

# PSP Tutorial created by elle nal designs aka Sandra

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## This is what you will need.

Photoshop CS

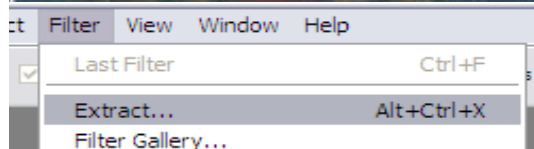
Photo of your choice

Remember to save your work often.

## Let us Work! Use of the Extraction Tool

In this tutorial you will learn the use of the extract filter.

Open an image you would like to extract an object from. For this tutorial I am using my dog. Make a copy of your original copy name it to your choice, close original image. NEVER use the original image. Save your work.

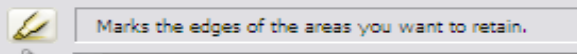


Go to Filter>Extract or Alt+Ctrl+X

You should have a window that looks likes this.

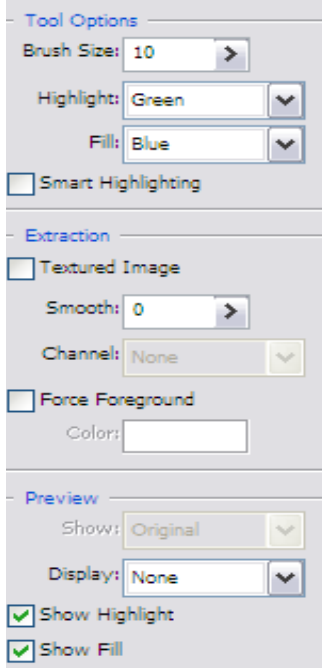
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Click on

Go to your tool options and adjust your brush size. I like to have mine around 10-20. Change your highlight color to a color that is not prominent in the image.



Leave the rest the same. Unless you have a well-defined area you are extracting, then you may check the Smart Highlighting.





Click on and magnify your image until you see the good edge of what you want to extract. Use the Alt key to de-magnify your image.

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Now click on  this is your mover tool...throughout your process of extraction you may refer to this

tool. Go back to your  **Marks the edges of the areas you want to retain.** now using this tool mark the areas which you want to retain. I want to retain my dog only therefore I "highlight" him. Use your mover tool when you need to go to another section, don't worry you may "let go" of the highlighter tool and your work will still be there.

**WARNING:** It is best if you use a mouse/tablet. Using a laptop pad will not give best results. I did use my laptop for this tutorial and did not get the best results of "highlighting" however since this is for the purpose of a tutorial, I figured it did not matter much. Also if you mess up, please refer to your erase tool and just simply erase the section you messed up.

Once you have finished "highlighting" your image it should look something like this.



Click on  Now fill the inside of your 'highlighted" image.

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Click on Preview, make changes as you see fit (if you missed an area or would like to give the object more detail) you may use the clean up tools for this purpose and then click Okay.

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Congrats you now have an extracted image. Save image. You may now play with your image by Selection, for this purpose I cleaned up my rough laptop extraction and feathered the image... You may also make the object into a Brush. Endless possibilities... Now you can save it and use it for a tube or insert it in your favorite scenes.

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