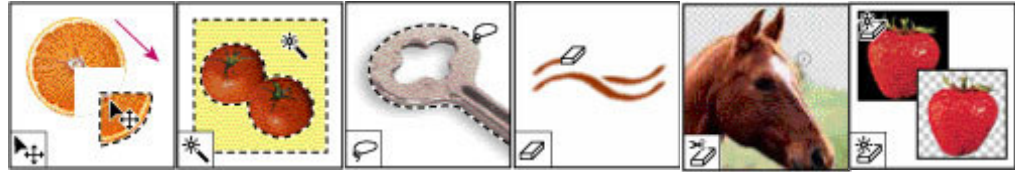




Adobe Photoshop elements II¹

The palette



1. Selecting tools

- Move tool**-lets you drag a pixel selection to a new location in the image.
- Lasso tool**-The lasso and polygonal lasso tools let you draw both straight-edged and freehand segments of a selection border. With the magnetic lasso tool, the selection border snaps to edges you drag over in the image
- Magic Wand Tool**-Selects part of an image based on the similarity in color of adjacent pixels the magic wand is useful for selecting odd-shaped areas without having to trace a complex outline using a selection tools.
- Eraser** - Erases pixels as you drag through them. The eraser tool is useful to touch up mistakes you may have made.
- Background Eraser** - Useful for erasing the background while maintaining the edges of an object in the foreground.
- Magic Eraser** - Pixels are erased except in background layers or layers with locked transparency, where pixels change to the background color.



TRY RIGHT CLICKING ON TOOLS TO SEE OTHER CHOICES

Filters

Filters let you apply special visual effects to your images, such as mosaic tile, lighting, and three-dimensional effects. You can also use some filters to clean up or retouch your photos.

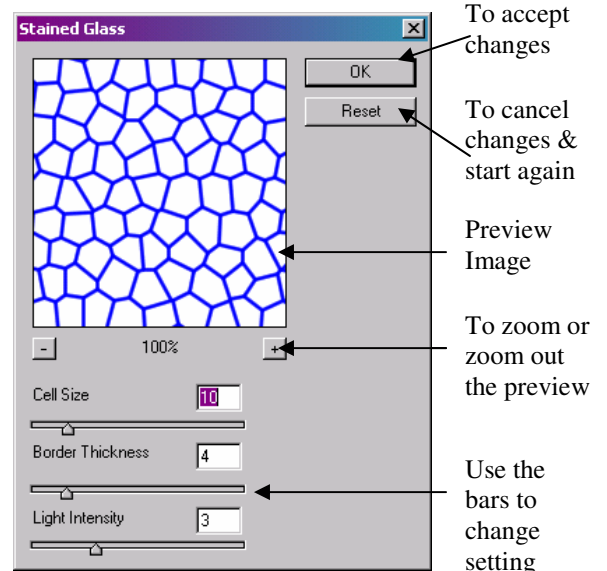


Filter sets appear in the Filters palette and in the Filter menu. In addition, some third-party filters appear at the bottom of the Filter menu. Keep in mind the following guidelines when choosing a filter:

- Filters affect the active, visible layer or a selected area of the layer.
- Most filters have their own options window

Example of some filters:

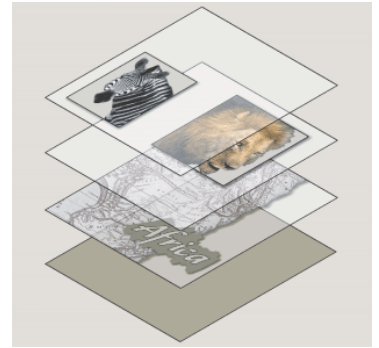
Glowing edges, Blur, colored pencil, mosaic, water color, twirl, dust and scratches, grain, stained glass, charcoal, Solarize, wind, crystallize, facet, 3D clouds, sponge,



¹ All photos from C:\Program Files\Adobe\Photoshop Elements 2\Help\help.html

Layers

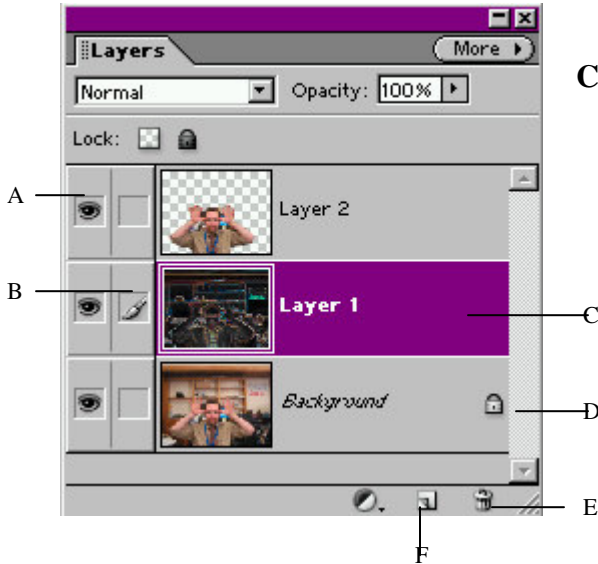
- Photo elements uses a system of layers. Erase part of one layer and the layer below shows through. Use this to alter the background or to insert a particular photo by adding a certain layer.
- Elements let you create up to 8000 layers in an image, each with its own blending mode and opacity.



Palette

Creating a layered image

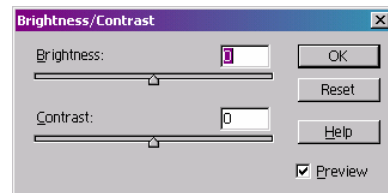
1. Select the whole image or part of an image
2. Paste and the new image appears on a new layer
or
3. Use the New layer button and fill it with an image or filter



- A. Eye – shows what is seen
- B. Brush – shows editable layer
- C. Highlight – Shows active layer
- D. Lock – makes layer uneditable
- E. Trashcan – used to delete a layer
- F. Square – create new layer

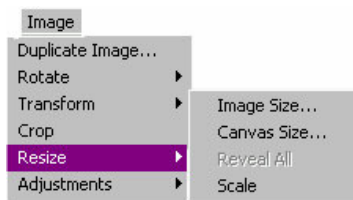
Brightness / Contrast

1. click enhance and choose brightness and contrast
2. use the sliding bars to adjust the brightness and contrast



Resizing Images

1. Choose the layer you want to edit
2. Choose a resize option



Scale

Use the handles to resize your picture
Hold shift to lock aspect



Rotate

Layer/Selection 90° - Left to rotate counterclockwise by a quarter-turn.
Layer/Selection 90° - Right to rotate clockwise by a quarter-turn.
Layer/Selection 180° -to rotate by a half-turn.
Flip Layer/Selection Horizontal - to flip horizontally.
Flip Layer/Selection Vertical - to flip vertically.

Keyboard Shortcuts

- Zoom in** – Ctrl & +
- Zoom Out** - Ctrl & -
- Fit on Screen** - Ctrl & O
- Select All** - Ctrl & A
- Deselect All** - Ctrl & D
- Inverse Select** - Ctrl & Shift & I
- Copy** - Ctrl & C
- Paste** - Ctrl & V
- Cut** - Ctrl & X
- Open** - Ctrl & O
- Save** - Ctrl & S
- Help** – F1
- Undo** - Ctrl & Z
- Redo** - Ctrl & Y
- Ruler** - Ctrl & R