

11 useful Figma shortcuts to work faster

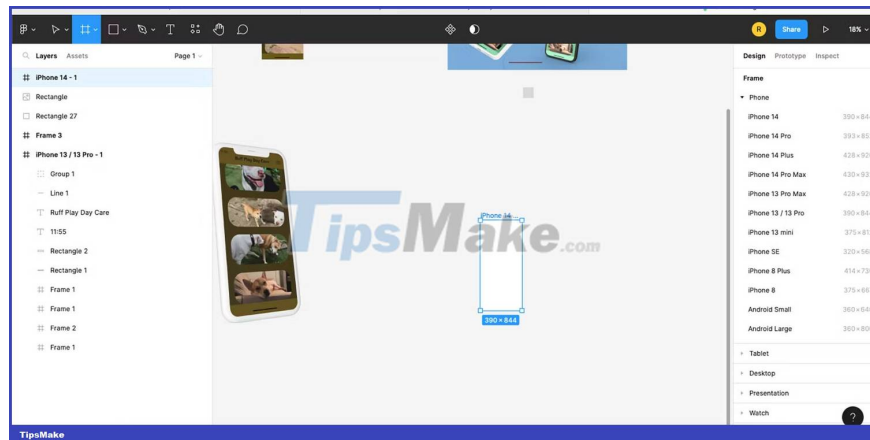
Figma is a powerful design tool and the first choice of most UX/UI designers as a design program. You can create a lot of things in Figma because it's an easy program to learn.

As designers, we are often looking for ways to save time, so we spend more of our precious time creating work than flipping through menus. TipsMake.com.com has put together a list of useful Figma keyboard shortcuts that help streamline your workflow.

1. Select the Scale tool

This simple one-key shortcut is a quick way to expand your items. **Press the K** key, then select the object you need to resize. All you need to do is click and drag an anchor point and your object will stay proportional while scaling to whatever size you need.

2. Select the Frame tool



Frame is a much used tool in Figma when creating multiple frame boards for prototype designs. Pressing **F** on your keyboard brings up tools, allowing you to quickly draw or size your frame.

You can draw the frame directly by clicking and dragging the cursor, or when the Frame tool is selected, you can enter your desired dimensions in the size boxes on the menu to the right.

3. Switch between Design and Prototype mode

The keyboard shortcut **Shift + E** allows you to switch between Design mode and Prototype mode. The same shortcut works no matter what mode you start and switch to.

Also, there are more specific keyboard shortcuts for this purpose. **Alt (Windows) / Option (Mac) + 8** can be used to switch from Prototype mode to Design mode, while **Alt (Windows) / Option (Mac) + 9** switch from Design mode back to Design mode Prototypes. Obviously, it's easier to press **Shift + E** , but it's nice to have so many options.

4. Select innermost element with one click

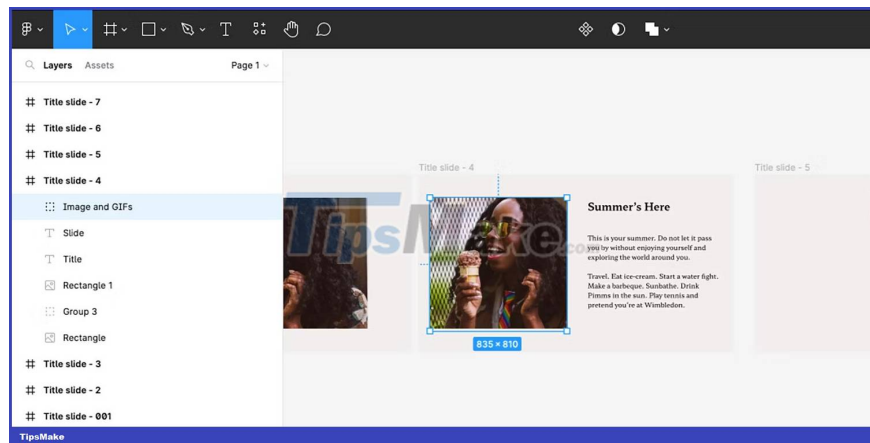
When designing in multiple layers or with embedded images, it can be difficult to select elements quickly. To save time clicking dozens of times to select the bottom layer, use this shortcut instead.

On a Mac, hold **Cmd + Click on the element** , and on Windows, **Ctrl + Click** . A simple shortcut saves a few minutes of mindless clicking to select the element on the bottom layer.

5. Move one level out after selecting the innermost element

Once you've finished selecting the innermost element of your design, you may realize that you want to select the element one level ahead - it's that easy. Once you've found the innermost element, press **Shift + Enter** to go one level back. You can do this for all other levels.

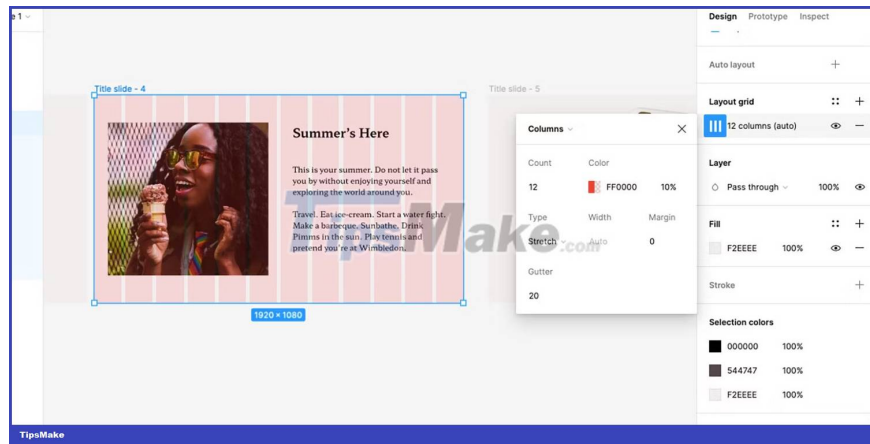
6. Collapse all layers



When designing in Figma, your layers panel will start to expand and can potentially look a bit cluttered, especially when you convert your HTML to a Figma design. To collapse layers, just press **Alt + L (Windows)** or **Option + L (Mac)** .

If you have an element selected while using this shortcut, the layer with that element will remain open. Select anywhere outside the artboard to deselect all elements and use keyboard shortcuts to collapse all layers.

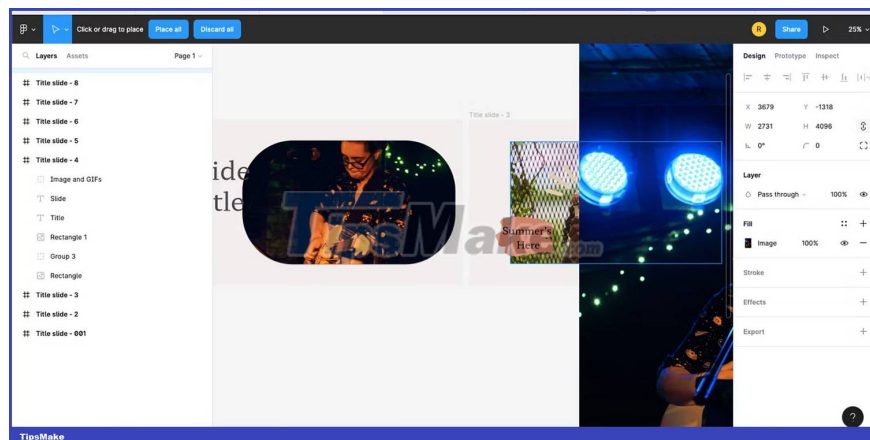
7. Show or hide layout grid



Using layout grids is the best way to ensure that your designs scale well and can scale correctly for a variety of devices. While they are useful, you don't always want the grids to be visible.

Enabling and disabling layout grids on a Mac is different on Windows. On a Mac, press **Ctrl + G** to turn it on or off. If you are using Windows, press 3 keys; **Ctrl + Shift + 4**. Although the keystrokes are different, the function is the same.

8. Put multiple photos at once in Figma



If you've designed layouts with placeholder shapes for images, inserting images one by one can be frustrating. This shortcut allows you to place multiple photos, and simply select a placeholder - or anywhere on the artboard - to place each image individually.

For Mac users, press **Cmd + Shift + K** to pull up the dialog window and find the image. On Windows, press **Ctrl + Shift + K** to find and place multiple photos in your Figma design. If you create a master template in Figma, this is a great shortcut to use.

9. Copy any image as PNG

When using images in your Figma design, you may have a variety of file formats, but perhaps your client requires PNG. You can copy any image as a PNG, regardless of its original format.

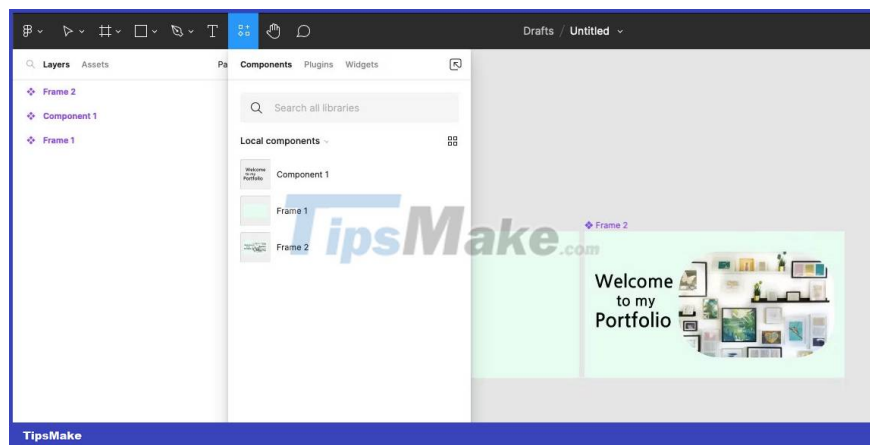
Select the image you want and press **Cmd + Shift + C** on Mac and **Ctrl + Shift + C** on Windows to copy it as PNG. You can easily use this shortcut to ensure a high standard image format, especially if you are creating a presentation using Figma.

10. Choose a color from anywhere

Eyedrop is a handy feature when you want to take color from one part of the design to another part of the design. This quick shortcut allows you to invoke the tool in seconds and pick up color from anywhere on the drawing.

On a Mac, press **Cmd + C** and on Windows, press **Ctrl + I**. Once you've pressed the shortcuts, move the eyedrop target over the color you want to use and click once to grab the color.

11. Open the Resources tab



The Resources tab is where the **Components**, **Plugins**, and **Widgets** menus are located. While there's no shortcut to open those menus individually, the Resources shortcut - **Shift + I** - still saves time. You can use the plugin to create and add models to your Figma designs.

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