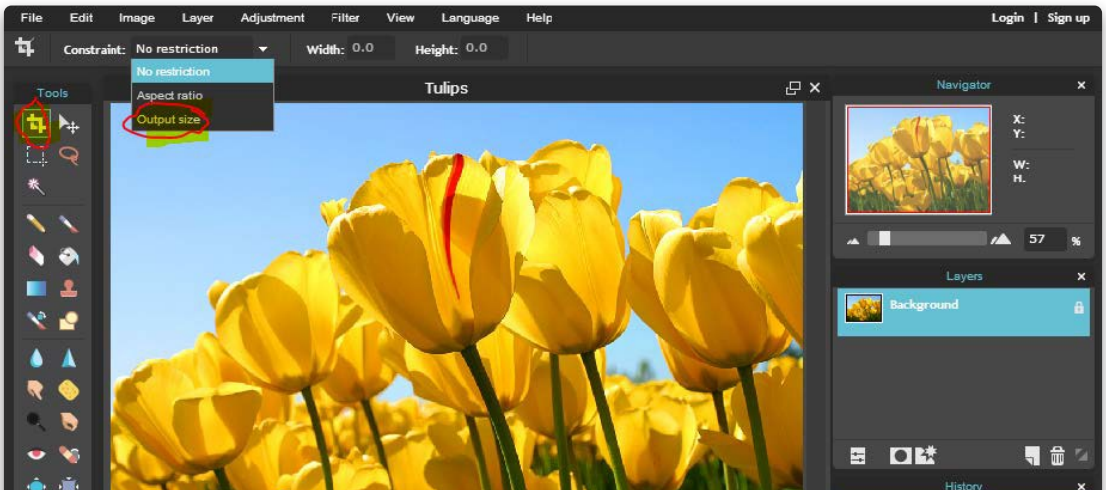
1 Opening a File

Start by visiting pixlr.com/editor/ (https://pixlr.com/editor/) and then clicking 'Open Image from Computer'



2 Crop Tool

Click on the crop tool (highlighted below) the first in the 'Tools' bar on the left hand side. Then in the top, in the 'Constraint' dropdown menu, select **output size.**



3 Setting the Image Output Size

Now you can set the width and height of the image that you need to create. If your website specifies you need to crop an image that is 400px x 250px you can enter it here. So when you crop your image, you can get the image out to that exact size.

Note, when cropping you may lose some of your image to fit the space available to you, it is for you to decide which part of the image stays and which doesn't.



4 Cropping

No click on the image and drag a box, you can enlarge or reduce the size of this box using any of the four points on the corner of the box.

The box indicates the part of the image you wish to keep, sometimes the box can perfectly fill the size of the entire image so you do not always have to 'lose' some of your image.

Once you have highlighted the area of the image you wish to keep, double click using your mouse to **crop** the image.

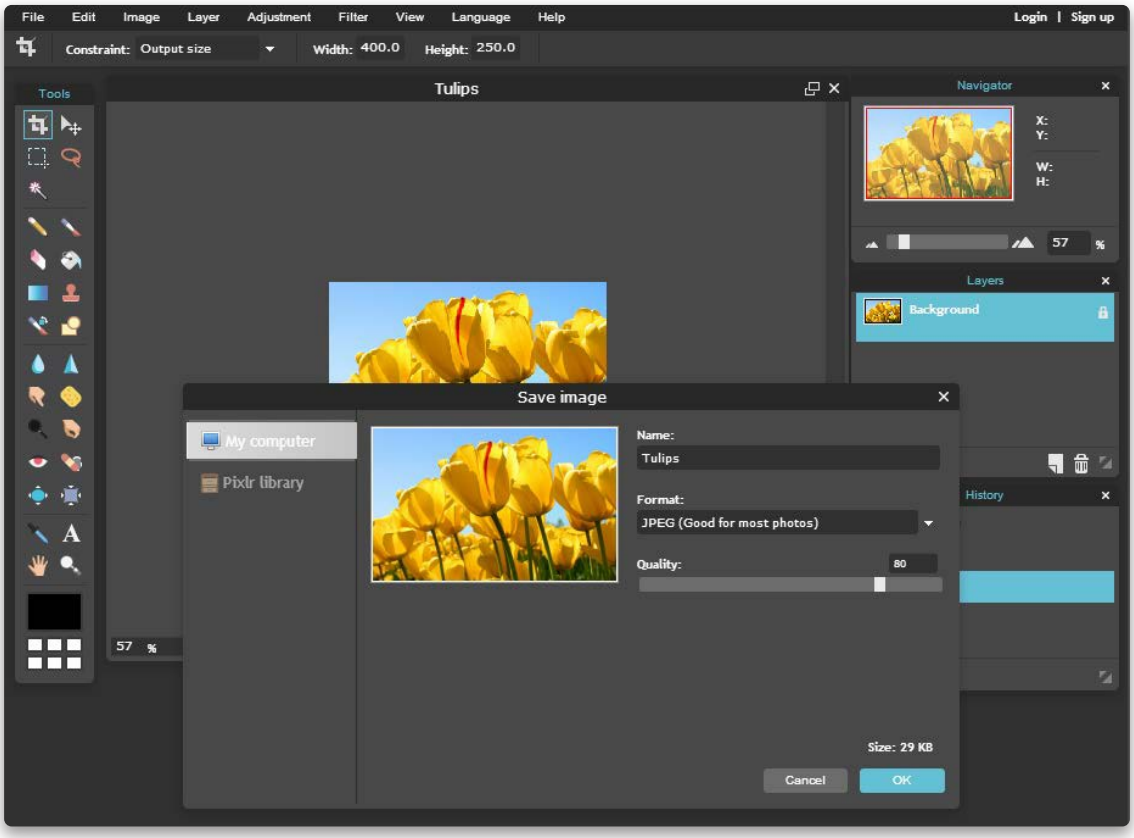
Note: When you are drawing the image, you will notice it is fixed to the ratio that you set in the width and height box.



5 Saving your Image

If you are happy with your image, go to File > Save in the menu. JPEG at Quality 80 is usually a good setting to save your image.

Your image is now ready to use.



6 Note about Quality of Images

By rule of design, any image that is large can be reduced in size without loss of quality. But if you get a small image and try to enlarge it you will normally see some pixelation. Always try and use a large image to begin with.