

Pixlr Photo Editor : Lesson 10 – Magic Wand Tool

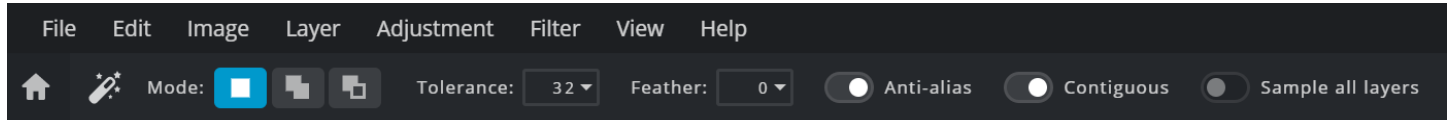
Before You Begin Assignment:

Choose a photo from your collection or you can open *Walking on Rocks* or *Salt Ponds* from the resources.



The Tool:

This is magical because it “looks around” the area where you click for colors that match it. You can tell it how picky to be by setting the **TOLERANCE** in the gray bar at the top.



A lower number means the colors have to be very close in shade/tone to be selected; a higher number means the colors don't have to be very close to each other. If you set the number low and don't get everything you wanted, hold down SHIFT and click again. It will ADD TO your selection.

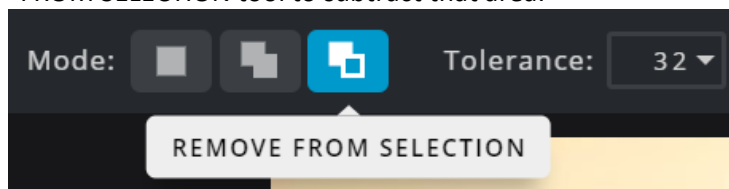
Anti-aliasing means it will blur the edges of the colors, so the selection isn't too crisp/harsh. If you want a crisp, sharp line, turn that off.

Contiguous means that the wand will only select that color if it is touching the pixels you clicked or pixels touching those pixels ... when it runs into an area that is different it will stop. Turning contiguous OFF means it will search anywhere in the image for that color.

Steps:

1. Open your image and select the Magic Wand tool from the palette.
2. Choose a pretty low tolerance to begin – like maybe 10 or 15. Click in the area you want to select. You will probably get something that looks like marching ants blinking ... this is when you can hold down shift and keep clicking until they all go away.

****NOTE:** if the tool “bleeds out” into an area you don't want, shift over the REMOVE FROM SELECTION tool to subtract that area.



Keep adding/subtracting until the area you want to select is completely selected. You may want to ZOOM in.

3. Now, you can edit JUST that area ... change the color or contrast or try some of the other options under ADJUSTMENT menu.
4. Save it to your PIXLR folder as Whatever the file name is + *_magic wand tool*

Practice 10:

Add your before and after photos to the slide for Lesson 10.