

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP Elements TECHNIQUES

Making Effective Vignettes

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How to add an easy and effective vignette to your images.

1. Open up the image you'd like to add a vignette to. (Helpful Hint: Images with a solid white background or that have a blown-out background may not work well with this tutorial.)
2. Duplicate the background layer (**PC: Control+J, Mac: Command+J**).
3. Change the blend mode to **Multiply**. The multiply blend mode will make the image dark, it will make the blacks and shadows a lot deeper and will make the colors a little more saturated.
4. Select the **Eraser** tool and reduce the opacity to around 80 percent. Make the eraser's size quite large and begin to erase away at the subject[s] in your image. It should start to lighten back to it's original state.

5. Try hiding the background layer so that you can see what parts of the image you have erased. This can help show you what areas you need to erase more so that they're back to the original image state.
6. This effect can be used on almost any photo and can help draw people in with a spotlight-like effect for your subject[s].