

Decolorizing Your Pictures

I am sure that you have seen television commercials in which everything is black and white except for one item...a person/celebrity, or the featured product that is in full color. This is an effective trick because your eyes are drawn to the color image. Here is what you do...



- Stack two copies of the image in Separate Layers.
- Convert one to Grayscale.
- Select most of the image in the color version.
- Delete the selection, leaving a small color subject on top of the grayscale image.

Step-by-Step Directions:

1. Open the image you want to use and make a copy of it by choosing Edit→ Copy. Do **NOT** paste it anywhere yet...leave it on the clipboard.
2. Select the image & convert it to a grayscale picture by choosing Colors→ Grayscale. You need to turn the image into a 24-bit file by choosing Colors→ Increase Color Depth→ 16 Million Colors.
3. Now simply add the color image on top of this one. Select the image (click on title bar...name of file ☺) and choose Edit→ Paste→ As New Layer. You can check this out by playing with the layer's transparency setting and can see the grayscale picture "peeking" through!
4. With the new color layer selected, use the **Freehand Tool** (set to Smart Edge) to trace the subject you want to keep in color.
5. When you finish the tracing, choose Selections→ Invert to select everything **EXCEPT** the color subject.
6. Choose Edit→ Cut to cut most of the color image away.
7. Choose Selections→ Select None to finish. You now have a grayscale image with an element in color...Save the image with a **New Name**. ☺!