

Working With Layers

1. Find a picture that has many different objects that are in color, but just one or two that you'd like to single out.
2. Go to www.fotoflexer.com
3. Open your photo.
4. Click on the *Geek* tab and choose the *Smart Scissors*.
5. Use the Smart Scissors to select the area of the photo that you want to be in color.
6. After you have the area selected, click in the *Invert* checkbox in the tool options.
7. Then click on *Create Cutout*. This will remove the area that you want to be in color. Don't worry! That part will be back soon!
8. Now click on the *Effects* tab and choose *Grayscale*.
9. Next we need to bring in another copy of our original picture. Click on the *Layers* tab and choose *Add Images*.
10. Open your original photo.
11. Drag the photo you just opened into the upper left corner as far as you can to line it up with the grayscale version.
12. Now click on the *Push Back* button and there you have it – a black and white photo with just the part you want in color!
13. Save your photo with the name “selectivecolor.jpg”
14. You could also use combinations of cutouts along with effects other than grayscale to make interesting creations. Play around!
15. Another thing we can do is give a picture the look on some of it being colored with brush strokes and other parts being left black and white. Open a photo you think would be interesting to do this effect to.
16. Click on the *Layers* tab and choose *Duplicate*. Now you have two copies of your picture.
17. Next, click on the *Effects* tab and choose *Grayscale*. At this point you should have two copies of your picture. One in black and white and one in color.
18. Click and drag the black and white copy to the upper left so it matches up with the color copy.
19. Now choose the *Decorate* tab and click on the *Erase* tool.
20. Drag the *Brush Size* slider to the left half toward the minus sign.
21. Randomly erase over the parts of the picture that you want to be in color. It might take some trial and error in order to come up with something that looks cool. I would suggest going back and forth at the same angle over the areas you want in color. Don't forget, you can always *Undo*!
22. Once you've got something you like, click *Done* to stop using the eraser.
23. Save this picture as “colorbrush.jpg”
24. Play around using these new skills and skills you have learned in previous lessons to combine selective colorization with other things to create your own photo masterpieces!