

Bracknell Camera Club - Photoshop Demo, 25 January 2007 ***Bruce Collins***

Dodge and Burn in an “Adjustment Layer”

To darken or lighten selected portions of the image in a controllable and fully reversible manner:

- a) Create a new layer above the image layer
- b) Change the Blending Mode from “normal” to “overlay”
- c) Use a soft-edge paint brush, choose suitable size, set opacity to 4 - 10 %
- d) Use white to lighten (dodge) and black to darken (burn). Use repeatedly to intensify the effect.
- e) Try using the “airbrush” option for the brush; it builds up the effect gradually.
- f) The effect can be reversed by using the eraser, reduced by setting the layer opacity to less than 100 %, or removed altogether by switching the layer off.

“Plug-Ins” for Photoshop Elements

Some important tools are missing from Elements, but can be added as “Plug-Ins” by downloading a website, often free of charge.

1) “Earthbound Light” Effects for Photoshop Elements (Version 1, 2, 3 only)

www.earthboundlight.com

“If you're a Photoshop Elements user who longs for tools such as ...

Curves to optimise image contrast,
the **Channel Mixer** for controllable black and white conversion,
and **Layer Masks** to select which parts of an image layer will show,
you can now add them for free”.

Works with Elements 1, 2 and 3 on both Windows and Mac OS.

- *but not for Versions 4 or 5*

2) “Hidden Elements” Book and Plug-Ins (all versions of Elements)

www.hiddenelements.com

“Download power tools for any version of Elements: (5, 4, 3, 2, and 1)
Find tips, tricks and tutorials in the Forums, Newsletters and Blog”.

eg.) for Elements 4 & 5:

Free - channel mixer (for B&W), layer mask,
selective mask for highlights or shadows etc.

\$15 - for (better?) channel mixer and IR effect