

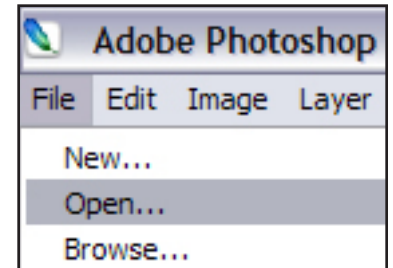
# Selecting

When editing an image it is normally true that you do not want to make changes to the whole image, rather a piece of the image, or a piece of the image at a time. This is why selecting is very important when it comes to editing images. There are many ways to select in Adobe Photoshop, - and this is quite good- because every image is different. Since every image is different one tool may be more efficient on one image and another tool might be more efficient on another.

## Rectangular Marquee tool

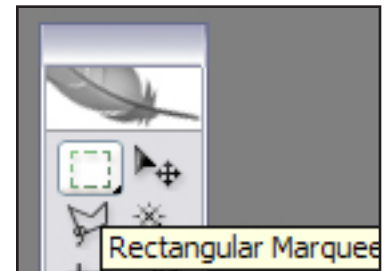
We must first open an image where we can practice the use of this Rectangular Marquee Tool

- 1) In Adobe Photoshop's Menu, click on File > Open
- 2) Open "change\_color.jpg"



Once we have opened the image we must now select our rectangular marquee tool. To do this you must locate the toolbar to the left of your screen.

- 1) Click on the Rectangular Marquee tool



Now that we have selected our Rectangular Marquee tool we will select the girl toward the center most point on the image. The Rectangular Marquee tool only selects in rectangular shapes, it is very easy to leave out a portion of whatever you intend to select. Notice that your cursor became a "cross hair". You must use this cross hair to aid you in the selection process. If you place your cursor to the upper left and you see that you may cutoff a portion of your subject you may want to adjust the placement of your cursor.



Notice in this image there is an imaginary dotted-red line coming out of two sides of the cross hair. In this case if I start my selection here then I will effectively leave out a portion of her head (from the horizontal line and up). I will also cut off anything to the left of her thumb. Since I would like to select her in one whole, I would move my cursor upward to include the top of her head and leftward to include anything left of her thumb.

- 1) First locate an area to the upper left of her and if you are satisfied that nothing will be cutoff, then Click once & Hold.
- 2) Now you must drag you mouse to the opposite of where you clicked, which in this case will be you lower right.
- 3) Once you are there you must then, Release to finalize your selection.

Once you have accomplished this, you will see "marching ants" marching around your selection. This lets you know that anything within these marching ants is selected, if a portion of her is not within the ants, Edit>Undo & retry selection

