PhotoShop Elements

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- · Homework review.
- · Black & white.
- · More work with selection and layering.
- · Selective color.
- · Vignettes.
- · Color curves.
- Parallax correction for perspective errors.
- Faux shallow depth of field.

Lesson 5 Objectives

- · Additional, less important, techniques.
- Color adjustment and manipulation.
- Altering portraits with vignettes.
- · Perspective corrections.
- Faux depth of field.

Converting to B&W

- · Size the image.
- · Crop to please.
- · Convert to B&W.
- Adjust the Levels to an optimal zonal distribution.



Adjust Part of an Image

- · Create 2 layers.
- · Make change in center.
- Eraser on top layer with a soft edge.
- Note making middle and bottom invisible.

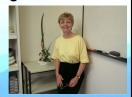




Final Effect

Painting

- · Pat at Ikebana class.
- Match flower color.
- · Duplicate the image.
- · Magnetic Lasso on shirt.
- Tune up edges.
- Blend mode: hue.
- · Color Picker: flower.
- · Paint Bucket.





Adding Spot Color to B&W

- Mode set to RGB Color.
- Add a layer.
- · Set Blend Mode: Color.
- Set the foreground color to desired color.
- Use a small brush.



Vignettes

- · Load an image.
- Layer | Duplicate
 Layer.
- Draw oval & position.
- · Invert selection.



Finishing the Vignette

- · Feather selection.
- · Paint Bucket layer.
- · Delete selection.



Using the Color Curves

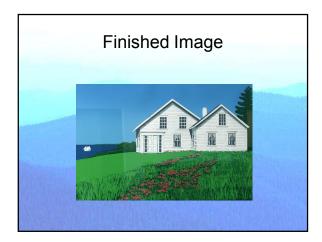
- Another way to fix brightness & contrast.
- · Use the 2 layer method.
- · Lighten shadows preset.
- Adjust brightness.
- · Midtones brightness.
- Now erase top layer as we did with the tiger.

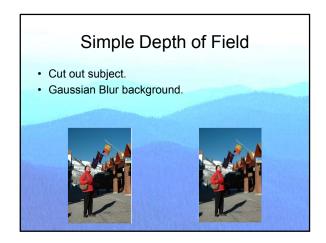


Here is the Result



Perspective Corrections Usually for buildings. View Grid Lines. Convert to a layer. Use Perspective Transform. Move corner handle down. Move center handle up. Use the picture edges. Remove the picture.





Four Layered Depth of Field

- · First layer is subject.
- Blur radius: 1.
- · Cut a few feet out.
- · Feather 1 then Inverse.
- New layer via cut.
- Blur radius: 4.
- · Cut buildings & flags.
- Feather 10 then Inverse.
- · New layer via cut.
- · Blur remainder radius: 12.



Practical Exercise

- Change the color of Rachel's shirt to match one of the blues in the image RachelMoody.jpg.
- Do a perspective correction on: Rockets.jpg. Do not be concerned if right missile moves out of the picture.
- Use simple depth of field adjustment on: Cannon.jpg.

Homework

- Read Wooldridge pages 216 253.
- Use the techniques on page 208 to convert: CharlesBridge.jpg to B & W.
- Create a simple faux DOF with: CostaRicaRafting.jpg.
- Do a vignette with: KimonoGirl.jpg.
- Work on your own images.

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