Photo Editing Tutorials

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Step 1 - Color Contrast:

A color cast is an overall wash of color caused by the lighting in which a photo was shot. If a color cast makes your photo look unnatural, try correcting it with this quick technique. Download the image from the tutorial below.

Tutorial Video: Color Contrast

Step 2 Hue & Saturation:

Add a punch to particular colors in a photo with targeted Hue/Saturation adjustments. Download the image from the tutorial below.

Tutorial Video: Hue & Saturation

Step 3 - Match Colors:

Color contrast from step 1 helps to correct color to help match the colors of different photos you use in your design. This tutorial will take it to the next step. There are many ways to match colors in Photoshop, so make sure to Google for more resources once you start your own project. Download the image from the tutorial below.

Tutorial Video: Color Matching

Step 4 - Six Different Techniques:

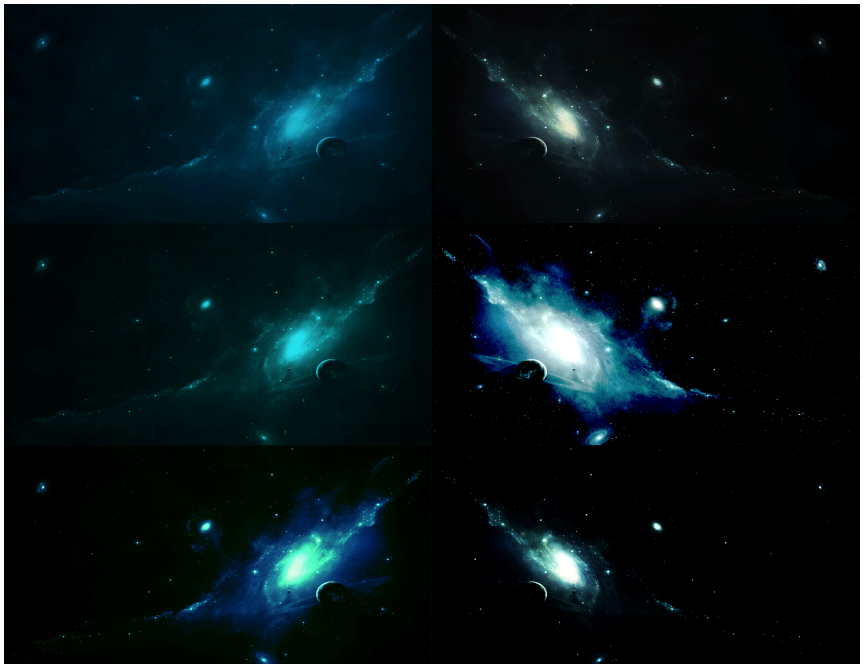
Select one hi-res photo of your choice from Google. Apply six different adjustment layers or photo editing techniques to your photo. These can be creative and abstract, so play around with

multiple adjustment layers and effects! Google Photoshop Adjustment Layers if you want to see what all of the adjustment layers can do. This should take no more than 15mins to complete.

Directions:

1. Create an 8.5x11 file and duplicate your image six times on the page. You will want all six images showing at the same time. So scale the images and place them neatly next to each other. Then you can use the crop tool to crop the design so there is no white space.
2. Apply your adjustments using clipping masks (control & click on the adjustment layer) so the effects only affect the image below and not all images.
3. Save your file as “lastName_six.psd”.

Finished Exemplar:



Step 5 - Removing Unwanted Elements:

Hide unwanted content in a photo with powerful retouching tools such as the healing brush and clone tool. Download the image from the tutorial below.

Tutorial Video: Removing Elements

Step 6 - Remove Tool:

One more way to remove unwanted elements in the Remove Tool. Use the “Remove Tool.jpg” file that you downloaded.

Tutorial Video: Remove Tool

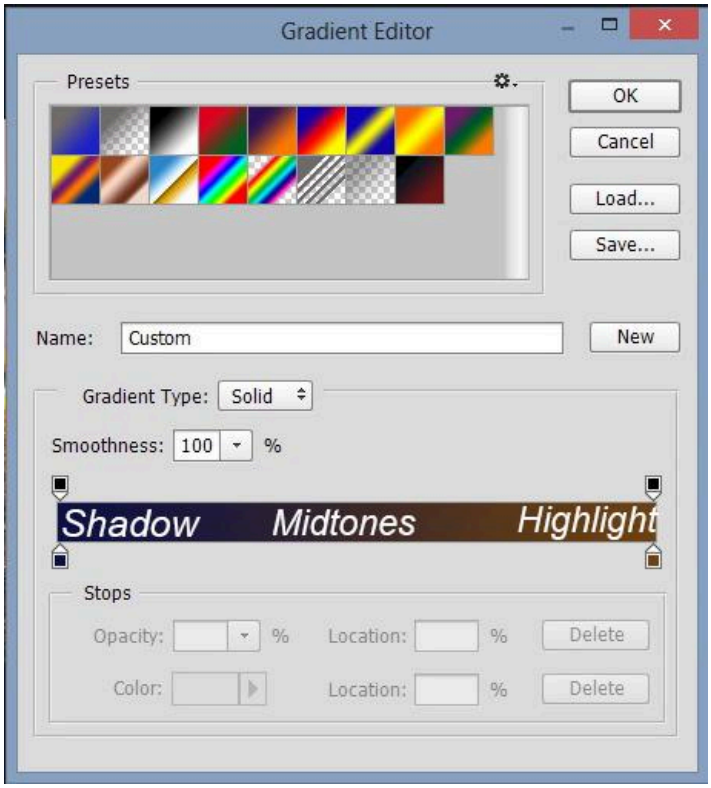
Extensions:

Gradient Map

Another important adjustment layer is a Gradient Map. You can add many colors to different tones with Gradient Map. It works the same as a Gradient tool.

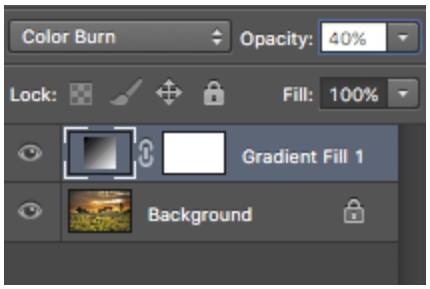
Open up the country image in the Extension Folder.

Add the Gradient Map adjustment layer to it and double click on the gradient bar to adjust the settings. Next, choose the black/white (3rd on presets) gradient.



Shadow area will affect darker tones. I used an orange color to match the color of the sky. Change the right (highlight slider) to #e3711d. For highlights, I used a green to bring out the grass. On the left (shadow slider) use color #659c1f.

Change the blend mode of Gradient Map to Color Burn. This will create a brighter, but more contrasted image. I dropped the opacity of the adjustment layer to 40% to not make the image too bold.

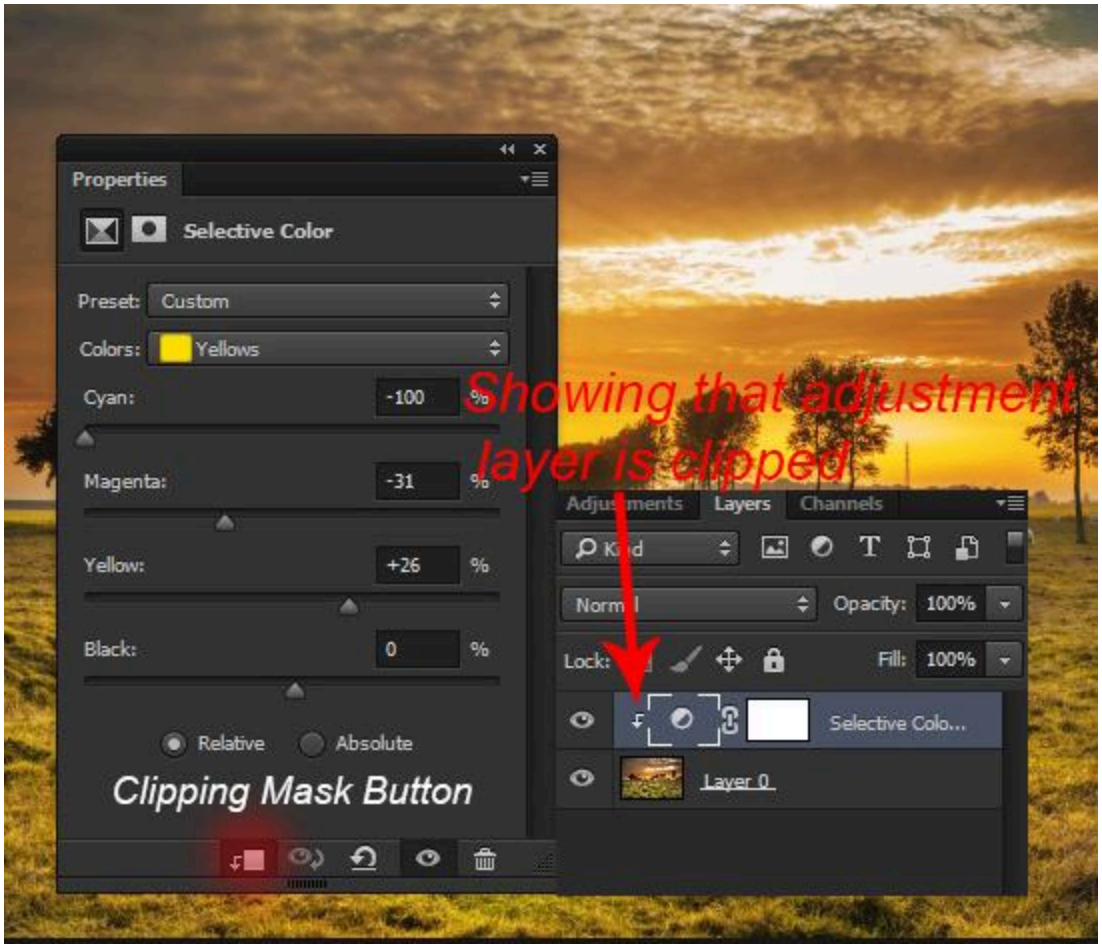


Here are the results.

Gradient Map works best with blend modes and you can change the blend mode of gradient map to a different one that satisfies your needs. Also, try reducing the opacity because sometimes it gives you better results.

Save your image as country_gradient.psd.

Bonus Tip: All the adjustment layers affect all the layers below it. You can get rid of this using Clipping Mask and it allows you to only affect the layer which you want. In the below image you can press the clipping mask icon button to clip the adjustment layer to the image.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Selective Color
Preset: Custom
Colors: Yellows
Cyan: -100 %
Magenta: -31 %
Yellow: +26 %
Black: 0 %
Relative
Absolute
Clipping Mask Button
Showing that adjustment layer is clipped
Layers
Channels
Opacity: 100%
Fill: 100%
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