

# PHOTO Elements TECHNIQUES

## Changing Hair Color

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Learn some great tips for selecting a subject's hair and how to use Hue/Saturation Adjustment Layers to change hair color.

Photoshop Elements 13 was used in this video.

1. Open an image in Expert mode, **File>Open**.
2. Grab the **Quick Selection tool (A)** from your Toolbox, and in the Tool Options bar make sure that the **Quick Selection tool** is selected and **Auto-Enhanced** is checked.
3. Make a selection of the hair using the **Quick Selection tool**. Use the right bracket key ( **]** ) to make the brush larger and the left bracket key ( **[** ) to

- make the brush smaller. To subtract from the selection press-and-hold the **Alt (Mac: Option) key** paint over the areas you want to subtract.
4. Go to the **Select menu** and choose **Refine Edge**.
  5. In the **Refine Edge dialog**,
    - a. Choose a **View** from the drop-down.
    - b. Turn on the **Smart Radius** option.
    - c. Adjust the **Radius slider** as needed.
    - d. Grab the **Refine Radius tool** and paint over the needed areas.
    - e. In the **Adjust Edge** section adjust the **Smooth slider** as needed.
    - f. When satisfied with your selection choose **Selection** from the **Output To:** drop-down.
  6. Click on the **Create new fill or adjustment layer icon** and select Hue/Saturation from the drop-down.
  7. In the **Hue/Saturation dialog** check the **Colorize checkbox** and use the **Hue slider** to select a color.
  8. If there are areas that were missed when the selection was made, click on the layer mask to make it active for editing, then grab your **Brush tool** and with white as the foreground color, paint over needed areas.
  9. If there are areas where you want to hide the adjustment, change your foreground color chip to black and paint over them.
  10. To darken blonde hair change the **Blend Mode** to **Multiply**. (to make dark hair lighter, change the **Blend Mode** to **Screen**).
  11. To darken it further, duplicate the layer by pressing **Ctrl-J** (Mac: **Command-J**).
  12. Adjust the **Opacity** of the layers as needed.