

# Digitize your **HANDWRITING** using Photoshop Elements

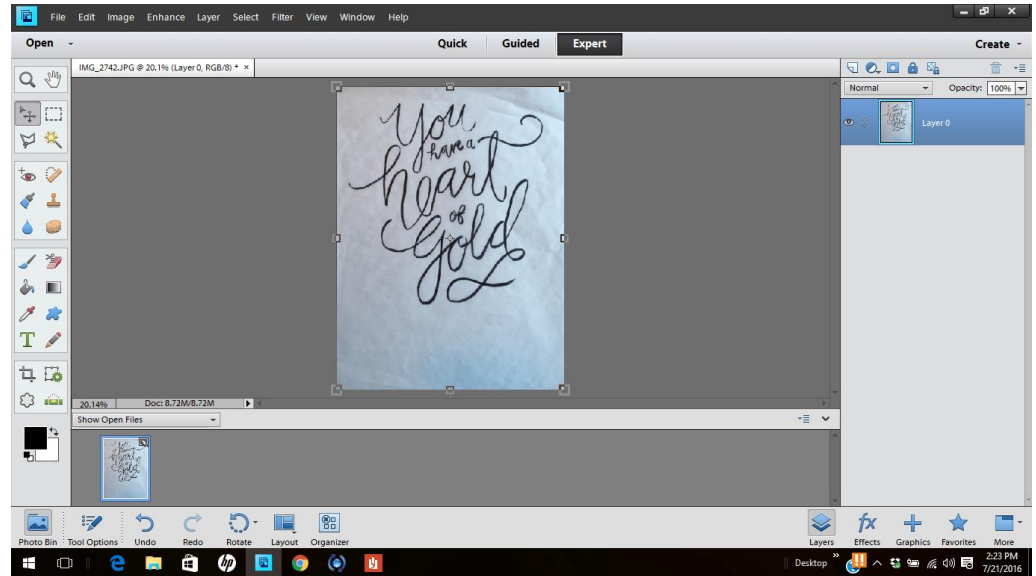
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The print is Kellyleigh's own hand lettering overlaid onto a digital watercolor background and here's how you do it.

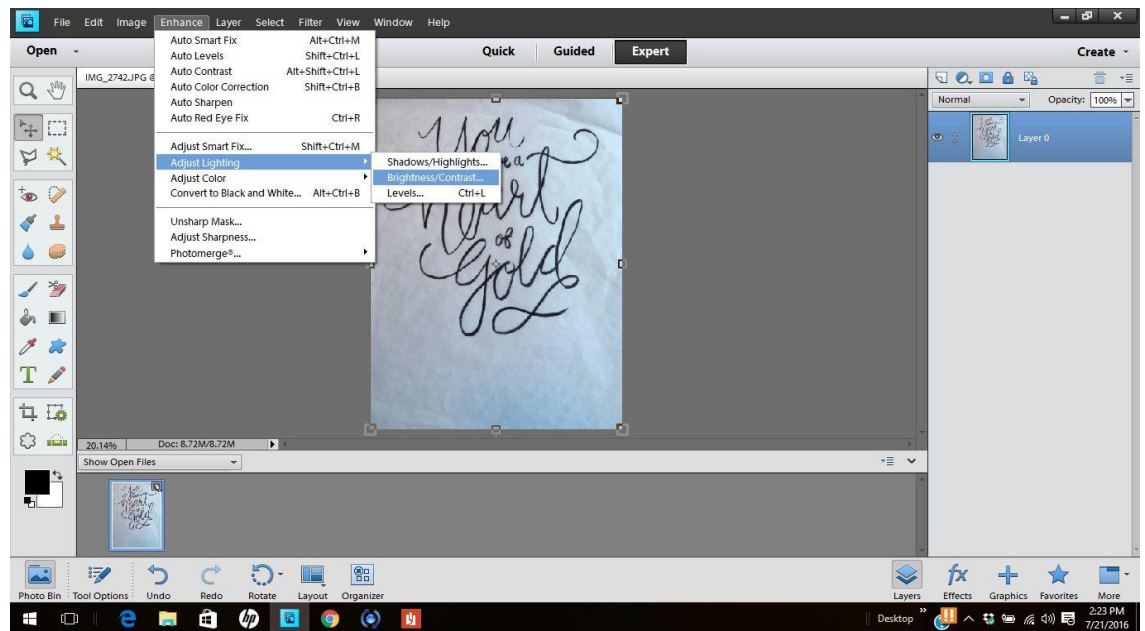
First, you need to create some hand lettering. If you are new to hand lettering, you can find tons of great tutorials over at [Dawn Nicole Designs](#). She is seriously amazing!

You'll want to do your lettering in black on a white piece of paper. I'm using lettering from the project above. When you are finished with your lettering, snap a picture of it. Upload that picture into a graphic design program. It may look discolored depending on how the lighting was when you took the picture. Don't worry, we're going to fix that!

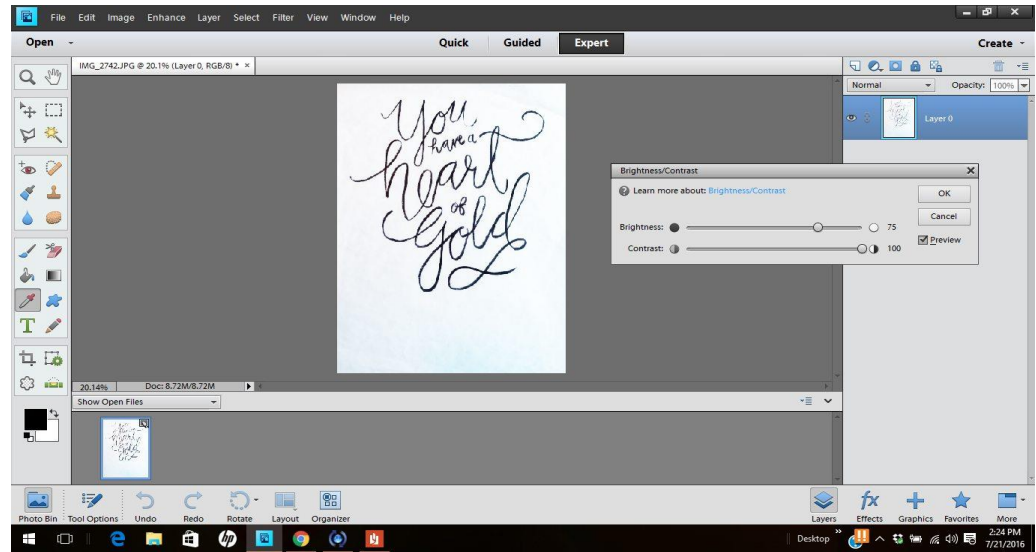


I'll be using Photoshop Elements for this tutorial. Once you have your file opened in Photoshop Elements, the goal is to make the background as white as you can and the letters as dark as you can. To do this, first change your file from "Background" to "Layer" so that it is editable by double clicking on the background layer.

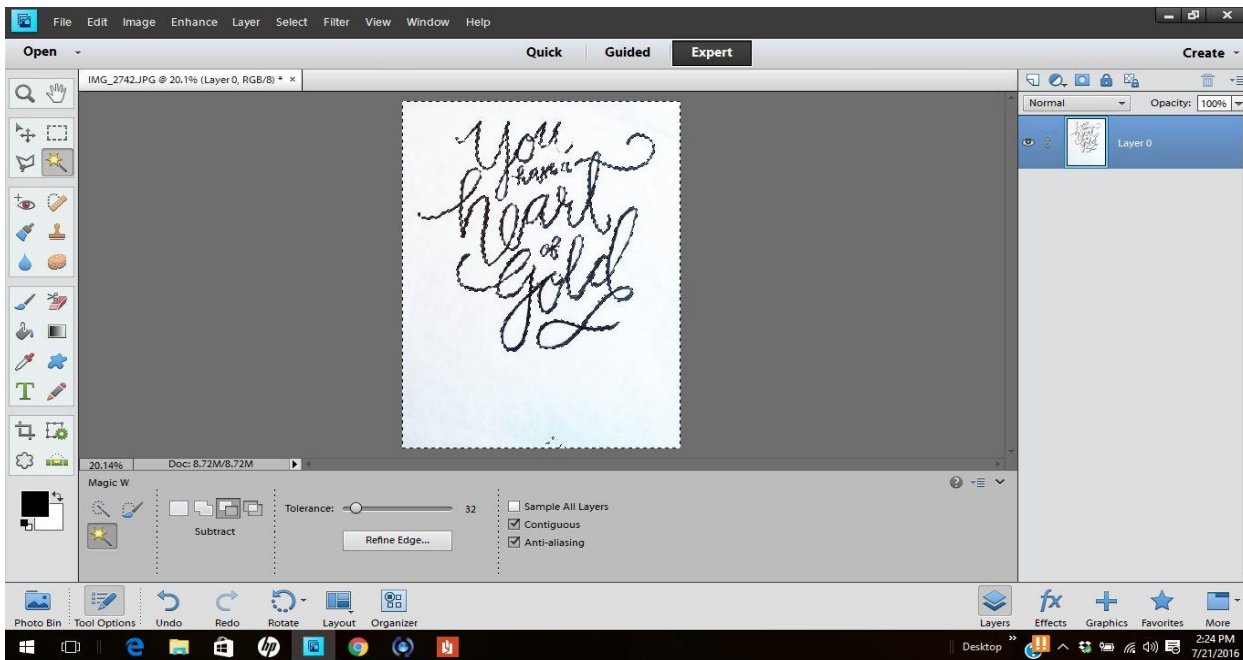
Next, adjust the contrast. Enhance > Adjust Lighting > Brightness/Contrast.



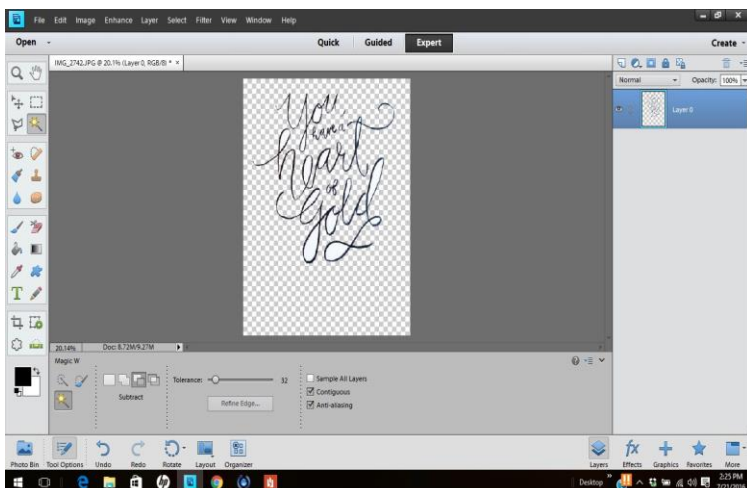
Slide the Contrast and Brightness to the right. You should now have a very white background and very dark lettering.



Use the magic wand tool and select the white background. Just click on the magic wand tool and then click on the white area of your file.



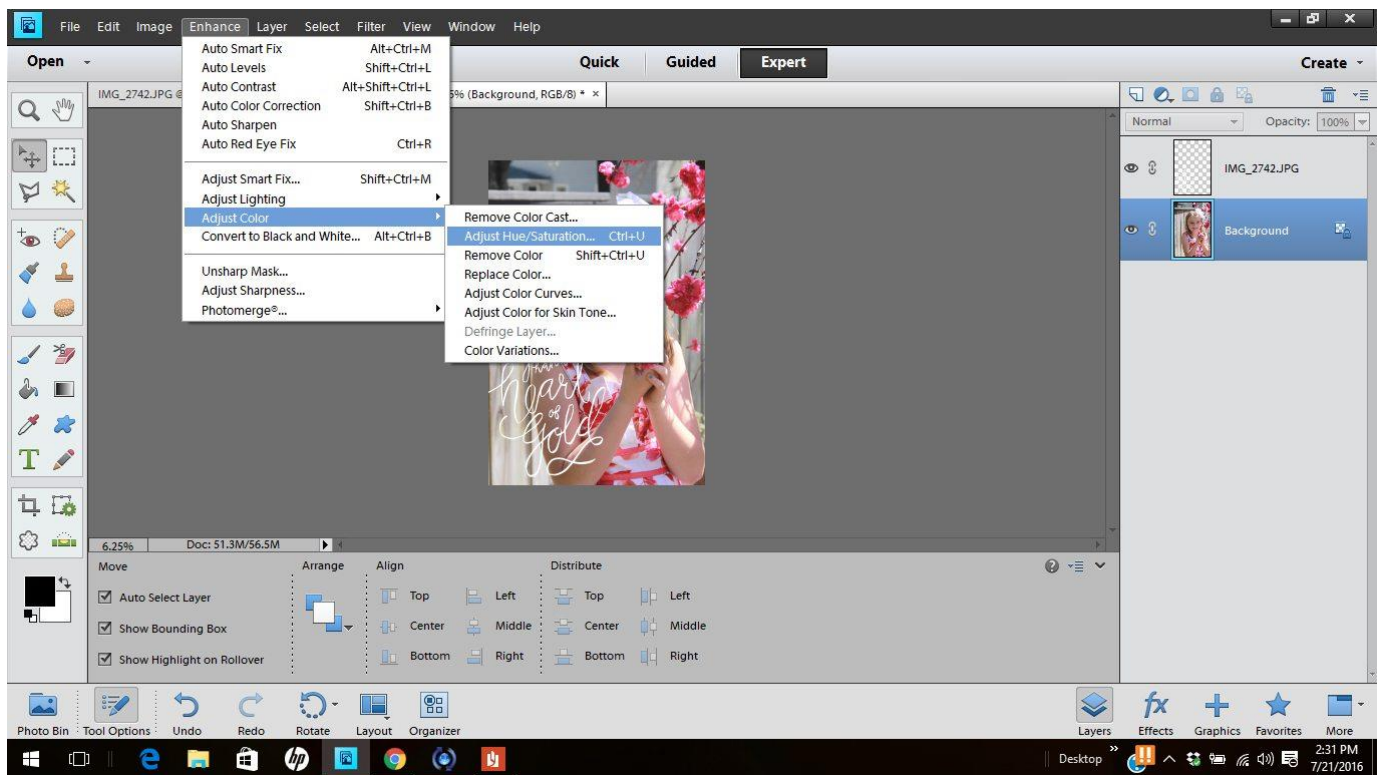
Hit DELETE and the white background will disappear, leaving you with text on a transparent background. You can see below that there are still some portions of my file that are white. If this happens to you, all you need to do is use the magic wand tool again to select each white area and hit DELETE.



Now you can overlay that text onto any image that you want. I chose this picture of my daughter.



Want to change the color of the text like I did? No problem, simply click Enhance > Adjust Color > Adjust Hue/Saturation



Slide the Lightness slider to the right to turn the text white. And now you have a photo with YOUR handwriting overlaid on it.

