

Tips & Tricks for Photoshop Elements

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Outline:

- Basic adjustments
- Selection Tricks
- Special effects
- Fun Stuff
- Organizing photo collections
- Picture projects

Photoshop Elements 4, 5, 6 and 7

- Editor, Organizer, Creations

I. Basic adjustments

- 1) Dark Night or White Light?
 - *Edit>Preferences*
 - *General>User Interface>Brightness*
- 2) New From Clipboard
 - *File>New>Image from Clipboard*
 - From the Web
- 3) Shadows & Highlights
 - *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Shadows/Highlights*
 - *Edit>Quick*
- 4) Adjust Skin Color
 - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Adjust Color for Skin Tone*
 - Instant suntan
- 5) Removing wrinkles & blemishes
 - Blur tool – Lighten
 - Spot Healing Brush Tool
- 6) Surface Blur
 - Softens but keeps details
 - *Filter>Blur>Surface Blur*
- 7) Whiten Teeth
 - Quick Fix mode
 - *Edit> Quick tab>Touch Up>Whiten Teeth Tool*

II. Selection Tricks

- 8) Magic Extractor
 - *Image>Magic Extractor...*
 - Define background
 - Smooth selection
- 9) Smart Brush (v7 only)
 - Select and effect all at once
- 10) Replace Color
 - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Replace Color...*
 - Change Hue
 - Adjust “fuzziness”
- 11) Color Single Object
 - *Select>Inverse*
 - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Remove Color*

III. Special effects

- 12) Black and White
 - *Enhance>Convert to Black and White*
 - Select a Style
- 13) Create High Contrast
 - *Image>Mode>Grayscale*
 - *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Brightness/Contrast*
- 14) Create an Oil Painting
 - *Filter>Brush Strokes>Angled Strokes*
 - *Filter>Texture>Texturizer*
- 15) Create a sketch
 - *Filter>Sketch>Chalk and Charcoal*
- 16) Give an antique look
 - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Adjust Hue Saturation*
 - *Filter>Artistic>Film Grain*
- 17) Cast a spotlight
 - *Filter>Render>Lighting Effects*
 - Spotlight
- 18) Remove Noise
 - *Filter>Noise>reduce Noise*
- 19) Guided Edit
 - *Edit tab>Guided tab*
 - *Photographic Effects> Old Fashioned Photo*
 - *Photographic Effects> Line Drawing*

20) Actions

- Edit tab>Guided tab
- *Automated Actions>Action Player*
- *Special Effects>Sepia Tone with Grain*
- *Lose Weight>Make 4% Thinner*

21) Corel Painter Essentials

- Wacom tablets
- Photo Painting>Watercolor Sketch

22) Photoshop.com

- Edit, store & share online
- 2 GB storage free

IV. Fun Stuff

23) Cutting a mat

- Cookie Cutter Tool
- Crop Shapes

24) Make a stamp

- *Filter>Artistic>Poster Edges*
- *Image>Mode>Grayscale*
- *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Brightness/Contrast*

25) Add a copyright

- *Shape Tool>Symbols*
- *Layers>Mode>Soft Light*

26) Texture type

- Horizontal Type Mask Tool
- *Edit>Copy*
- *Edit>Paste*

27) Making an animated GIF

- *Save for Web>GIF>Animate*

V. Organizing Photo Collections

28) Face tagging

- *Organizer>Find>Find Faces for Tagging*

29) Search Text

- Organizer
- Search by captions
- Find>By Caption or Note

30) Batch processing

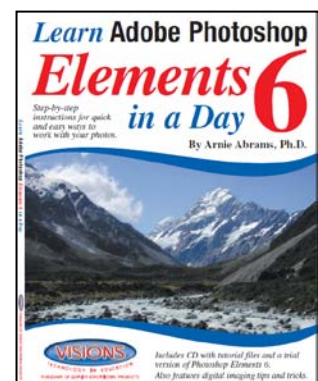
- *File>Process Multiple Photos*

VI. Picture projects

- 31) Creating a contact sheet
 - *Print>Contact Sheet*
- 32) Photo crafts- Create...
 - Create tab
- 33) Web Galleries
 - Share tab
 - *Online Gallery>Interactive*
- 34) Place on Map
 - Right click photo... Place photo on Map
- 35) Group Photos
 - *File>New>Photomerge Group Shot*
 - Pencil tool
- 36) Replace Body Parts
 - *File>New>Photomerge Group Shot*
- 37) Sharing
 - Organizer...Share tab
 - Photo Mail
- 38) Making a sidebar
 - For use as a PowerPoint background or other background
 - *Shape Tool>Oval*
 - *Photo- Edit>Copy*
 - *Background- Edit>Paste Into*
- 39) Creating a background
 - *Layer>Duplicate Layer*
 - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Remove Color*
 - *Layer>New Fill Layer>Solid Color*
 - *Mode>Screen*
 - Opacity
- 40) Creating a slideshow
 - *Create>Slide Show*
 - Pan & Zoom, Durations, Transitions
 - Titles, Audio

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- *“Learn Photoshop Elements in a Day”*
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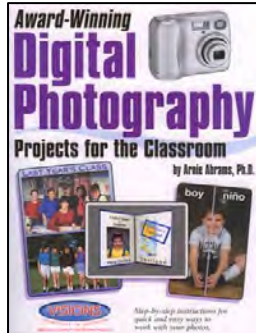
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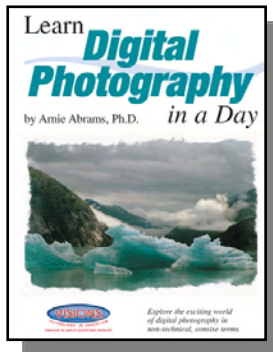
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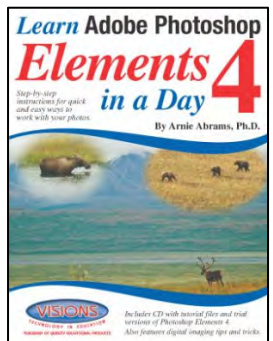
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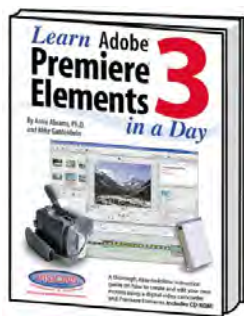


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