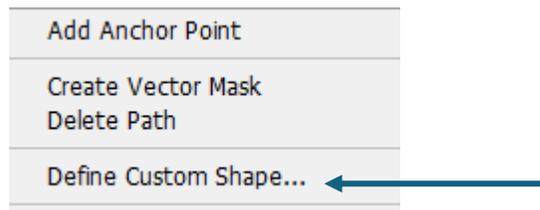


Custom Shapes

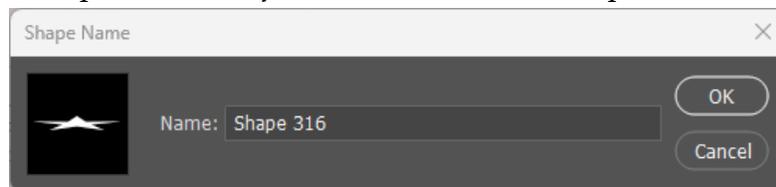
Custom Shapes can be added to Photoshop's list of custom shapes, those shape can be creating in Illustrator and brought into Photoshop or the shapes can be drawn directly Photoshop.

Importing from Illustrator

1. Create the drawing in Illustrator.
 - a. Use solid colors for fills and strokes.
2. Select the drawing and copy it.
3. In Photoshop, paste the copied drawing.
 - a. It should be on its own layer.
4. Using either the **Path Selection** or **Direct Selection** tool, right click the selected path and choose *Define Custom Shape...* from the menu.



5. Name the shape in the *Shape Name* window and tap the **Ok** button.

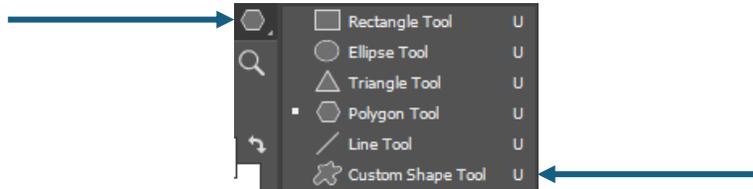


Creating the Shape In Photoshop

1. Open a Photoshop file, a blank new document will also work fine.
2. Use the **Pen** or the **Shape** tool to create the desired shape.
 - a. These can be either Shapes or Paths as needed.
3. Use either the **Path Selection** or **Direct Selection** tool, right click the selected path and choose *Define Custom Shape...* from the menu.
4. Apply a name to the shape in the *Shape Name* window and tap the **OK** button.

Using the Custom Shapes

1. Select the **Custom Shape** tool from the **Shape** tools drop-down.



2. In the **Tool Options** panel select the *Custom Shape* tool drop down, custom shapes are located at the bottom of the menu.



- a. If the *Tool Options* panel is not visible, go the *Windows* in the main menu and choose **Options** from the list of panels. The panel will be displayed across the top of the interface below the main menu.

OR

With the Custom Shape tool active, right click in the document to open the Custom Shapes panel.

