

In order to effect it you must SELECT it! There is no one tool that works on all pictures. Use the one that works best for each case.

I am continuing with the 'Sunflower Girl' but you can use your own picture. Remember not every tool works for each picture.

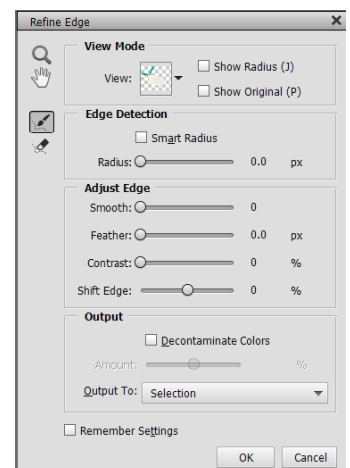


1. Start with the Auto-Selection tool. It is the 4th one in the Select Tool Bar. In the Tool Options it is the last option.
2. Draw a rectangle around your subject. You may need to use some of the other tools to make corrections.
3. Another tool that you have is the REFINED SELECTION BRUSH. When you click that tool you will go into overlay mode (lots of red around the selection). One of the cool things about this mode is you get a push-pull mode.
4. Zoom in a bit so you can really see your edges, possibly change the brush size.
5. This tool has 3 options build in, depending where you are in the picture. If you are in the 'red' subtract from the selection. If you are in the picture it will add to the selection. If I am right on the edge it will edit the selection edge.
6. You may want to reduce the selection edge. Now you have to look at your picture and see what it needs. + - or evaluate.
7. Another option is to select the SMOOTH option. Just go along the edge that you want smoothed.



REFINE EDGE – When you have an active selection.

1. If you click the icon next to VIEW you will see your selection differently.
2. If you click the SMART RADIUS box you can change the size and therefore the control the quality of the edge. You can drag it along the picture (very good for hair.)
3. Use the Alt key to go from add to subtract.
4. When you are done click the OK.



RECTANGULAR & ELIPTICAL TOOLS

1. To make a perfect circle or square hold down the shift key.
2. You can also click on the Aspect drop down and select Fixed Ratio or Fixed size. (Then put the parameters in the boxes.)
3. To move a selection:
 - a. Press the space bar before you let up on your left mouse key.
 - b. After you let up on the mouse key, position your cursor in the middle of the selection, hold down your left mouse key and move it around.

