"I didn't recognize myself"

Another fun exercise to further your understanding of Layers. If you have a photograph of yourself it might be appropriate to use that – if not take one soon and repeat the project. Initially you need an image of a face looking more or less straight into the camera.

Prepare the image

1 As always Reset all Tools.

You can change the size of the icons in the Layers palette using Palette Options.

2 Open the file John. Yes it was a tough day!
Open the Layers palette (Window > Layers) – the image consists of a single layer called Background.
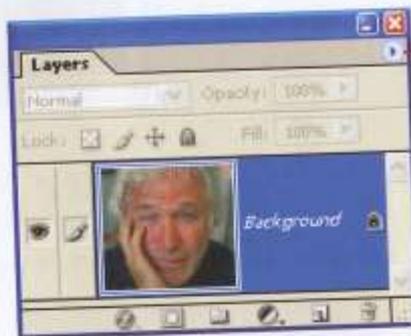
In the Rotate dialog CW is clockwise and CCW is counter-clockwise.

Drag guides from Rulers. Show Rulers from the View menu.

3 You may have heard that the left and right sides of your face are unequal in size. Prove it! Divide the image exactly down the middle as shown on the next page. It may be helpful to set up a guide to do this. With some images you will have to crop and rotate to get correct alignment.

This image has been cropped so that there is equal space left and right of the center guide. You may have to do the same with your own images.
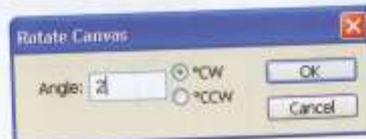
4 Make a selection with the Rectangular Marquee Tool of the left side of the image.

*With the Rectangular Marquee Tool drag from the top left corner.*
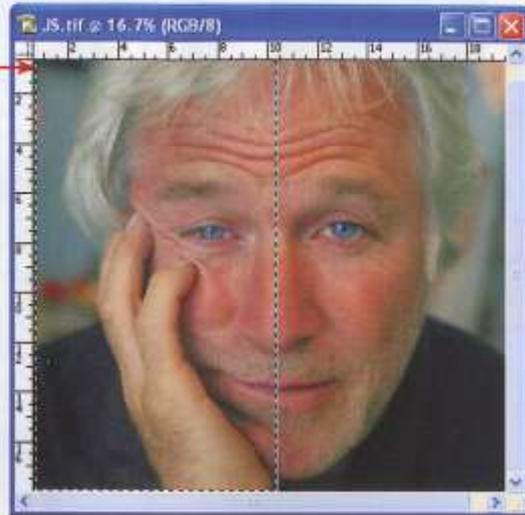
5 Then Edit > Copy. Follow this with Select > Deselect and then Edit > Paste. A new layer containing the copied selection is automatically created. By default this is called Layer 1.
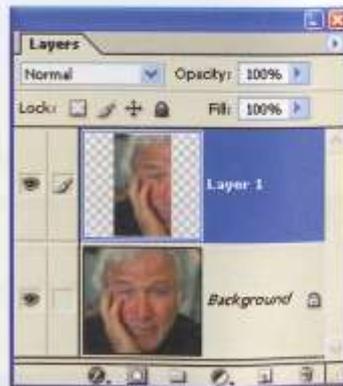
Your Layers palette should look like this.
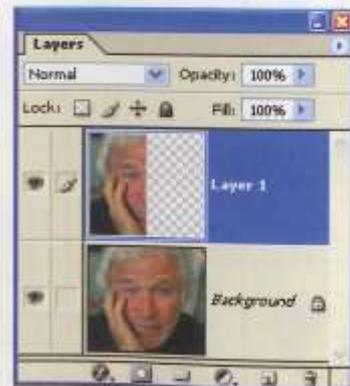
If you do not deselect before pasting you will not see any change in your image until the new layer is moved.