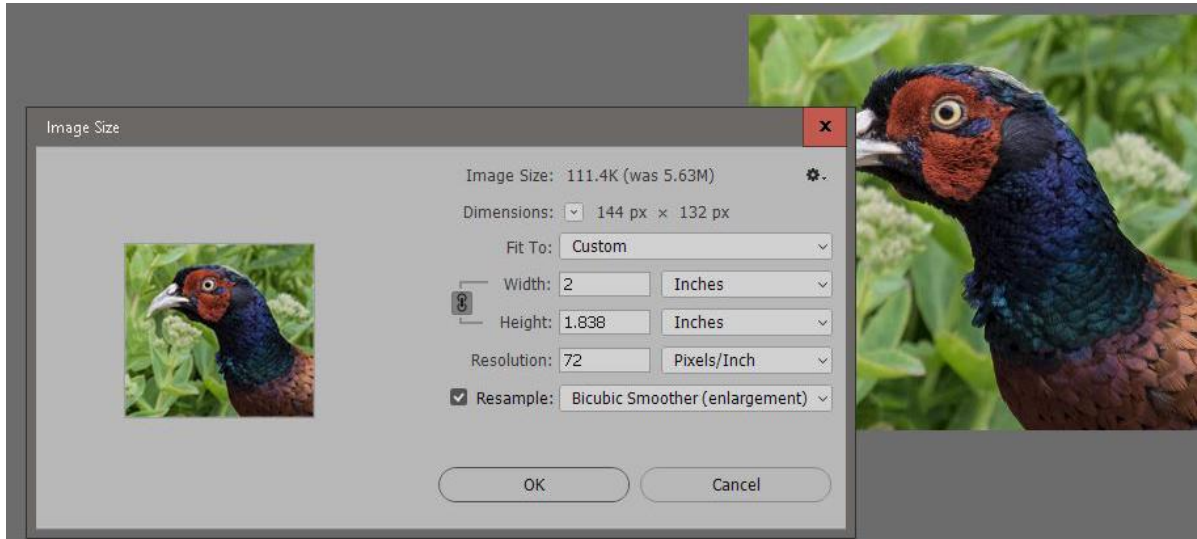


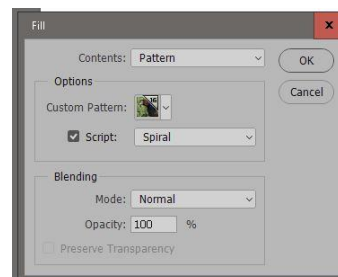
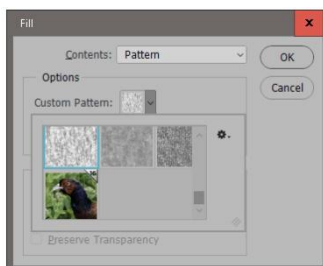
Custom Fill in Photoshop

1. Open the image you wish to use.
2. Crop the part of the image you want as your fill to a rough square or rectangle.
3. Re size the image to about 2 inches (5cm) or so and set the ppi (resolution) at 72



When you click OK your image will shrink to a 'postage stamp' size. Leave it on your Photoshop desk and go to Edit and click on Define Pattern.

5. Go to File, click on New and create an empty document sized for , say, A4 or A3 and the ppi should be 300.
6. Now go to Edit – Fill and choose Pattern from the menu. From the menu that appears you should now see a thumbnail of your image.



Click on your thumbnail to highlight it and then when you click OK your new document will be flooded with your image.

7. To explore alternative (and more interesting!) ways of using your custom fill click to the right of the thumbnail panels and check the Scripts box to open a menu. Spiral and Random are particularly attractive. When you choose an alternative you will find another menu of additional settings. Be aware that the Colour & Brightness randomness sliders are best left at zero unless, of course, you really want the rather weird results that these create! The other sliders are well worth spending some time with.

Using this technique will probably not earn you any points in competitions but could be useful for custom greeting cards or even gift wrap. Have fun!