

# Cut Out Background (COB) Instructions

## Open the Subject:

1. Select the subject with the QUICK SELECTION TOOL
2. Select the QUICK MASK to perfect the selection
3. Go to SELECT>SELECT AND MASK
4. Check the Smart Radius
5. Slide the Radius triangle in between 1 and 2 px
6. Slide the Smooth triangle between 5 and 10
7. Slide the Feather triangle between 1 and 2 px
8. Check the Decontaminate Colors
9. Run your brush around the hair and over the areas where you see the background
10. Save (just as it is, a PSD)



## Placing the subject into the background

1. Open your background image in Photoshop
2. Go to FILE>PLACE, double-click your subject image
3. Use Command+T to size your person to a good size (Hold shift to keep from distortion)
4. Use any number of the Layer Adjustments to match the color of the two images
5. Use a vector mask on the subject and overlap some of the background image onto the subject
6. Create a shadow using a similar color as the background image and a soft edged, low opacity brush



## Tools/adjustments used:

- Quick selection tool
  - Refine edge
- Layer Mask
- Transform Mode
- Brush tool
  - Opacity
- Move tool
- Layer Adjustments
- Vector Mask