

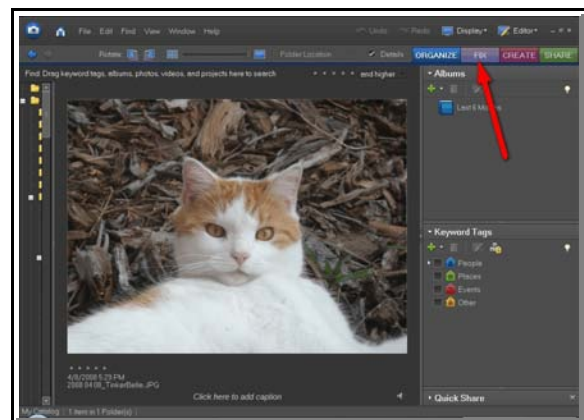


# SELECT AND GAUSSIAN BLUR

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Here is a quick, easy way to make a photo stand out.

1. Open the photo of choice and click on the Fix button (**Figure 1**).



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**

2. Click on the “Quick Fix...” button (**Figure 2**).

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3. Click on each “Auto” button and watch its affects (Figure 3).

If you like it, click on the next Auto button.

If you don’t like it, use Ctrl+Z to undo those change. (Only click on the Reset button if you want to remove *all* the changes you made.)

#### NOTES:

1. Only use the Red Eye Fix if there is a problem with subjects having red eye. This button makes too many changes to the reds in a photo to be useful in most cases.
2. I use the Color Auto button on a limited basis as it seldom gives me an improved photo.

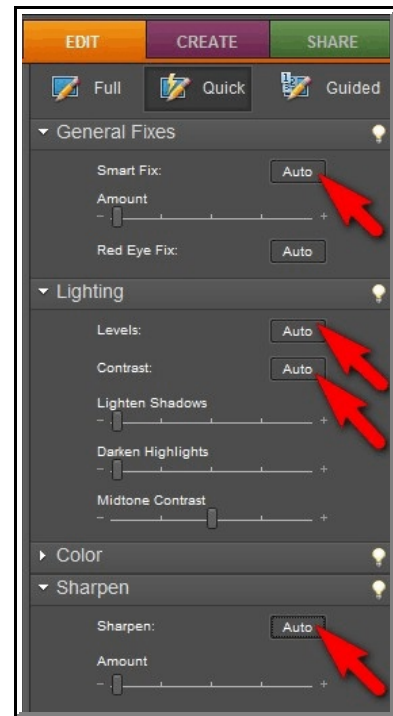


Figure 3

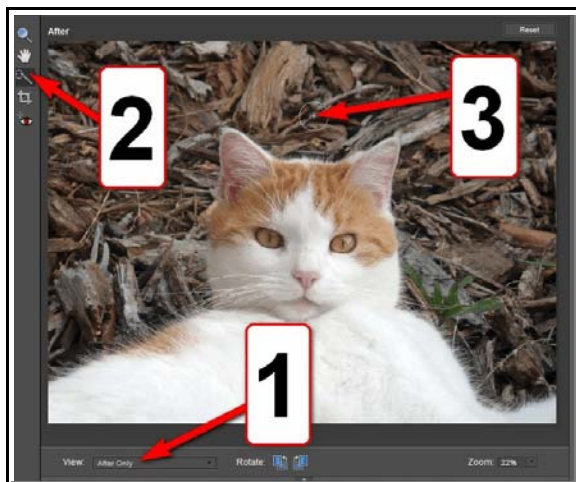



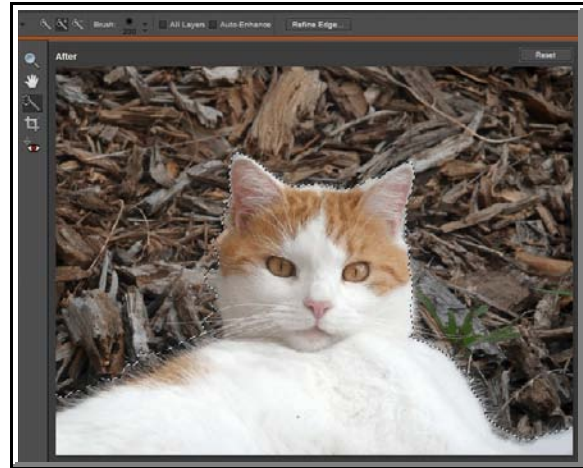
Figure 4

Use the Quick Select tool (Figure 4):

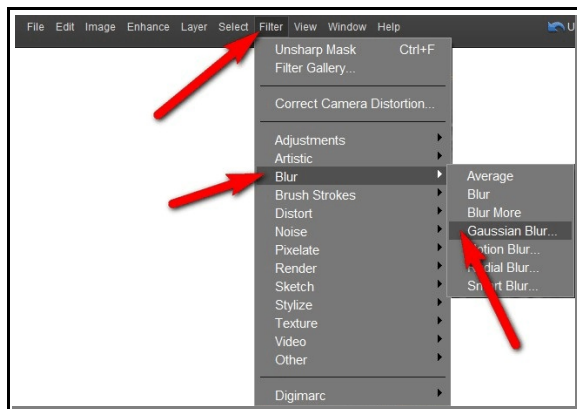
- 1 Make sure you have the “After Only” photo showing because this tool will not work on the “Before” photo.
- 2 Click on the Quick Select tool.
- 3 Left-click, hold, and drag over the area you want to blur. In this case, I want to blur the background so that our attack cat, TinkerBelle is more pronounced — as if she needs help being the focus of attention.

5. When the area is selected, you will see “marching ants” on its border (**Figure 5**).

If you select a larger area than you intended, either click on Quick Select Remove icon  or hold down the Alt key and drag over the area to remove.



**Figure 5**

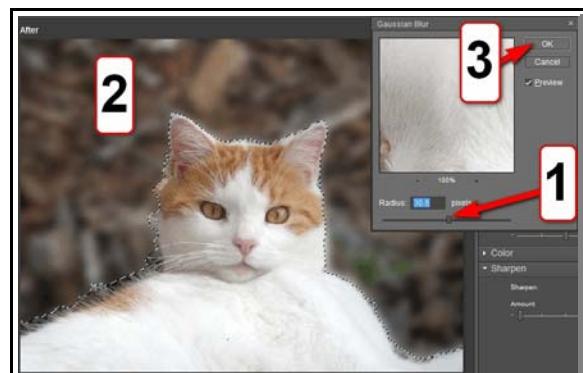


**Figure 6**

6. Select the Gaussian Blur (**Figure 6**) by Left-clicking on the Filter ► Blur ► Gaussian Blur.

7. Apply the Gaussian Blur (**Figure 7**):

- ❶ Left-click, hold, and drag the sliding scale to the desired state.
- ❷ You'll see on the photo each time you release the mouse button.
- ❸ Left-click on “OK” button to affect the change.



**Figure 7**

8. Compare the “before” and “After” (Figure 8):

① Left-click on “Before & After Horizontal” choice. (In some instances, you might want to use the Vertical comparison.)

② If you don’t like the effect, Left-click on “Reset” and the photo will be returned to its original state.

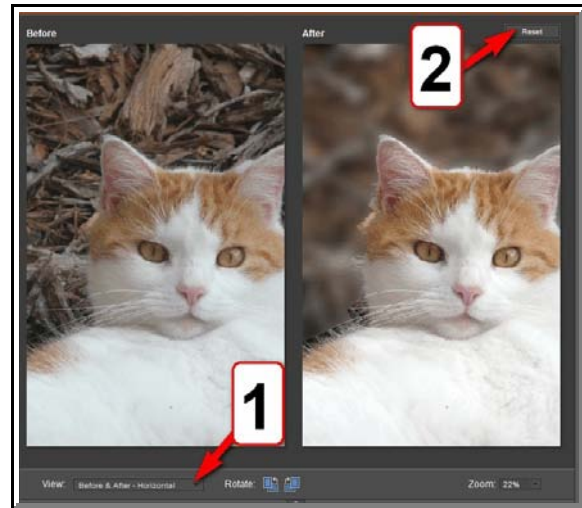


Figure 8

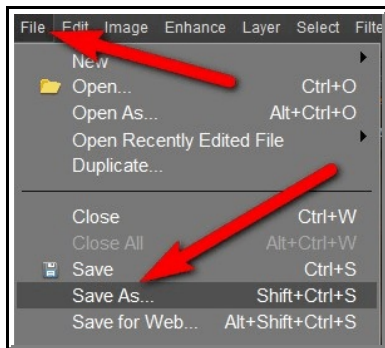


Figure 9

9. Save the file by a different name (Figure 9) by clicking on File ► Save As and typing a new name.