

Product Review

Adobe Photoshop CS4 Learn By Video (iPhone App)

By Maria Arguello

Company: Apple iPhone App Store

Price: \$1.99

Requirements: iPhone 3G, 3GS, or iPod touch

Test System: MacBook Pro, 2.53 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo, OS 10.5.6

Rating: 4.5 out of 5 Apples

The Adobe Learn by Video Series are brought to you by Peachpit Press, Adobe Press, and video2brain. The iPhone app is like having a teacher in your pocket. I downloaded it from the App Store and watched all three lessons for Adobe Photoshop CS4: "Covering the Basics," "Image Editing," and "Creative Photoshop." I was very skeptical that I would be able to get much from a tutorial on such a small screen. How was I going to see the cursor? But the resolution of the video and zooming into the area being explained led to a clear visual of the narrative.

The tips for taking charge of Photoshop's Interface were helpful and big time-savers. The three lessons are well developed and useful and the developers have done a great job on this video. I look forward to more iPhone apps like this one.

The app lets you send comments and you can also take quizzes. You can search a topic and it will give you several videos from which to choose.

Note: I contacted Peachpit regarding the complete tutorials and they responded that right now there are three DVD products available in the Learn By Video Series, which retail for \$59.99 each.

1. Learn Adobe Photoshop CS4 by Video: Core Training in Visual Communication (19 hours of video) www.peachpit.com/title/0321634934

2. Learn Adobe Flash CS4 Professional by Video: Core Training in Rich Media Communication (15 hours of video) www.peachpit.com/title/0321635000

3. Learn Adobe Dreamweaver CS4 by Video: Core Training in Web Communication (14 hours of video) www.peachpit.com/title/0321635019

No word yet, on one for InDesign.

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