



Selecting & Working with Pictures

When putting together a Trend Board or Presentation, Pictures are one of the key elements that really make your presentation shine! Pictures can come from all different types of sources, the internet, databases, and external documents.



The Challenge

Find five pictures that best represent your personality. Try looking for pictures at gettyimages.com, or googleimages.com.



Selecting Pictures

1. After finding a picture that best describes you, using your mouse click on the picture.

* You want to click on the picture until you can't click any further. *

2. Using your mouse right click on the image. Using the drop down menu "copy" the image.

3. Open PhotoShop and open a new document by either using the drop down menu under FILE new, or Ctrl N.

4. In the NEW menu box, you want to select the "clipboard" setting. This will automatically create a document the same size of the image you just copied. Also choose the transparent setting for the backdrop.

5. Select four more pictures that best describe you, and copy and paste them into PhotoShop.

Using the Selection Tools

Quick Selection Tool

1. Select the Quick Selection tool.

2. Paint Inside the part of the image you want to select. The selection grows as you paint. If you stop dragging and then click or drag to a nearby area, the selection will grow to include the new area.

- To Subtract or Add from a selection, click the subtraction or addition option from the option bar, and then drag over the existing selection.

Magic Wand

1. Select one of your pictures with a plain background.
2. Using the Magic wand tool click on the plain background. The “marching ants” represent the now selected background. Hit the DELETE key and everything that was selected has now disappeared!

*The magic wand works by selecting colors / pixels. The default in the Tolerance is usually 32. By changing the tolerance up or down you can change the amount of pixels the magic wand selects.

Marquee Tool

1. The Marquee Tool lets you select rectangles, ellipses, and 1-pixel rows & columns.
2. Select a marquee tool, and click and drag the item over the desired area.
3. The selection tool has four different options. Using the selection tool in either the Rectangle or the Elliptical by clicking and dragging the tool over the desired area. Whatever that is in the selected area designated by the “Marching ants” can then be altered.

Things to try with the selection tool.....

- Try the CTRL key and the “X” key to CUT the selection – This can now be pasted into a new document or layer. To PASTE into the new document hit CTRL key and the “V” key to paste in the selection.
- Try using the Select option from the Menu bar. Use the Inverse Key to change the selection.
- Using the Select option or the tool bar try changing the options for the “feathering”.
- REMEMBER... If you don’t like what you have selected use the CTRL key and the “D” key to deselect the area. This can also be done using the Select option from the menu bar.

Refine Selection Edges

1. Create a selection with any selection tool
2. Click Refine Edge in the selection tool options bar.

RADIUS: Determines the size of the region around the selection boundary in which edge refinement occurs.

CONTRAST: Sharpens selection edges and removes fuzzy artifacts

SMOOTH: Reduces irregular areas in the selection by creating a smoother outline.

FEATHER: Creates a soft-edged transition between the selection and its surrounding pixels.

CONTRACT / EXPAND: Shrinks or enlarges the selection boundary.

Using the Crop Tool

4. Select a picture that has items in the background that you do not want.
5. From the Toolbox select the Crop tool. Click and Drag the crop tool over the area that you want. Once you let go of the mouse the area outside of the crop tool will turn gray. This gray area will be deleted once you hit enter.

Using the Lasso Tools

There are three different options for the Lasso Tool.

1. **LASSO TOOL:** Select a picture and then using the Lasso tool you can click and drag a free form selection around your object. When you connect the two ends the selection will be made.
2. **POLYGONAL LASSO TOOL:** This Lasso tool will allow you to make the same selections, except you can now make the selections in straight lines.
3. **MAGNETIC LASSO TOOL:** Using this Lasso tool, the “Magnet” of this tool will automatically grab the edge of the object you are selecting.

Retouch with the Clone Stamp Tool

The Clone Stamp tool paints one part of an image over another part of the same images. The Clone Stamp tool is useful for duplicating objects or removing a defect in an image.

1. Select the Clone Stamp tool.
2. Set the sampling point by positioning the pointer in any part of the image and Alt – click.
3. Drag over the area of the image you want to correct.

Erase with the Eraser Tool

The Eraser tool changes pixels to either the background color or transparent.

1. Select the Eraser tool.
 2. Choose a mode for the eraser. Brush and Pencil set the eraser to act like these tools. Block is a hard edge fixed size square.
- **REMEMBER...** If you make a mistake use the CTRL key and the “Z” key to undo the last option. To step back even further use the CTRL, ALT and the “Z” key. This can also be done from the Edit option from the menu bar.