

Editing Photos: Removing & Changing Background

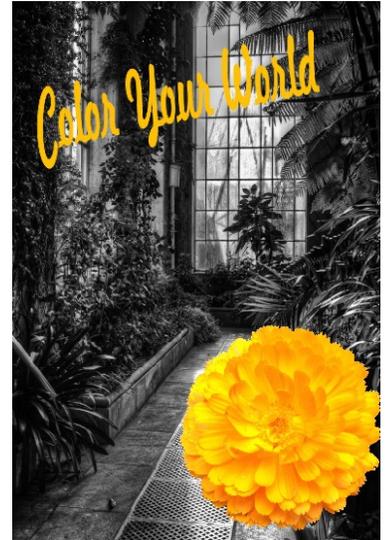


Open Photo for Editing

- Select *New*.
- Switch to *Artwork Canvas*.
- Click on *Load Picture*.
- Navigate to the *mum.jpg*.
- Select it; select *Import*.
- Press *Enter*.
- While the picture is selected, select *Touch Up Bitmap*.
- This opens Corel PHOTO-PAINT Essentials.



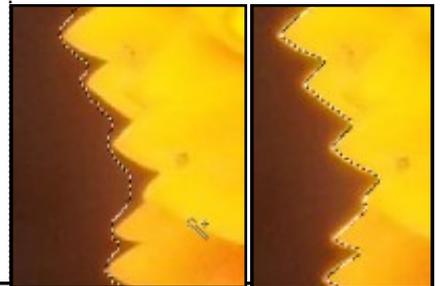
Notes:



With high contrast photos, the tolerance can be increased; use a small value for low contrast.

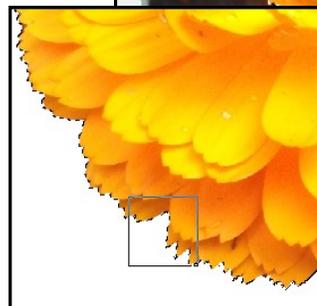
Removing the Background

- Click on the black triangle of the *Rectangle Mask* tool.
- Select the *Magic Wand Mask*.
- In the *Property bar*, change the *Tolerance* to 25.
- To make sure that the mask is visible, *Mask Marquee* should be activated.
- Click on the background.
- Notice the marching lines. Not all areas of the background are selected.
- Make sure *Additive Mode* is selected.
- Continue to click on any areas of the background that are not selected by the mask. As long as you stay in *Additive Mode* you will be selecting areas and adding them to the current mask selection.
- *Zoom* in to areas around the flower that should also be part of the background.
- If *Additive Mode* selects something you don't want selected, you may choose *Undo*.
- You can also switch to *Subtractive Mode* to deselect any areas that you don't want included.
- Your goal is to get the marching lines around most of the flower while excluding the background as shown at the right.



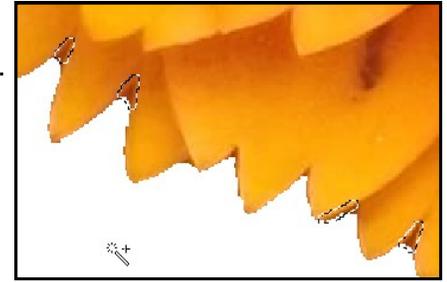
Erasing the Background

- When you get as close as you can to this, select the *Eraser tool*.
- In the *Property Bar*, change the nib size to 200. You can choose either a round or square nib.
- Select *Mask > Invert*.
- Begin erasing the background. The inverted mask protects the flower while erasing the background.
- Select *Remove Mask*.

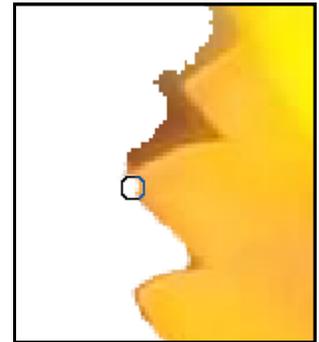


Fine Tuning the Removal

- There will be areas around the flower that you will want to clean up.
- Zoom in to see these areas along the edge.
- You have two choices to clean the edges:
 - ◆ *Through Tolerance & Masking:*
 - ◇ Change the *Tolerance* to a lower number, 10-13.
 - ◇ Select the *Magic Wand*.
 - ◇ Click on the area to be painted over.
 - ◇ Use *Additive Mode* to add to the area. Work your way around the flower until most all areas are selected.
 - ◇ *Undo* will still work if you select something you shouldn't have selected.
 - ◇ Re-select the *Eraser* tool.
 - ◇ Paint over the unmasked area.
 - ◇ Select *Remove Mask*.
 - ◇ Repeat as needed.
 - ◆ *Through Eraser Tool only:*
 - ◇ Re-select the Eraser tool, but change the nib size to 4-6.
 - ◇ Press *Enter* to activate.
 - ◇ Zoom in and erase along the edge, remembering that there is no edge to protect the flower.
- In either instance, remember that you are zoomed out. Always use the F4 key as a reality check. Don't get consumed by eliminating all the details.

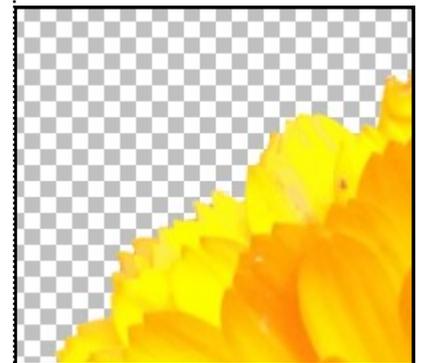


The Mask will remain inverted as you refine the areas to be cleaned.



Saving with Transparent Background

- Select *File > Export for Web*.
- Choose either *GIF* or *PNG* for the *Format*.
- Place a check mark by *Transparency*.
- Select *None* for *Dithering*.
- You may zoom out with your mouse wheel to see the entire picture.
- Select the *Eyedropper* tool.
- Select *Make The Selected Color Transparent*.
- At the bottom of the screen, select *Save As*.
- Navigate to the location to save the file and call it, *Transparent Mum*.
- Click on *Save*.
- Close Corel PHOTO-PAINT. Don't save the changes.
- Delete the original image in Artwork Canvas.



The background becomes check-board when it is transparent.

Adding a New Background

- Select *Load Artwork*.
- Navigate to the picture, *Garden*.
- Select it, select *Import*; press *Enter*.
- Resize as desired.





Adding the Flower

- Select *Load Artwork*.
- Navigate to the location of the *Transparent mum*.
- Select it, select import, press *Enter*.
- Resize and move as desired.



Adding Lettering for Printing

- Select *Vector Lettering*.
- Select a color that will show up on the black & white picture.
- Click on the picture and type, *Color Your World*.
- Select the lettering and resize as desired.
- You may also rotate the lettering.
- To color the lettering to match the flower, select the *Color Eyedropper* icon.
- Click on an area of the mum to select the color.
- Hover over the lettering.
- Click on the lettering to change the color.
- Select *File > Export* and save the file as *Finished Garden*.



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