



PhotoShop

Fun things to play with

Demo techniques:

- **Adjustment layers (color correction)**
- **Selection/refine (adjustment layer)**
- **Filters (gel button)**
- **Change color of selection on transparent**
- **Shiny-floor reflection**

Adjustment Layers

- **Adjustments are found under: “Image/Adjustment layers menu, but that limits edit-ability**
- **Most of the same are available as Adjustment Layers. They do not change the image pixels, just show the effect.**
- **Allows erasing on layer to fine-tune**
- **Allows repeated changes later**
- **Are saved with the PS file.**

Selection/Refine (Adjustment layer)

- **Using the Quick Selection tool, (set brush size) to establish rough selection, use + and – settings to fine tune**
- **Click “Refine Edge” to further set edges**
- **Once selection is set, try adjustment layer: Color Balance to change color of selection**

PS layer style for gel-pill effect:

- Inner Glow: **Opacity 83%, Angle 90, Distance 6px, Choke 10%, Size 18px**
- Outer glow: **Blend Mode: Screen, Opacity 36%, (base matching color), Spread 0%, Size 5px, Range 50%**
- Bevel and Emboss: **Inner Bevel, Smooth, Depth 100%, Direction "up", Size 5px, Soften 0px, Angle 90, Highlight Screen, Opacity 100%, Shadow Multiply, Opacity 0%**
- Satin: **Blend Multiply, Opacity 34%, Distance 19px, Size 21px, contour "ring"**
- Color overlay: **Blend mode normal, Opacity 100%, (choose a light color)**

Change color of soft-edged shape

- **To change the color of a “fuzzy” edged shape, use the “lock transparent pixels” feature.**
- **Small icon on top of the layers palette.**
- **Locks the transparent pixels, then can use “fill” to change the color of any soft-edged item on the layer.**

Shiny floor reflection

- **Very popular effect, image looks like its standing on a reflective floor**
- **Image on own layer, copy layer and using “Transform” (Cntrl/t) drag the top down to “flip the image vertically.**
- **Slide flipped version down below the main image**
- **Transform and shorten a bit**
- **Layer on top, fill with vertical gradient of background color to transparent.**

Clipping layer picture frame

- **New file, transparent layer**
- **“draw” loose rectangular outline with the lasso tool**
- **Fill with any color**
- **Move onto image file as separate layer and fit as needed, have image on top**
- **Create clipping layer by alt/clicking between both layers**
- **Image can be moved “inside” the frame**

Some PhotoShop tutorial links

- <http://www.planetphotoshop.com/category/tutorials>
- <https://www.photoshop.com/express/landing.html/?sdid=BUQPN%20%20gig%20space>
- <http://ladyoak.com/tutorials/sort/5/limit/10/start/30.html>
- <http://www.layersmagazine.com/category/photoshop/>
- <http://www.pssimply.com/photoshop.php>