

# Photoshop Elements 5

## MAGIC SELECTION BRUSH

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If you want to separate an object from its background, Elements offers the Magic Selection Tool. Here's how to use it.

1. If you're in the Organizer (**Figure 1**):

- 1 Left-click on the photo.
- 2 Left-click on Edit > Go to Full Edit.

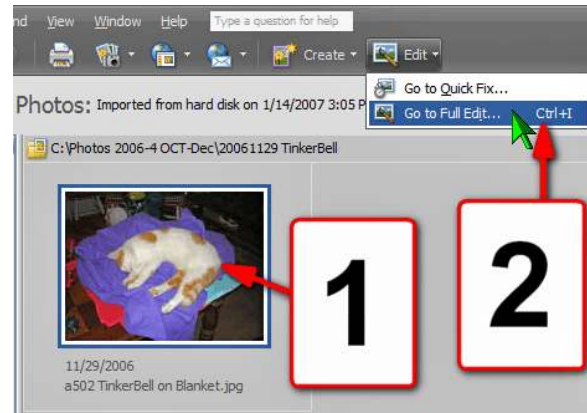


Figure 1



Figure 2

2. The photo opens in the Editor (**Figure 2**).

3. Pick the tool (**Figure 3**):

- 1 Left-click & hold on the Selection Brush (right above the Text tool).
- 2 Click on the Magic Selection Brush Tool.



Figure 3

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4. The info window offers suggestions on how to use the tool (**Figure 4**):

- 1 You can select to never see the info window again.
- 2 Click on "OK" button to continue.



Figure 4



Figure 5

5. Left-click, hold, and drag until you completely circle the target (**Figure 5**).



Figure 6

6. The selection, also known as 'marching ants', appears (**Figure 6**).



Figure 7

7. Touch the Delete key, on the keyboard and the selected area is removed (**Figure 7**).

8. Use Ctrl+D keys, on the keyboard, to remove the selection “ants” (**Figure 8**).



Figure 8

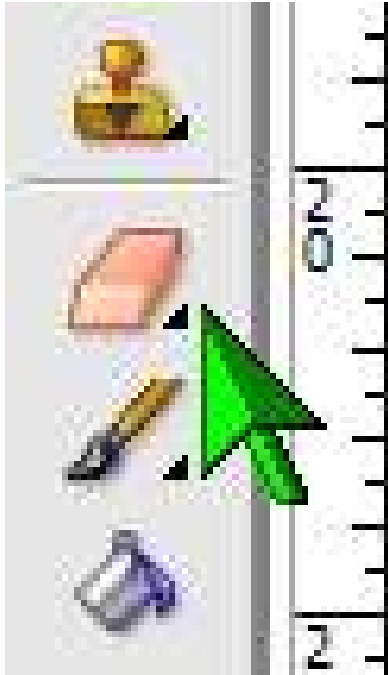


Figure 9

9. Click on the Eraser tool (**Figure 9**).

10. Erase the areas you do not want included in the selection (**Figure 10**).

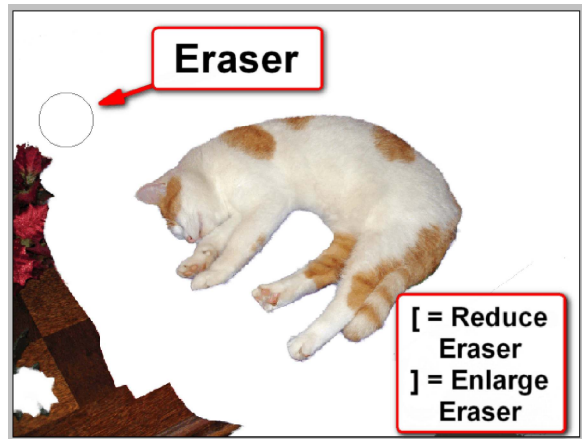


Figure 10

11. The result is a clean area around the target object (**Figure 11**).

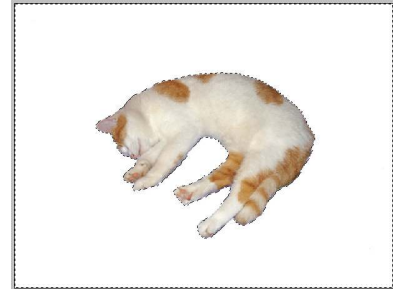


Figure 11

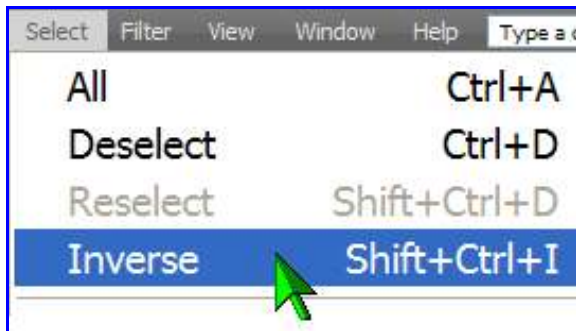


Figure 12

12. From the MenuBar (**Figure 12**), left-click on Select > Inverse to select the target — our cat, TinkerBelle, in this example.

13. Either use the Edit > Cut (from the MenuBar) or use Ctrl + X (hold down the Ctrl key and touch the X key, releasing both immediately) to “cut” the selected area. The selection disappears, but is placed upon the clipboard for pasting into another area.

14. Either use the Edit > Select > All (from the MenuBar) or use Ctrl + A (hold down the Ctrl key and touch the A key, releasing both immediately) to select the entire area of the document.

15. Touch the Delete key, on the keyboard. This will clear the document of any other objects.

16. Either use the Edit > Paste (from the MenuBar) or use Ctrl + V (hold down the Ctrl key and touch the V key, releasing both immediately) to paste the selection you copied. This creates a “Layer” to be used for other things (**Figure 13**).

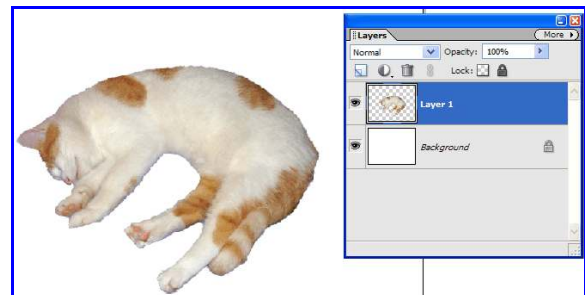


Figure 13