

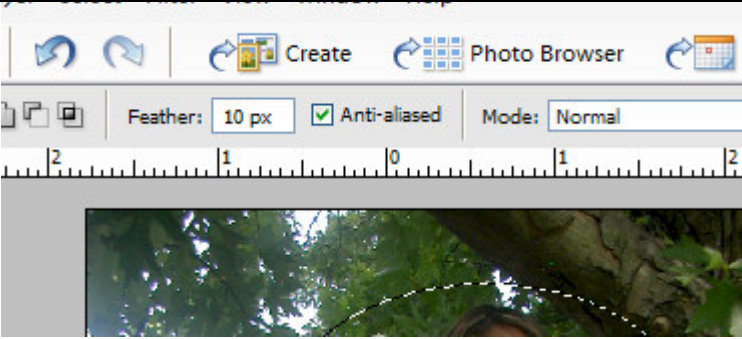

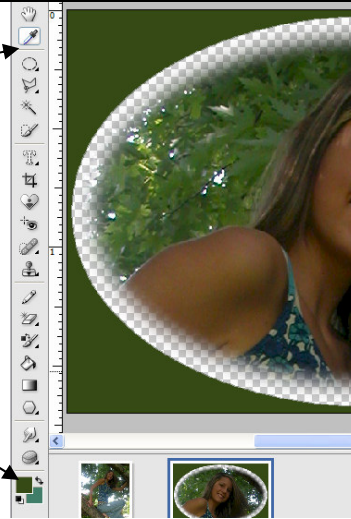


Photoshop Elements Tutorial: "Oval Picture with Smudged Edges"

<p>1. Select File>Open, and get the picture you want to use.</p>	
<p>2. Select the elliptical marquee to make a selection on your picture.</p>	<p>Looks like this></p> 
<p>3. To use the marquee tool, click from the top left, and circle what you want to have in the picture. (See example)</p>	
<p>4. To soften the edges of your selection, look at the top for "feather", and change it to 5 or 10 pixels. This is an option...not mandatory...you may or may not like this effect.</p> <p>5. When you are finished with the selection, go to Edit, and copy it.</p>	
<p>6. Now you are ready to move it to a new canvas. Select File> New.</p> <p>7. Add 10 extra pixels to your width and height. Name it, and click OK.</p> <p>8. Click Edit>Paste, and your selection will appear on the new canvas.</p> <p>Note: the checkerboard around the picture means I chose a "transparent background".</p>	

9. Now add a background. Choose a color in the palette, or use the eye dropper to pick up a color already in the picture.

10. Now, go to the smudge tool, located above the color swatches...the direction you "smudge" determines whether the light goes on dark, or dark on light.



11. Smudge until it looks like you want it to look.



12. To save, go to File>"Save". Save it to the folder or directory you need to. (Ex. D:/per__)

13. Make sure you name it something easy and recognizable.

14. Choose a JPG in the dropdown window for format. (Not a PSD)

15. Click "save"

16. It may ask "format type" and you can just leave it with the default, and say OK.

Note: When choosing a "blank canvas" to work on, you can choose from several. When you click on the "blank file", when the box comes up, look for "background contents".

- You can choose a white background
- The colored background or
- A transparent background. (This is the one I used to get the oval picture of our GMS tree for the school homepage.)