

Retouching Practice

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Skin Softening

1. In Lightroom, find the Adjustment brush on the top row in the Develop module.
2. Find the Skin Softening brush preset (It might say Effect: Custom.. click on it to find the presets)
3. Paint skin while avoiding eyes, teeth, hair, etc.
4. Use "erase" setting to remove effect. Click on the pin and hit delete to start over.
5. The effect is almost always too much, so bring the Clarity slider down from -100 to something a little more subtle.

Red Eye

1. Select the Red Eye tool and click and drag so there is a box around the eye (it helps if you make the selection around the ENTIRE eye, not just the red part).
2. Use the Pupil Size and Darken sliders until the effect looks natural.

Teeth Whiten and Iris Enhance

Navigate to Adjustment brush again:

1. Make your brush small enough to just get the teeth (the "size" slider or "[" and "]" keys will do this)
2. Change the brush preset to Teeth Whitening
3. Paint the teeth. You might only end up clicking once in the white of the eyes to "paint" in them.
4. For sharpening the eyes, click "New" for your adjustment brush, since we want a new effect.
5. Turn off Auto Mask.
6. Change the brush preset to Iris Enhance
7. Paint the Irises