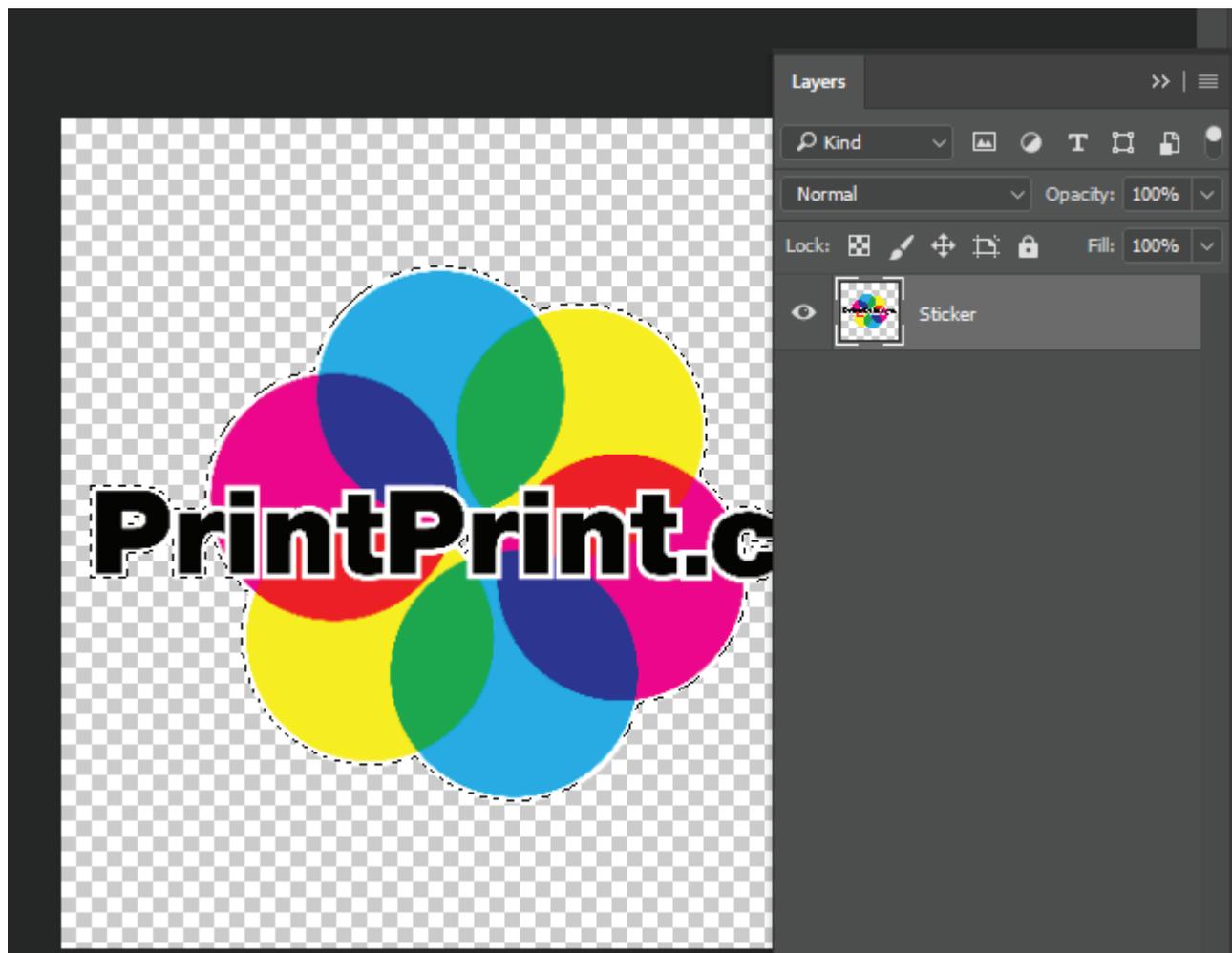How to create a dieline in Photoshop

Place your design or create your design to the final size that you want. Before adding a dieline to your artwork, you'll want to make sure your canvas size is larger than you artwork (to account for the extra space needed for the dieline).
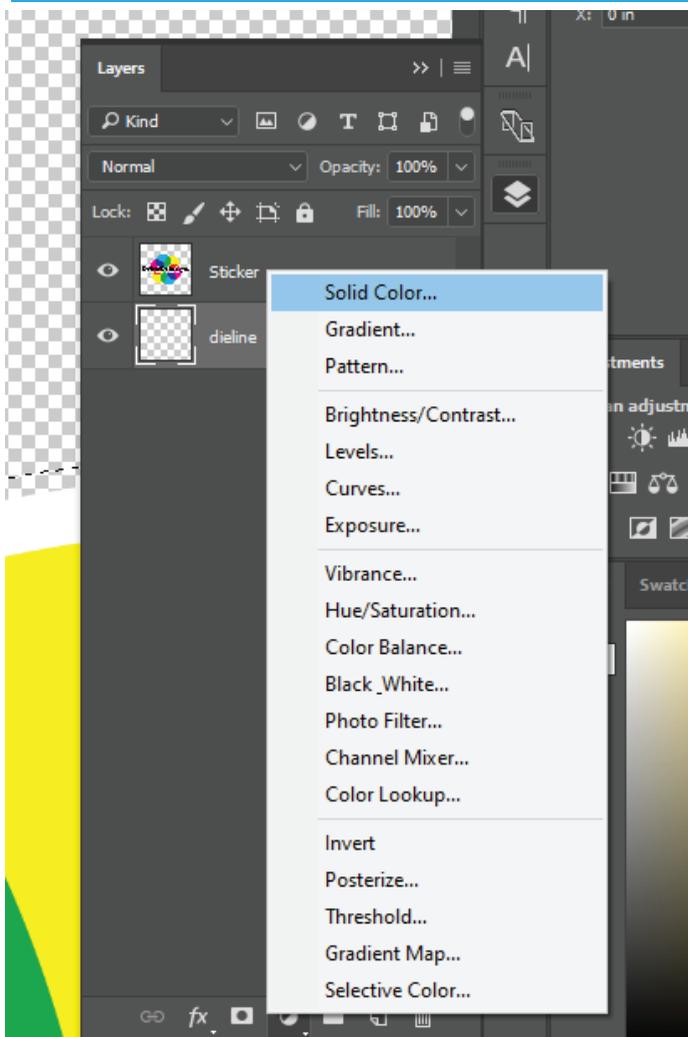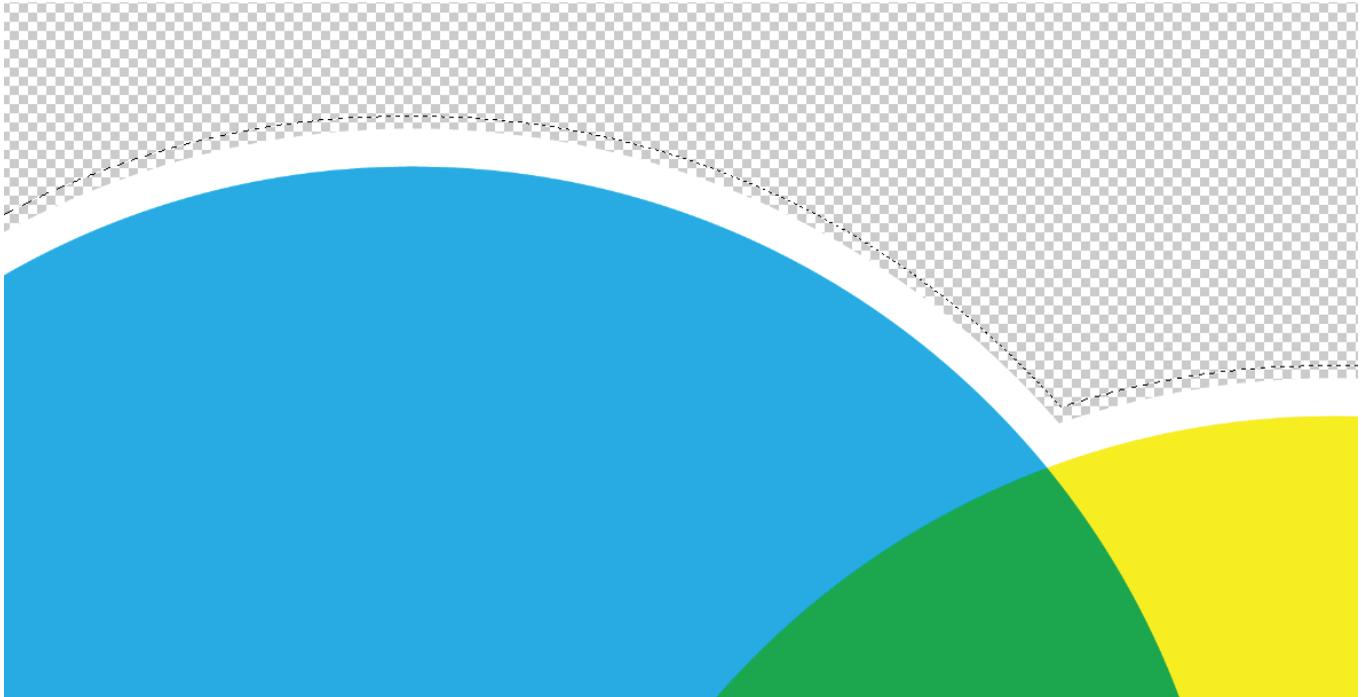
You can check/adjust your canvas size by going to Image > Canvas size. Minimum size increase is about 0.5in; however, you may need to increase the size more.

1) Select your design
      a. Ctrl + click (windows) or cmd + click (mac)
      b. You should see dashed lines around your design

c. Go to Select (top menu) > Modify > Expand

      i) The number of pixels will be up to you, but minimum recommended about 35pixels

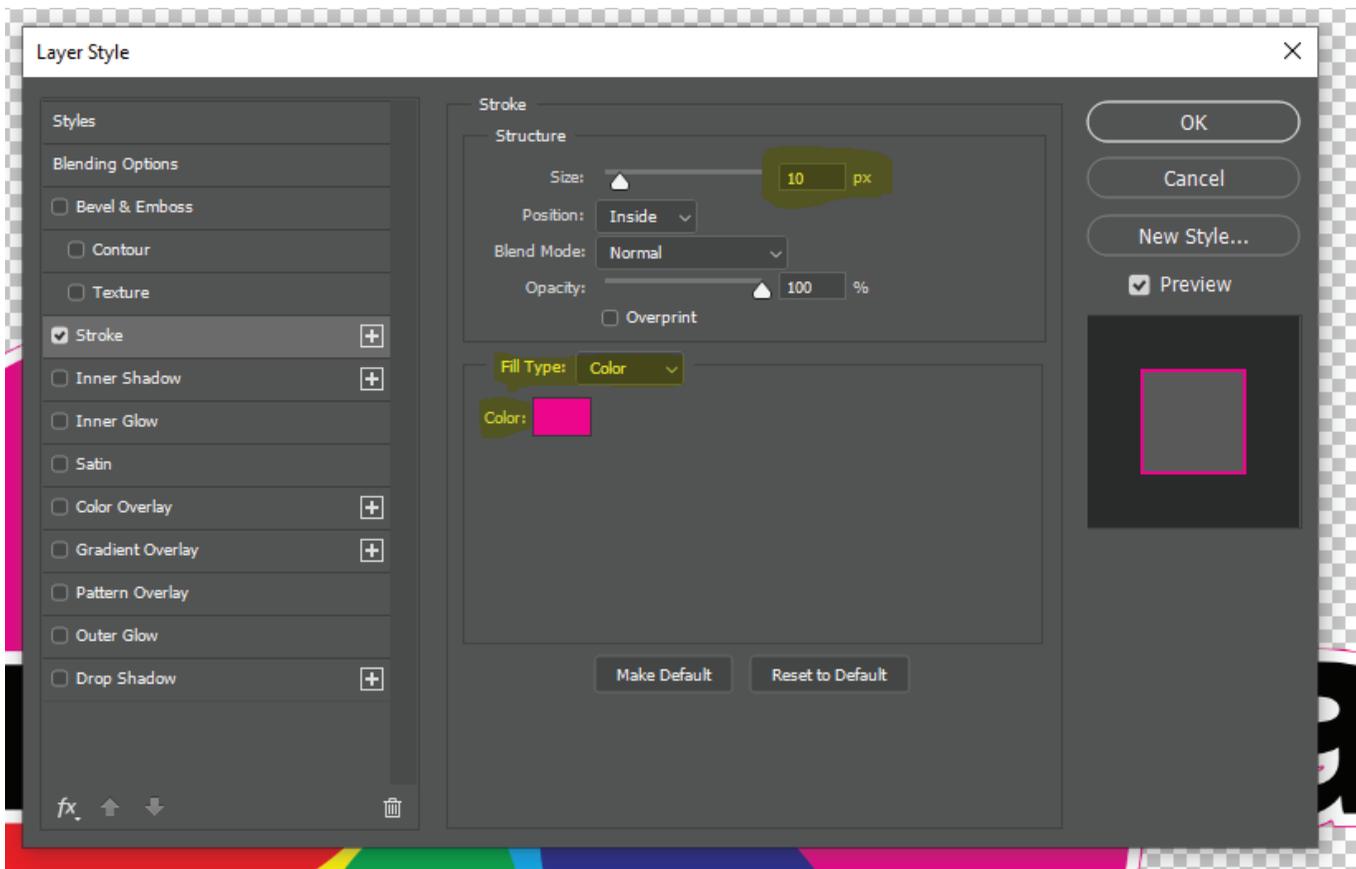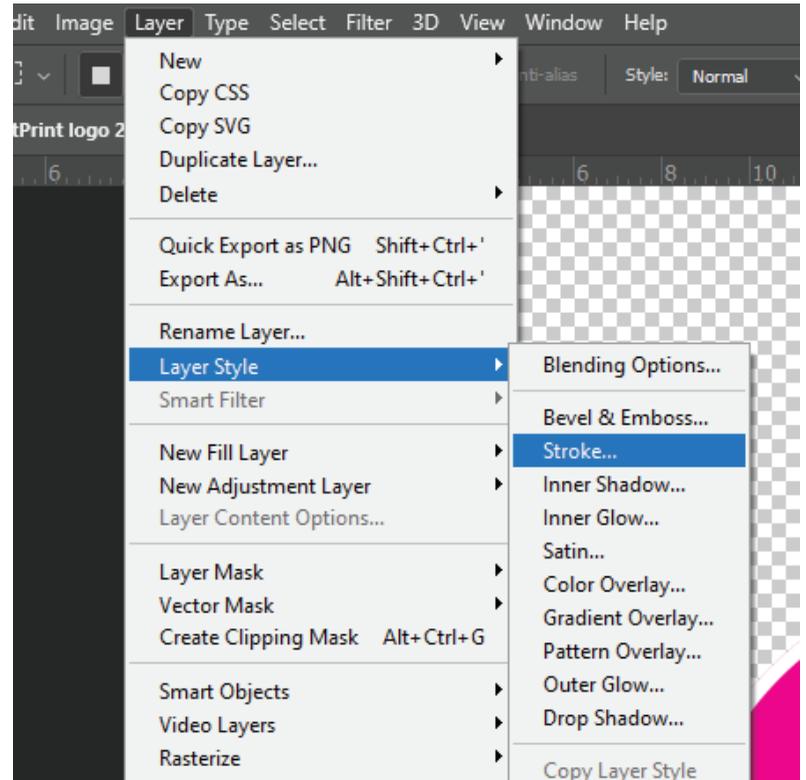   - 1. You should see a gap between your design and the dashed lines

d. Create a new layer called "dieline" and drag this layer so it is under your artwork layer

      i. Make sure this new layer is selected and on your layers panel, select "solid colour"

      - 1. This colour can be whatever you want (white border or the same colour as your background)

e. Add a stroke

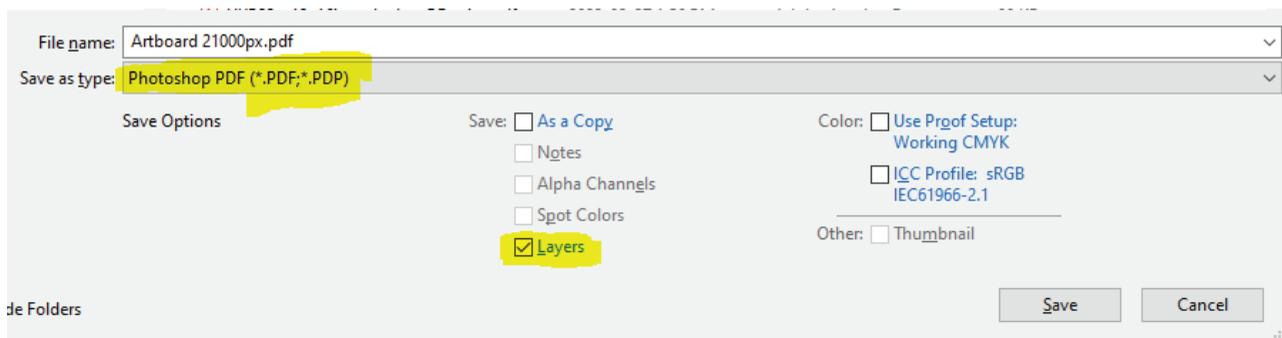   i. Layer > Layer Style > Stroke – pixel size set at about 2 – 7 pixels

     ii. The stroke colour should be a different colour than what's shown in our artwork. Popular options are 100% magenta or cyan.
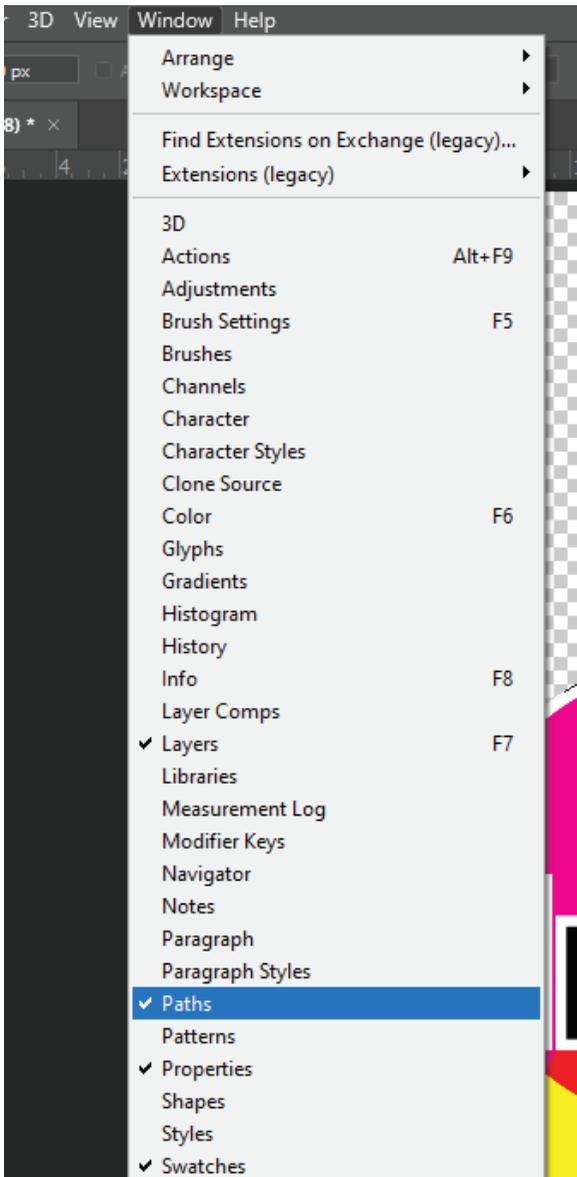
2) Saving your file

a. When ready you can save this file as a PDF. Make sure that 'layers' is check off. Then everything should be ready to send to us for printing!
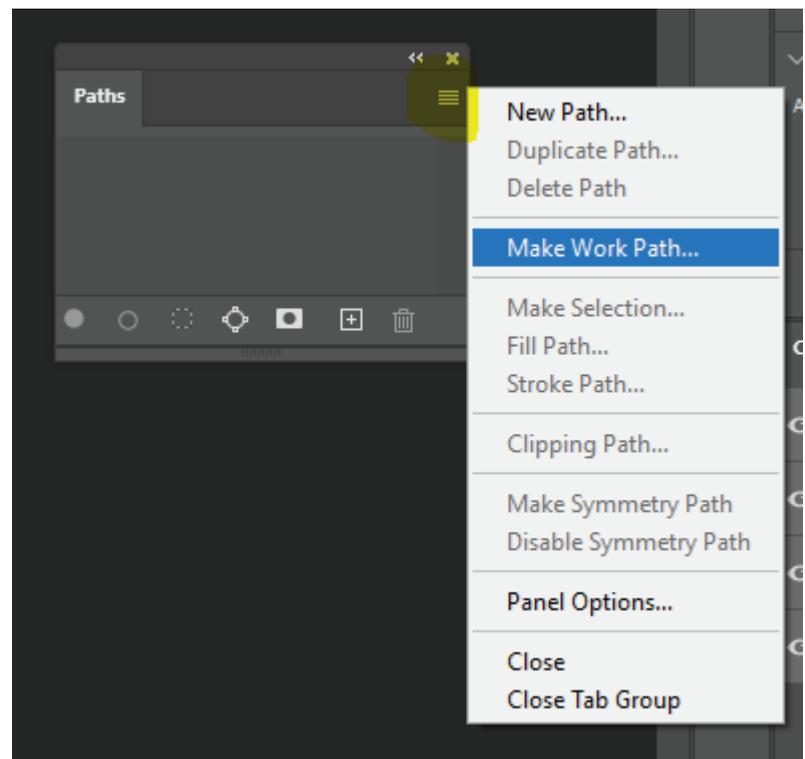
If you're looking to get a clear sticker (something with a transparent background), follow steps 1a-1c and create a new layer (but don't create a dieline!).

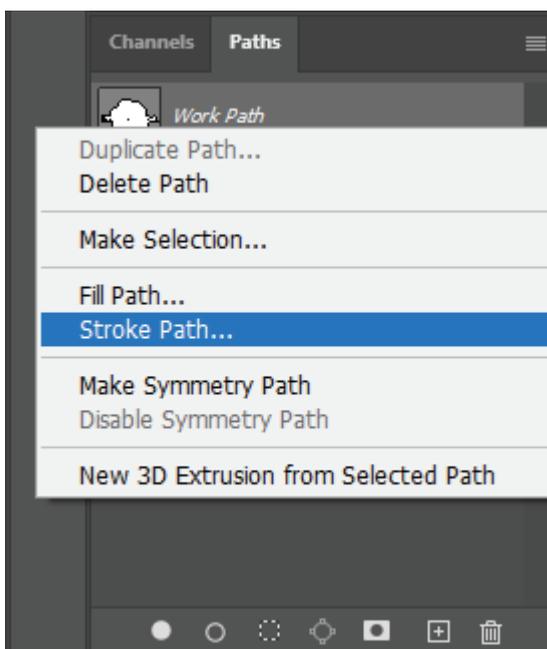Once you've completed those steps, we're going to create a path.
1. Window > Path > click on the 4 stack lines (more options)

2. Make work path
    i. 2 pixels should be good, but feel free to add more
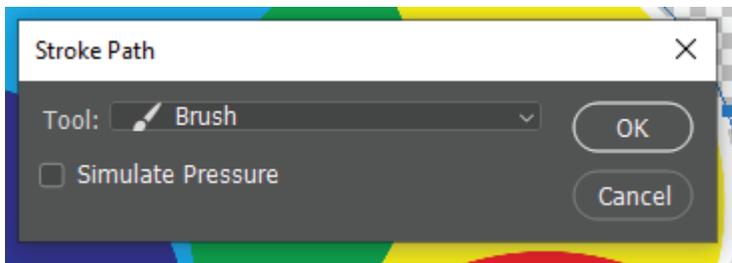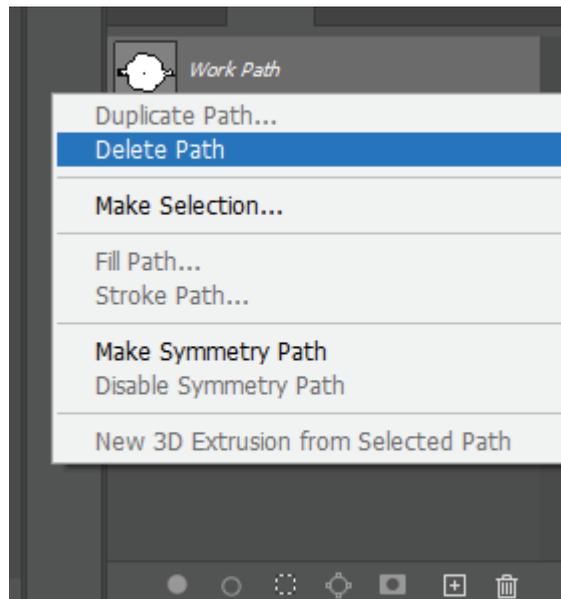
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Work path:

3. Right click on your work path > stroke path

3 i. note: this will be using your brush settings, you may need to adjust your brush size (about 7 pixels should be enough; however, depending onthe size size of your artwork you may need to increase or decrease the pixel size)

ii. you will also want to make sure the colour you have selected is magenta/cyan

Once you've completed your stroke path, you can delete your work path and there now should be an outline around your artwork.

Final - after work path has been deleted

Then you can save (see page 4)