



Photoshop Elements Tutorial

Making and Pasting a Silhouette

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Making Silhouettes

- Open two pictures that you want to silhouette



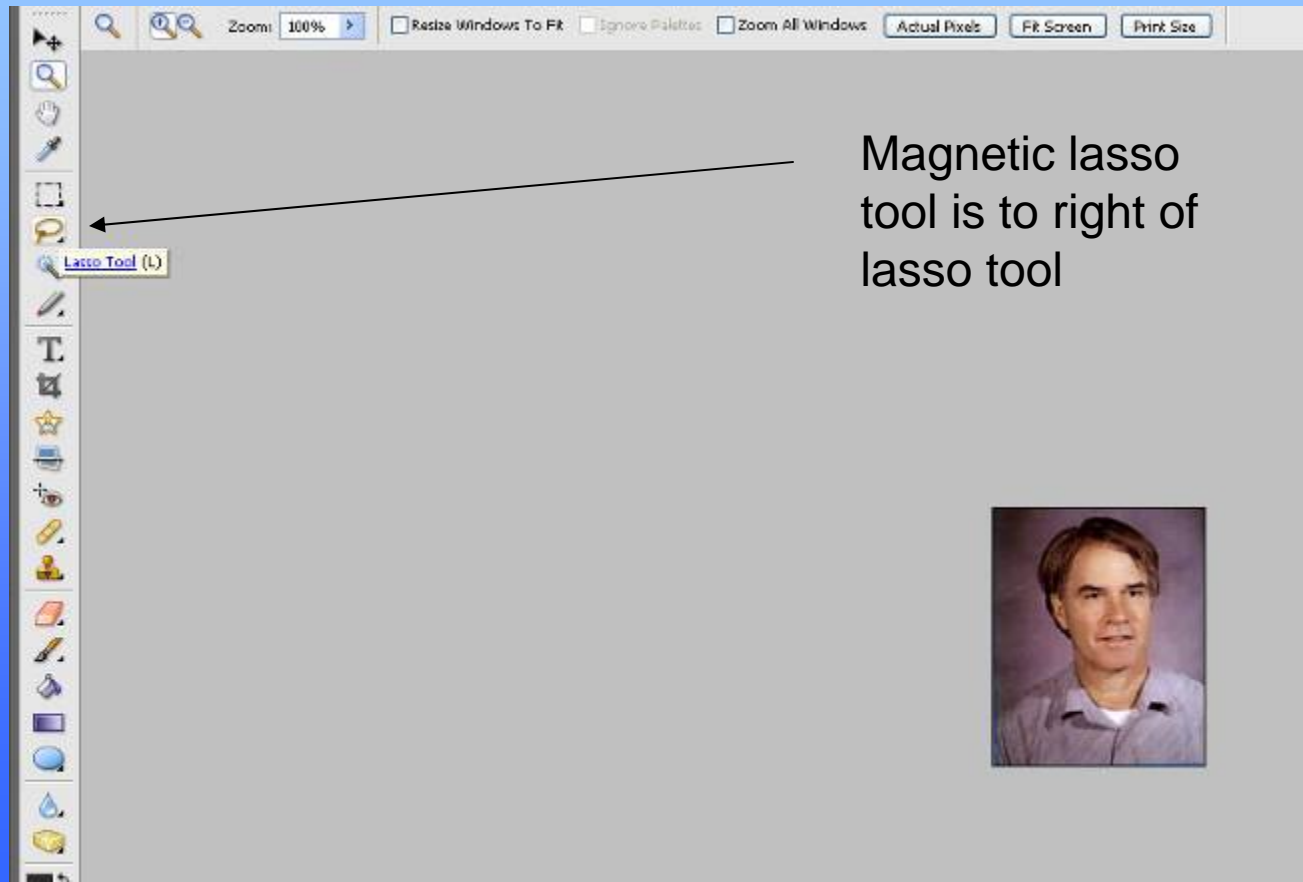
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- One picture is defined as the background picture- the other is the one which is to be pasted.
- We will work on the one to be pasted first



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- Select the magnetic lasso tool



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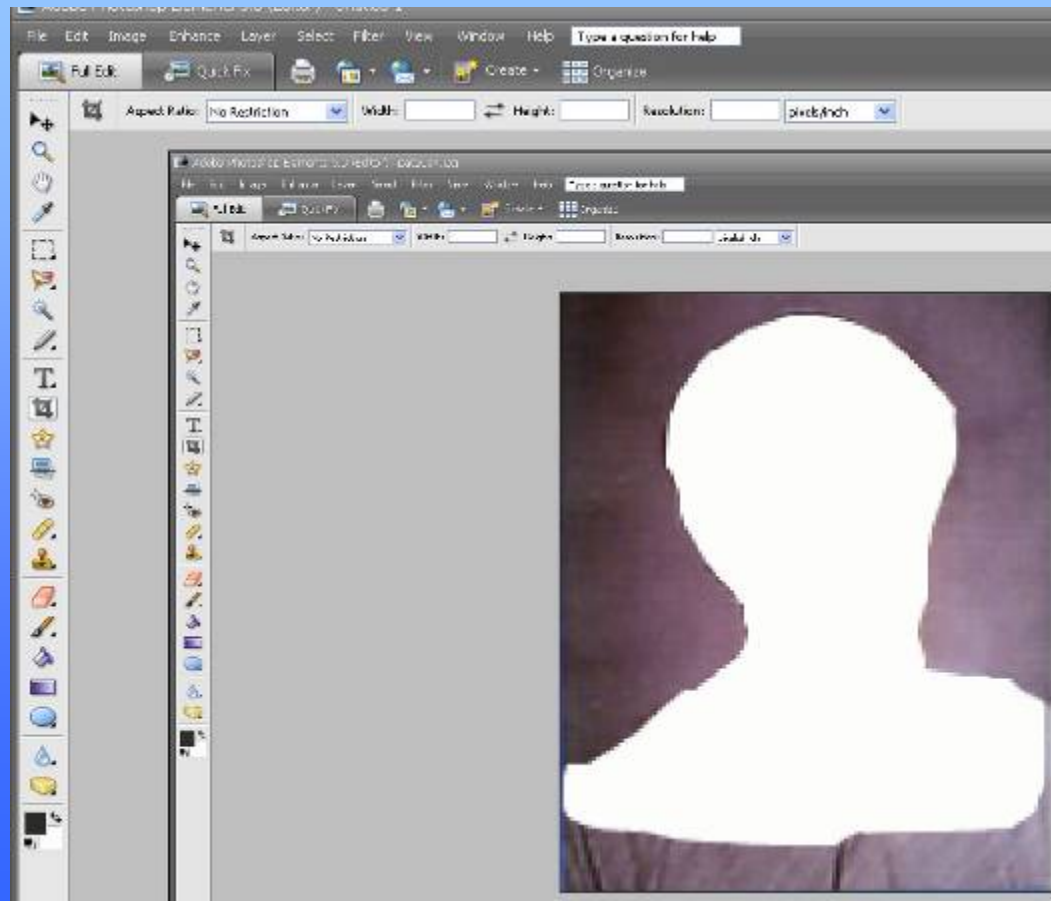
- Carefully scribe around your picture with the magnetic lasso tool
- It is not important to be exact- just stay outside the part you want to keep
- Removing the extra is easy

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- Hint:
- If your picture does not have much contrast the magnetic lasso may not be best for you
- Try the lasso tool instead, then go to the next slide

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- When you have all you want (plus more is okay) select “Edit”- Cut



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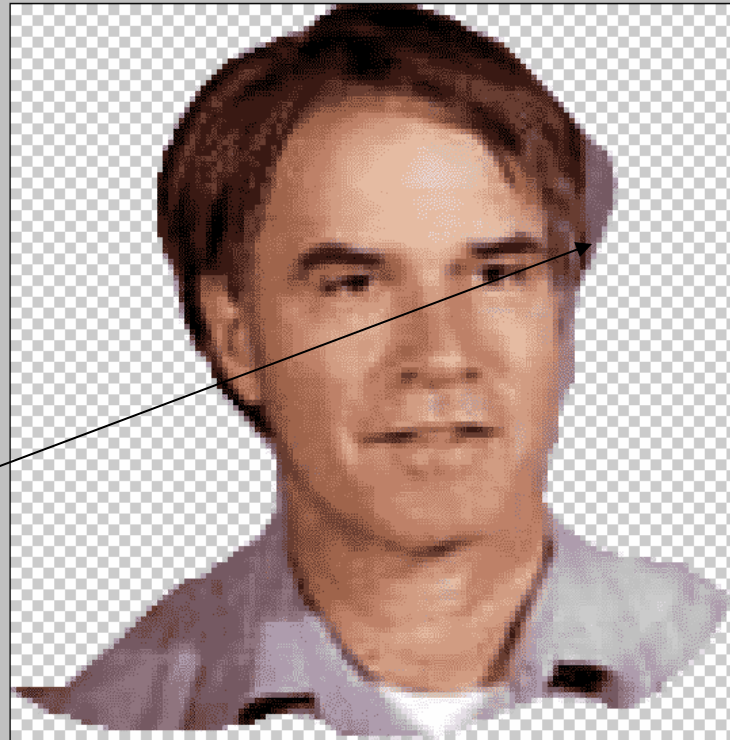
- Now select File- New- Image from Clipboard



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- My cutting is not quite perfect
- Yours probably will not be either
- Let's clean it up

Notice this area- I
have more to
remove

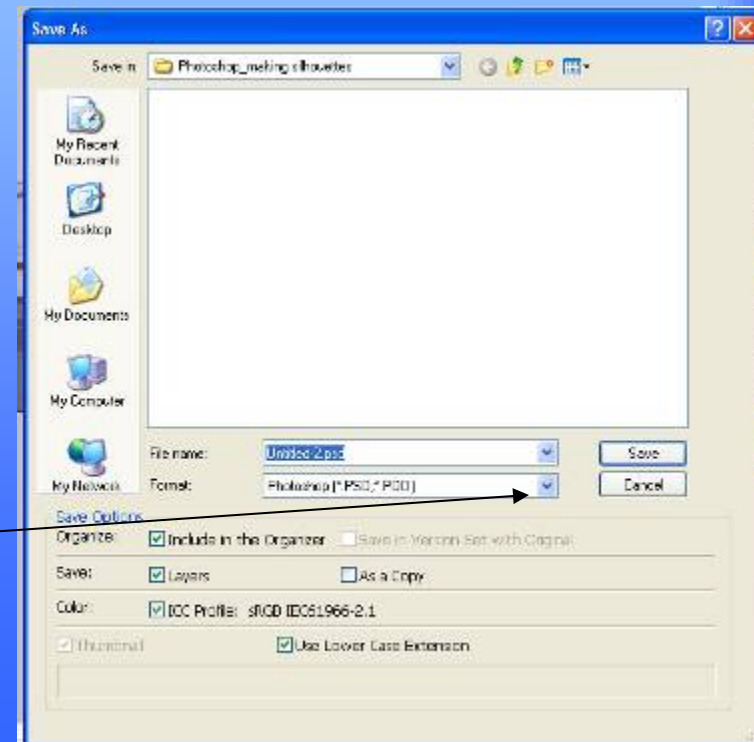


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- Magnify your picture using the magnifying tool until it is big enough to easily work on
- Select the eraser tool
- Modify the size of the eraser so you can easily work with it
- Erase the extra along the edges

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- The finished picture needs to be saved as a .gif (CompuServe)
- Go to File- Save As- and choose .gif from the wizard



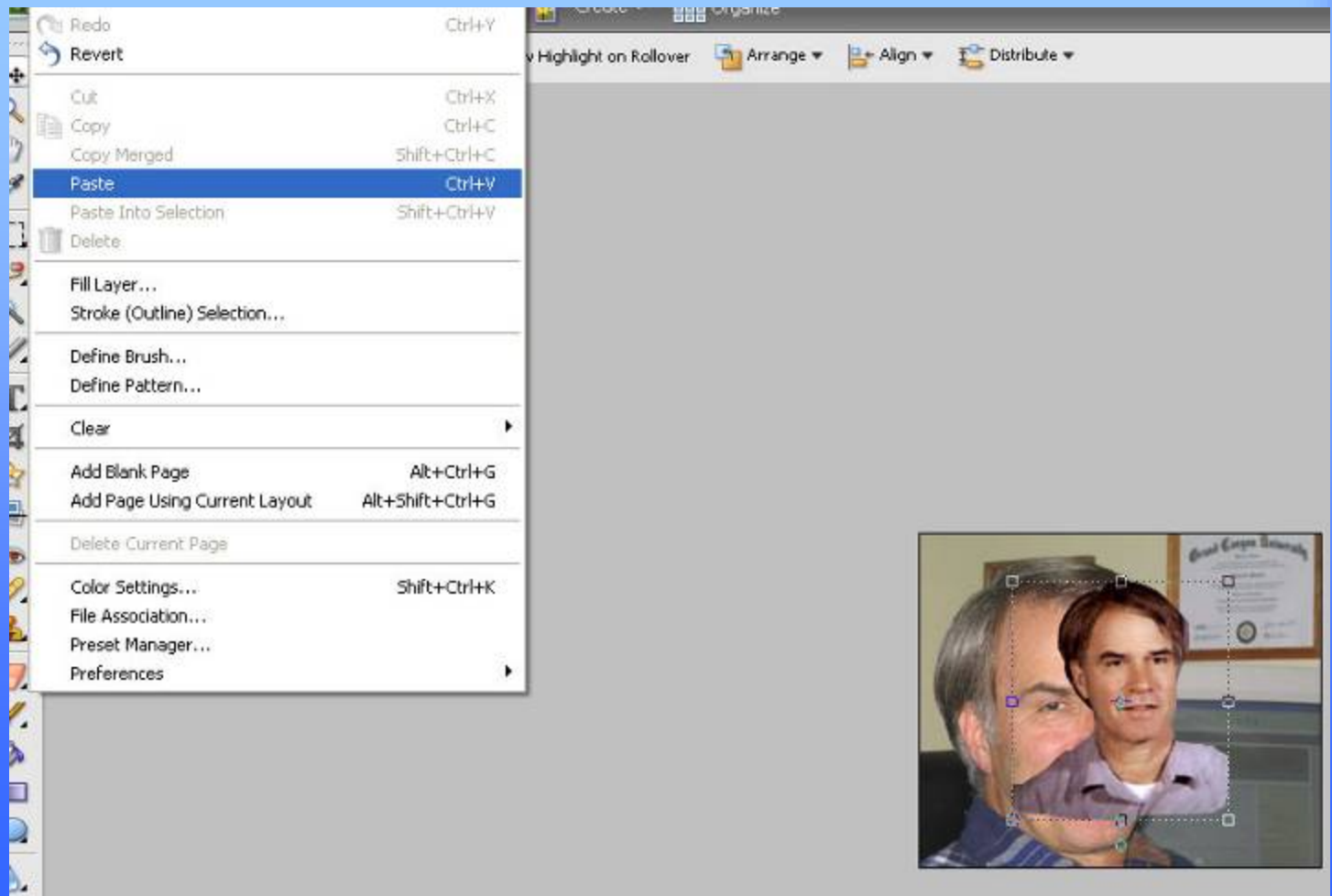
**Click on arrow and find
.gif save option**

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- Now, with your gif picture saved, select “Select”- “All”
- Then select “Edit”- “Copy”
- Now click on your background picture down in the Photo Bin to bring it up
- Click “Edit”- “Paste”

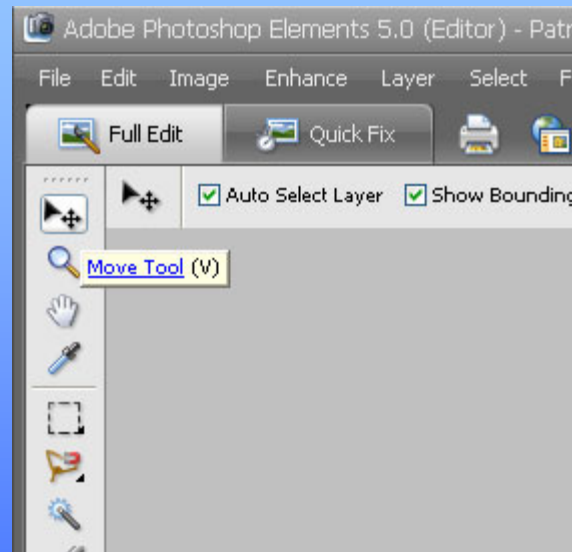
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- It should look like this:



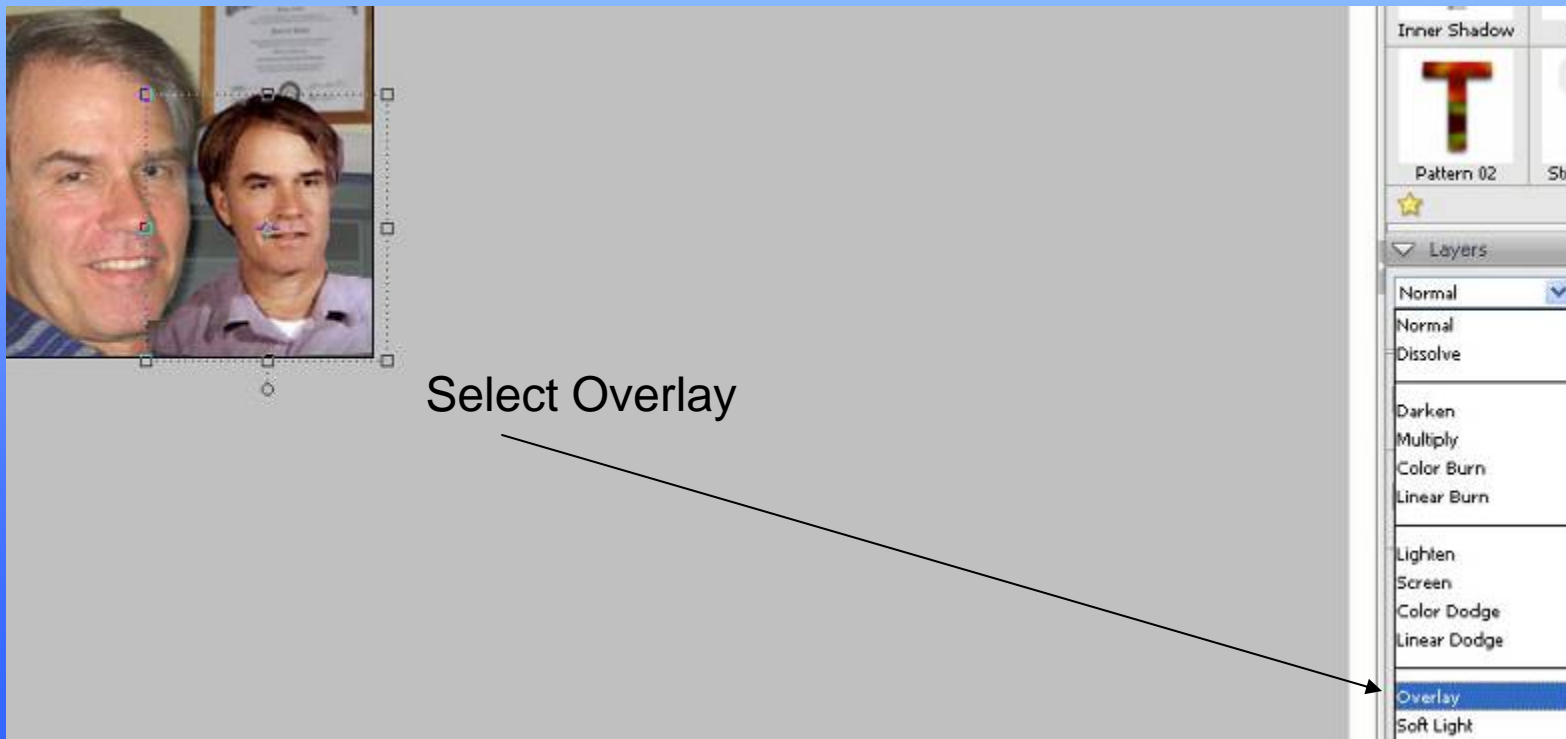
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- Now select the move tool from the tool palette



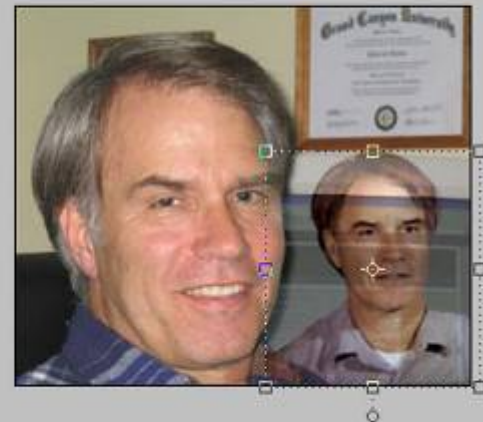
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- Select the picture you just pasted and move it to the desired position
- Select “overlay” from the Layers Menu



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- You have a silhouette!
- I needed to resize mine a bit
- Yes, that is my Master's Degree I am trying to show off



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- Saving Concerns
- If you want to do everything over again when you want to adjust one more thing
- Then just save this as a .jpg
- From the .jpg you can print nice pictures and share easily on the web

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- BUT...
- If you want to make life easy on yourself, save first a .psd (photoshop document)
- This feature saves all your layers, and lets you change “that one more thing” easily
- After you save it as a .psd, then save it as a .jpg

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- Now you are on your way to knowing Photoshop Elements

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- And my daughter Danielle- then 3, but now 24

