

Photoshop Elements 4.0

SELECTION BRUSH

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The Magic Selection Brush tool makes a selection based on color and texture similarity when you draw, scribble, or click the area you want to select. The mark you make doesn't need to be precise, because when you release the mouse, Photoshop Elements draws the selection border.

❶ In the Editor, select the Magic Selection Brush tool (Figure 1) .

❷ In the options bar, choose an option:

➤ New Selection (C in Figure 2):
Lets you draw a new selection. *This is selected by default.*

➤ Indicate Foreground (D in Figure 2):
Lets you add to an existing selection

➤ Indicate Background (F in Figure 2):
Lets you subtract from an existing selection. This option is only available after you make a selection.

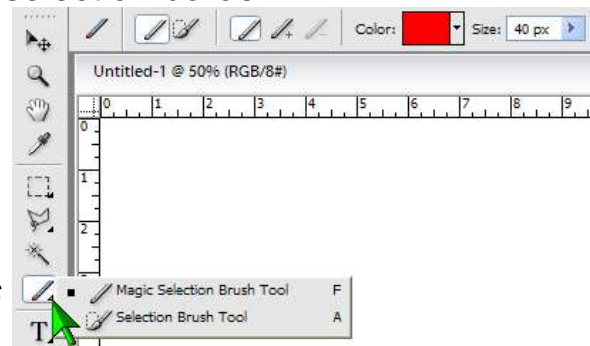


Figure 1

❸ Choose a brush size from the Size menu in the options bar (Figure 3). If you want to scribble over a large area, use a larger brush. For a smaller area, choose a smaller brush size to keep the selection marks inside the area.

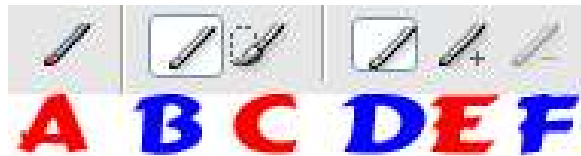


Figure 2

Magic Selection Brush tool options

- A. Magic Selection Brush tool
- B. Selection Brush tool
- C. New selection
- D. Indicate Foreground
- E. Indicate Background

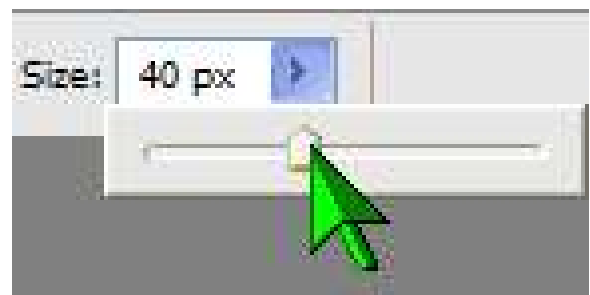


Figure 3

④ Click an area or draw a line that covers the range of colors in the object you want to select, and then release the mouse button (Figure 4). The selection border appears (Figure 5).

⑤ Do any of these to refine the selection:

➤ To add to the selection, click the Indicate Foreground brush in the options bar and click or drag across the area you want to add. By default this brush draws red lines and becomes the active brush after you make a new selection.

➤ To remove an area from the selection, click the Indicate Background brush in the options bar and click or drag across the area you want to subtract from the selection — or use **Alt+Brush** (Figure 6). By default this brush draws blue lines.

NOTE: You can change the color for these brushes by selecting the brush and choosing a new color from the Color menu in the options bar.

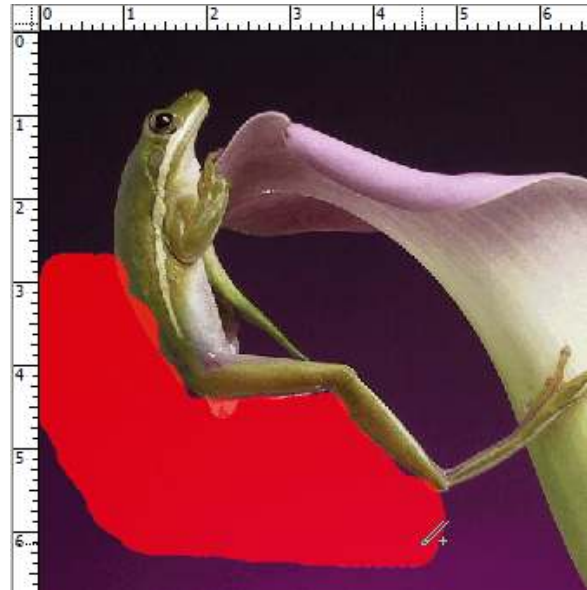


Figure 4
Selection shown in red.

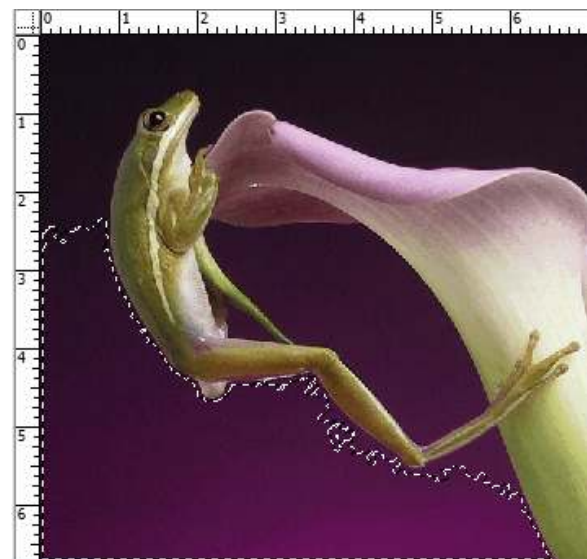


Figure 5
Result of Selection

- Use the Selection Brush tool to fine-tune the selection.
- To start a new selection, click the New Selection brush in the options bar and click or draw to specify the new selection area.

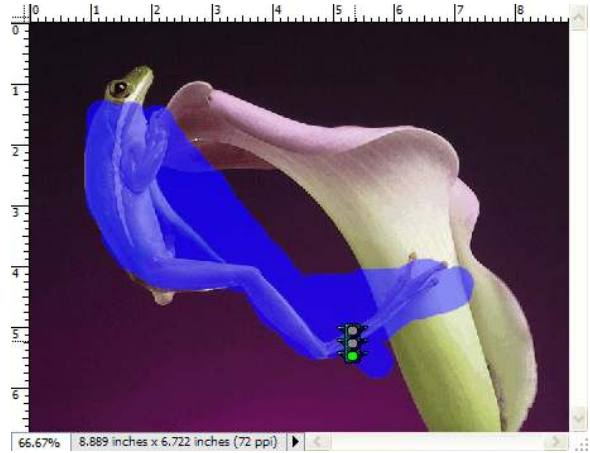


Figure 6
Exceptions