

To make a composite using two different photographs. (Select- Copy -Paste)

Adding one selection of a photo to another photo using copy & paste of pixels

1. Begin by opening up the background photo and then the photo in which you will copy an area in Photoshop
2. Activate the photograph that has the element you need to copy onto a new background
3. Using a selection tool make a selection around the area that you want to add to the new background.
4. If you need to feather your selection, choose Select & Mask on the tool options bar.
5. If you need to make modifications to your selection you can also use the Select dropdown menu to see choices.
6. Once you have a good selection choose Edit>Copy
7. Activate the photograph that will be the background image and choose Edit>Paste
8. You will see the new selected area pasted onto a layer above the background.
9. You can use the Move tool to move the new element
10. You can use the Edit>Transform tools to change the shape and scale of the new element.
11. You can use the eraser tool to delete pixels if you need to clean up areas on your new layer.

When working in Photoshop remember to be aware of layers! Activate a layer just by clicking on the layer in the layers pallet (it will become highlighted in blue)

Working with two photos in one document and Making a Layer Mask

1. Begin by opening up the background photo and then the photo in which you will copy to the new background
2. Activate the photograph that will be added to the new background
3. Using the Select > Select All option and choose Edit>Copy
4. Activate the photograph that will be the background image and choose Edit>Paste
5. You will see the new photo pasted onto a layer above the background.
6. You can use the Move tool to move the new element
7. You can use the Edit>Transform tools to change the shape and scale of the new element.
8. Using one of the selection tools select the area you want to keep.
9. If you need to refine your selection, choose Select & Mask on the tool options bar.
10. After you have made a good selection and refined it, hit the layer mask button on the Layers pallet



11. What this will do will block the area that was not selected and reveal the area that was selected. This mask can be refined using the paint brush on the layer mask. Black to block and white to reveal.