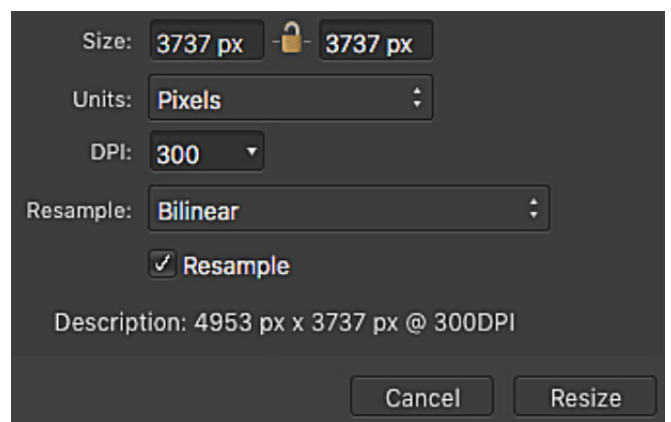
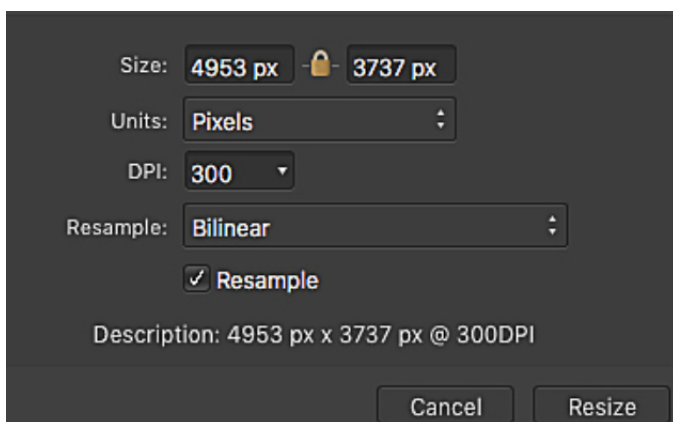


## CREATING AN ORB WITH AFFINITY PHOTO

You can use any image, just experiment and see what works best for the effect you require. I chose this image for this demo.

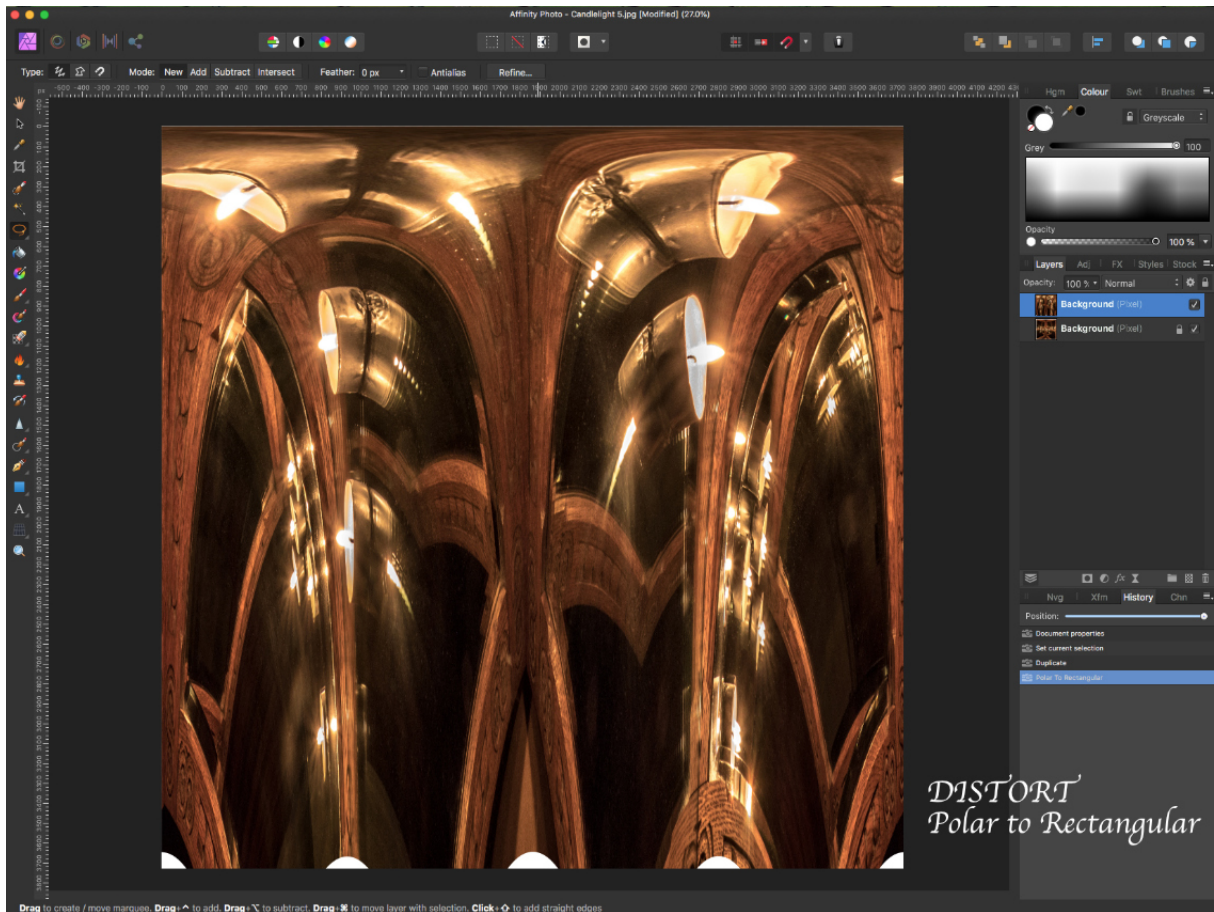


Go to **Menu Bar** and select **Document** ➤ **Re-size Document**. In the panel that pops up, click on the padlock icon and, to create a square document, match the **smaller measurement for both sides**. Click **Resize**. (Other options are to crop the image to a constrained 1:1 size, or leave the image in it's original size - see examples at the end of the demo sheet.)

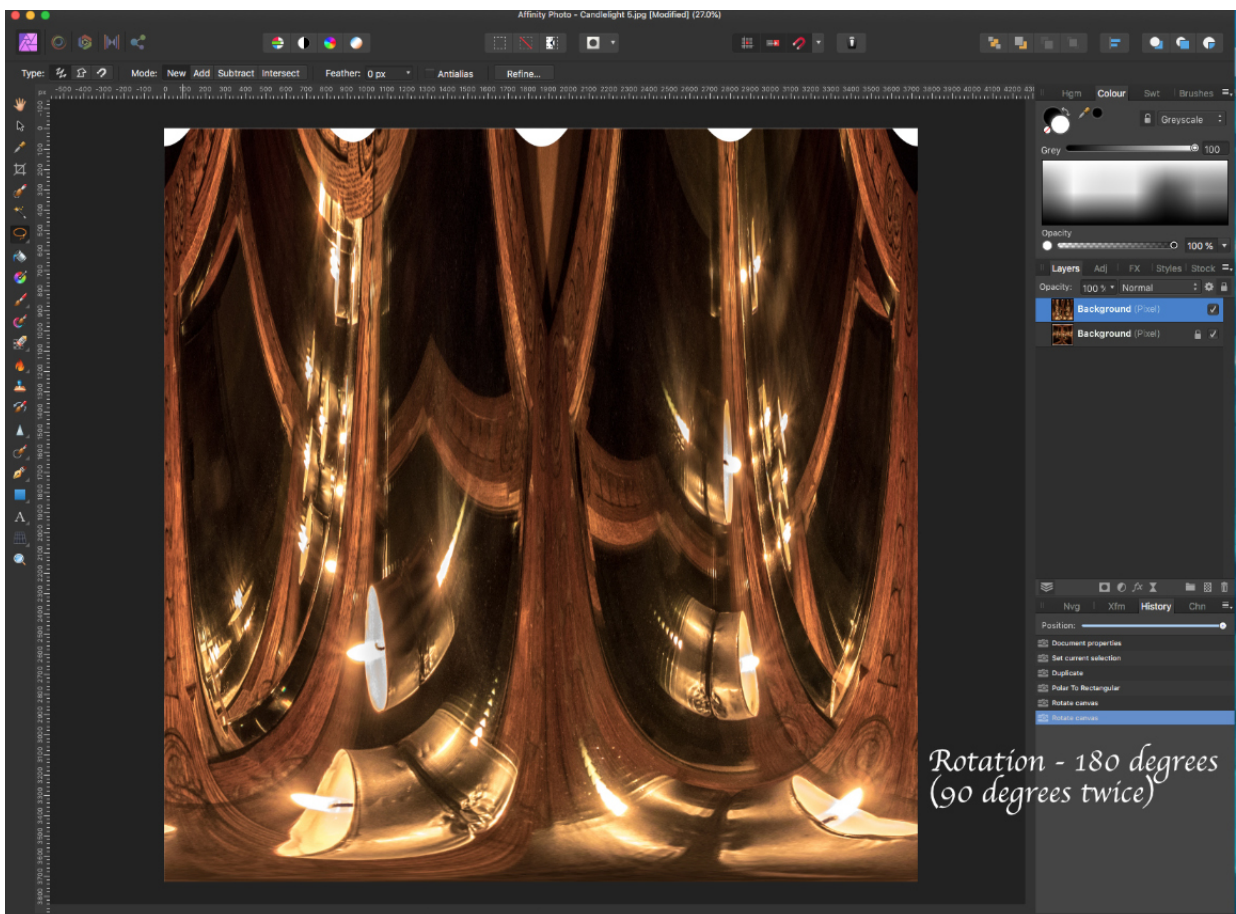


Create a duplicate layer (**ctrl or cmd J**) and with this layer highlighted, go to **Filters** on the **Menu Bar** and down to **Distort** ➤ **“Polar to Rectangular”** option: **Left click**.

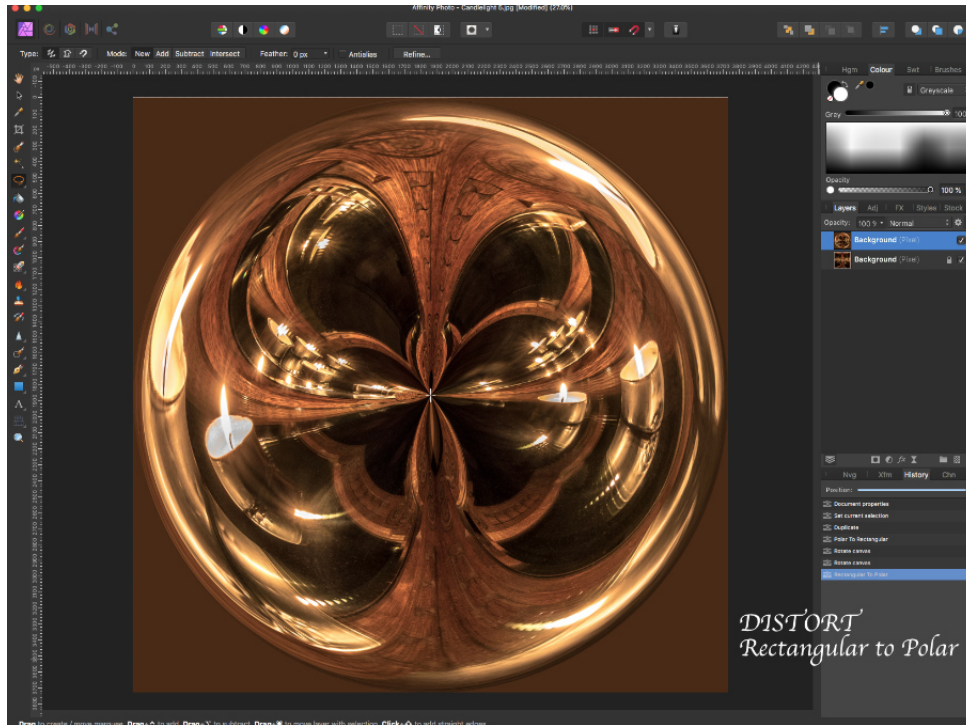




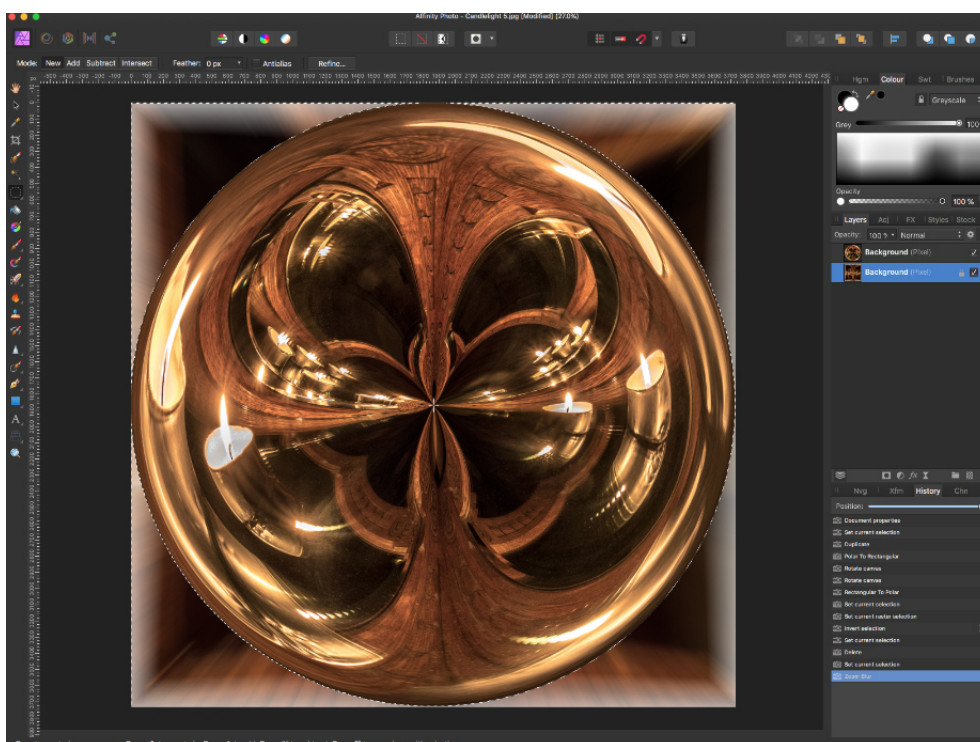
Then go to: **Document** ▶ **“Rotate 90 degrees clockwise”** Repeat this operation to achieve a full **180 degree rotation**.



Then, again go to **Filters** ➤ **“Distort”** ➤ **“Rectangular to Polar”**. **Left click**. Now you have an orb.

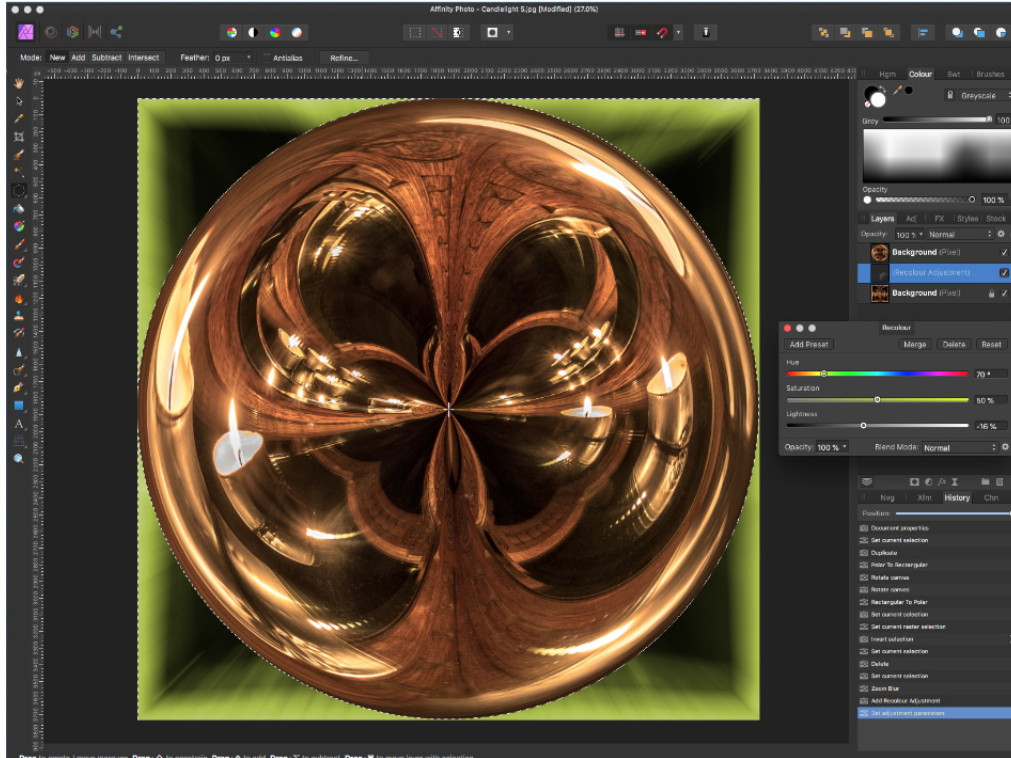


If you want to remove the excess around the orb either use the **selection brush tool** and click anywhere in the excess making sure the ‘**snap to edges**’ is ticked, then press delete; or you can draw a circle using the **elliptical marquee tool** and while holding the shift key, drag the cursor from the top left hand corner to bottom right hand corner, release the mouse first before you release shift, then **Select** ➤ **“invert pixel selection”** and press **“delete”**. You can then alter the background by highlighting the layer and going to **Filter** on the **menu bar** and down to **“Blur”** ➤ **“zoom blur”**, choose an amount, then click **Apply**. This will create an effect on this layer to make the orb stand out even more.





Another option is to head up to the **menu bar**, select **Layer** ➤ **New Adjustment Layer** ➤ **Recolour** . Now adjust all three sliders to compliment the orb. Save by exporting.



Here are a couple more examples.

