

# Digital Imaging Tips & Tricks for Photoshop & Photoshop Elements

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## Outline:

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

## Photoshop Elements 4 & 6

- Editor, Organizer, Creations

## I. Basic adjustments

- 1) New From Clipboard
  - *File>New>Image from Clipboard*
  - From the Web
- 2) Shadows & Highlights
  - *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Shadows/Highlights*
  - *Edit>Quick*
- 3) Adjust Skin Color
  - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Adjust Color for Skin Tone*
  - Instant suntan
- 4) Removing wrinkles & blemishes
  - Blur tool – Lighten
  - Spot Healing Brush Tool

## II. Selection Tricks

- 5) Magic Extractor
  - *Image>Magic Extractor...*
  - Define background
  - Smooth selection
- 6) Quick Select
  - Magic Selection Brush Tool
  - Define foreground & background
- 7) Replace Color
  - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Replace Color...*
  - Change Hue
  - Adjust “fuzziness”
- 8) Color Single Object
  - *Select>Inverse*
  - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Remove Color*

## III. Special effects

- 9) Black and White
  - *Enhance>Convert to Black and White*
  - Select a Style
- 10) Create High Contrast
  - *Image>Mode>Grayscale*
  - *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Brightness/Contrast*
- 11) Create an Oil Painting
  - *Filter>Brush Strokes>Angled Strokes*
  - *Filter>Texture>Texturizer*
- 12) Create a sketch
  - *Filter>Sketch>Chalk and Charcoal*
- 13) Give an antique look
  - *Enhance>Adjust Color>Adjust Hue Saturation*
  - *Filter>Artistic>Film Grain*
- 14) Cast a spotlight
  - *Filter>Render>Lighting Effects*
  - Spotlight

- 15) Remove Noise
  - *Filter>Noise>reduce Noise*

#### **IV. Fun Stuff**

- 16) Cutting a mat
  - Cookie Cutter Tool
  - Crop Shapes
- 17) Make a stamp
  - *Filter>Artistic>Poster Edges*
  - *Image>Mode>Grayscale*
  - *Enhance>Adjust Lighting>Brightness/Contrast*
- 18) Add a copyright
  - *Shape Tool>Symbols*
  - *Layers>Mode>Soft Light*
- 19) Texture type
  - Horizontal Type Mask Tool
  - *Edit>Copy*
  - *Edit>Paste*
- 20) Making an animated GIF
  - *Save for Web>GIF>Animate*

#### **V. Organizing Photo Collections**

- 21) Face tagging
  - *Organizer>Find>Find Faces for Tagging*
- 22) Batch processing
  - *File>Process Multiple Photos*

#### **VI. Picture projects**

- 23) Creating a contact sheet
  - *Print>Contact Sheet*
- 24) Photo crafts- Create...
  - Create tab

## 25) Web Galleries

- Share tab
- *Online Gallery>Interactive*

## 26) GPS Map

- Right click photo... Place photo on Map

## 27) Group Photo

- *File>New>Photomerge Group Shot*
- Pencil tool

## 28) Photo Mail

- Share tab... Photo Mail

## 29) Making a sidebar

- For use as a PowerPoint background or other background
- *Shape Tool>Oval*
- *Photo- Edit>Copy*
- *Background- Edit>Paste Into*

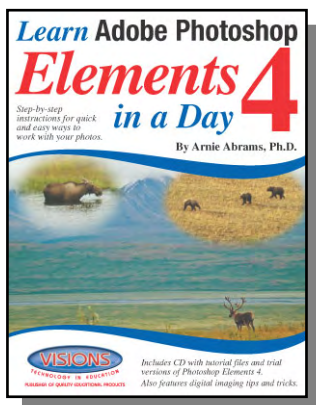
## 30) Creating a background

- *Layer>Duplicate Layer*
- *Enhance>Adjust Color>Remove Color*
- *Layer>New Fill Layer>Solid Color*
- *Mode>Screen*
- Opacity

## 31) Creating a slideshow

- *Create>Slide Show*
- Pan & Zoom, Durations, Transitions
- Titles, Audio

## My books:



- “*Learn Photoshop Elements in a Day*”
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