

Photoshop Elements

CREATE PUZZLE ON PHOTOGRAPH



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This lesson covers creating a puzzle on a photo so that all or parts of that photo can be removed.

1. Open Adobe Photoshop Elements to “Edit and Enhance a Photo.”

2. In the Layers palette (on the right of the screen):

- 1 RIGHT-click on the Background layer.
- 2 Left-click on “Duplicate Layer.
- 3 Touch the *Enter* key, on the keyboard, or click on the “OK” button.

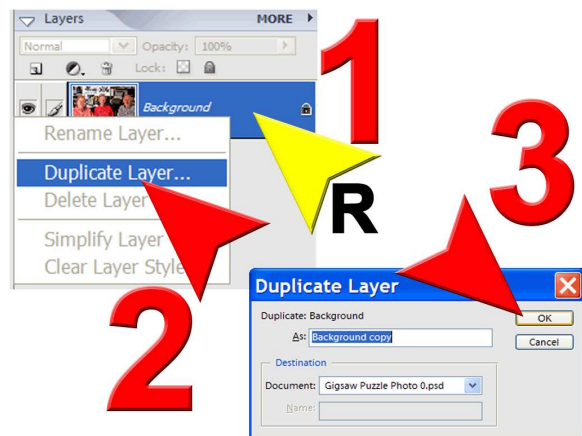


Figure 1

3. Create a new layer by clicking on the “New Layer” icon in the Layers Palette (Figure 2)

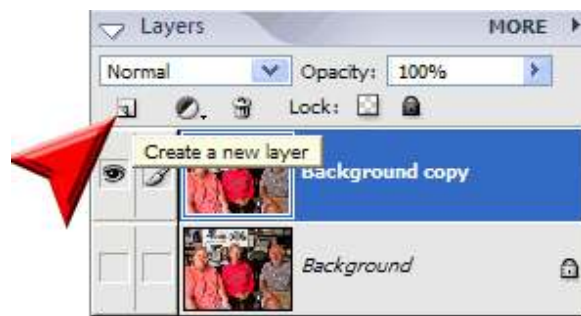


Figure 2

4. Select the Polygonal Lasso Tool ()

5. Left-click on the photo, release, Left-click on photo again to select the puzzle design you want (**Figure 3**).



Figure 3

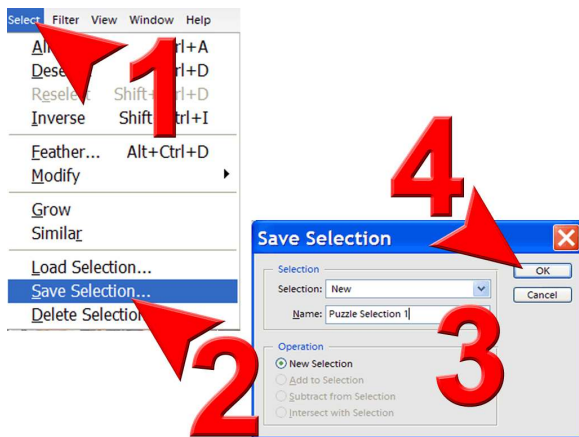


Figure 4

6. Save the selection (**Figure 4**):
 ❶ Left-click on Select > Save Selection.
 ❸ Type a name for the Selection.
 ❹ Touch the *Enter* key, on the keyboard, or click on the “OK” button.

7. IF you are going to create more than one puzzle part, I recommend you paint the Selection to make it easier to see the borders of the Selection (**Figure 5**).

IF you are only going to use this selection, go to Step 10.

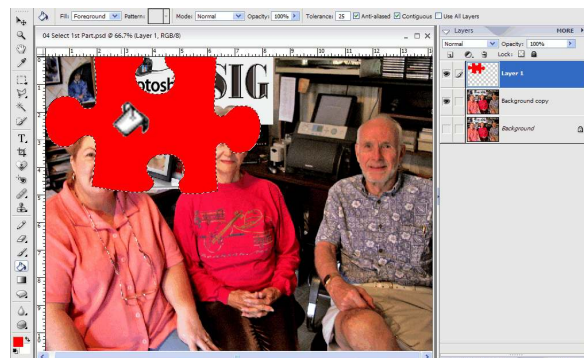


Figure 5

8. Repeat Steps 4 – 7 as needed.

9. Once you have selected — and saved — the number of selections you want, you must begin to use them (**Figure 6**).

❶ Left-click on the Background Copy layer.

❷ Left-click to remove the Eye from Layer 1 — making it invisible.

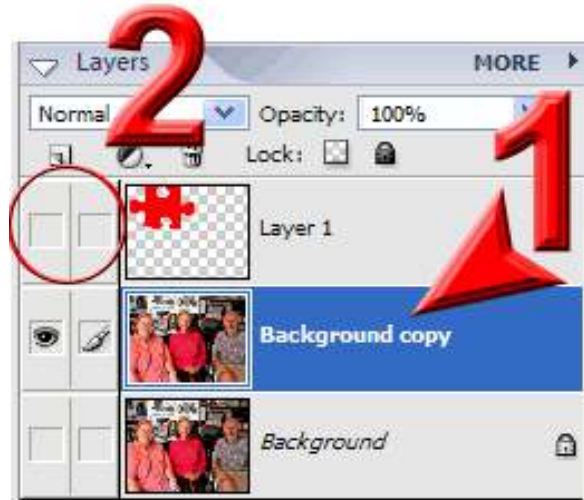


Figure 6

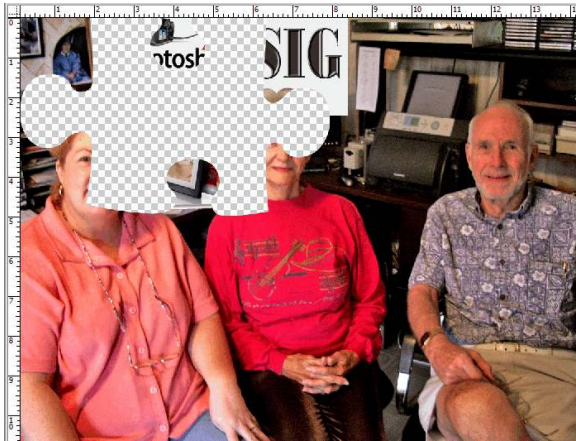


Figure 7

10. Cut the selection by either using the *Ctrl+X* keys — hold the “*Ctrl*” key and touch the “*X*” key, releasing both quickly — or, from the MenuBar, select Edit > Cut). The selection area is blank as seen in **Figure 7**.

11. Paste what you copied by either using the *Ctrl+V* keys — hold the “*Ctrl*” key and touch the “*V*” key, releasing both quickly — or, from the MenuBar, select *Edit > Paste*) — **Figure 8**.

① The pasted selection appears to the lower-right of the original.

② A new layer is created and selected.



Figure 8

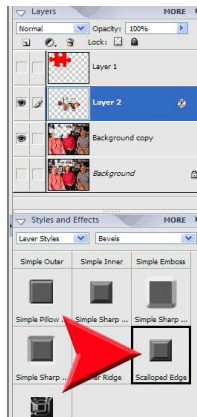


Figure 9

12. I'd recommend you Double-click on the “*Scalloped Edge*” Layer Style (**Figure 9**).

① Ensure that the pasted selection is still selected.

② IF your Styles & Effects palette does not show, you may have to click on the downward arrowhead at the bottom of the palettes.

13. The resulting puzzle part looks much better with scalloped edges (**Figure 10**).



Once edges are scalloped, if placed into the original position, they do NOT create a complete photo.

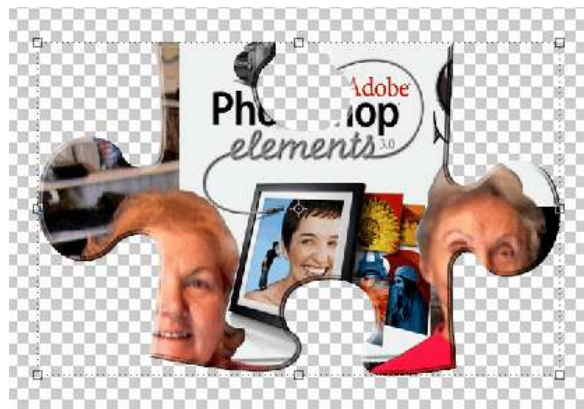


Figure 10