

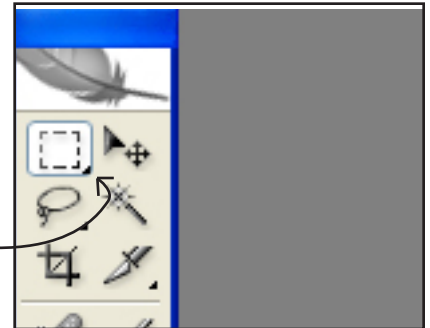
Elliptical Marquee tool

We have finished using the Rectangular Marquee tool which will always select in rectangular shapes (squares count as rectangles). Obviously our Elliptical Marquee tool will always select in elliptical (circular) shapes. We will now go to our original image file (“changecolor.jpg”). We will select the same girl, except this time we will use the elliptical marquee tool. We will use a setting on the marquee tool, that will allow us to create a dreamy/feathered effect to it. This effect works perfect for portraits of loved ones.

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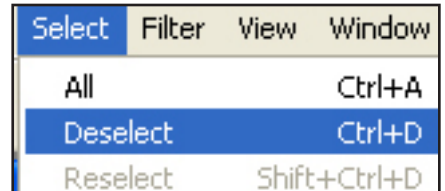
The first thing we must do is select the Elliptical Marquee tool, in order for us to use it. It is hidden behind the Rectangular Marquee tool. To select it we must...

- 1) Click and hold on the bottom right corner of the Rectangular Marquee tool which is on the toolbar. A list of other tools hidden behind it will appear
- 2) Release your Mouse button
- 3) Then Click on the Elliptical Marquee tool to activate it.

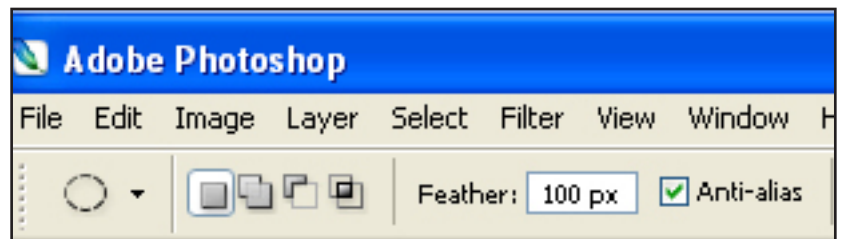


Notice that we still have those “marching ants” on our image. We must “deselect” this in order for us to select something else.

- 1) In Adobe Photoshop’s Menu, click on Select >Deselect



Before we begin to select we will adjust one setting of this tool. We will do this by going to our Options window, right below the main menu. Here we will adjust the Feather to 100 px. Then hit your “Enter” key on your keyboard.



As soon as you first selected the Elliptical Marquee tool your cursor has become a “cross hair” again, just like the Rectangular Marquee tool. We will use the lines on the cursor to guide where we will click and begin our selection

- 1) Select the girl in the center most area of the image. (The same girl we selected before.)
- 2) In Adobe Photoshop’s Menu, click on Edit > Copy
- 3) In Adobe Photoshop’s Menu, click on File > New
A window will appear asking for some settings.
- 4) Click on the “OK” button
- 5) In Adobe Photoshop’s Menu, click on Edit > Paste



We have done the same thing we did before except this time, we gave it a nice feathered effect around it. This effect looks great on portraits and pictures of loved ones. We will not save this image, as it was only an example. Close this image and when it asks you to save Click “NO”.