Photoshop skills everyone needs to know.

Basic color correcting. I use these tools on ever photo I take. Please learn to master.

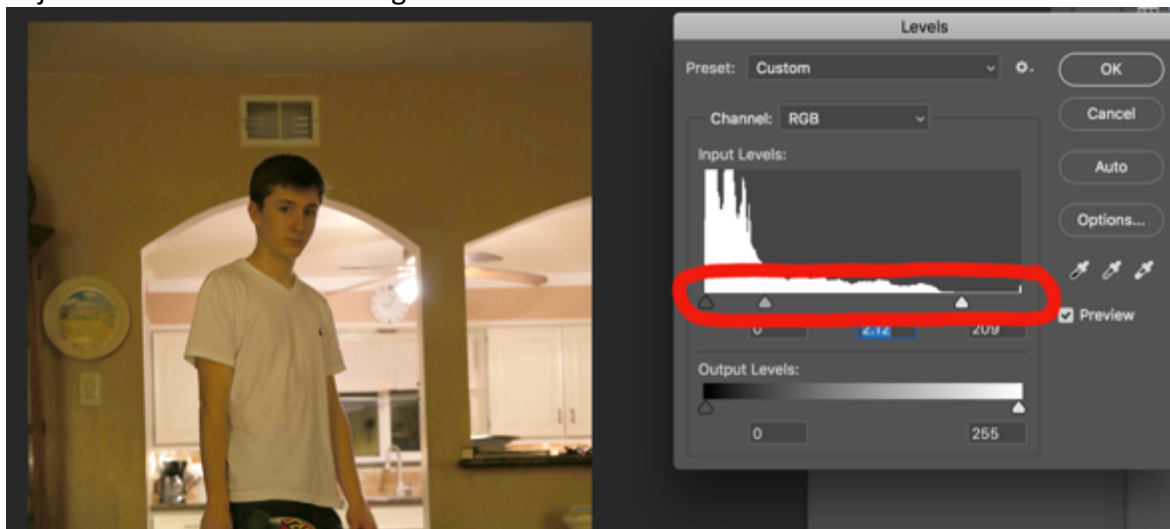Levels - https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/how-to/photoshop-improve-tones-levels.html
Curves - https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/using/curves-adjustment.html
More Curves - https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/how-to/photoshop-increase-contrast-curves.html
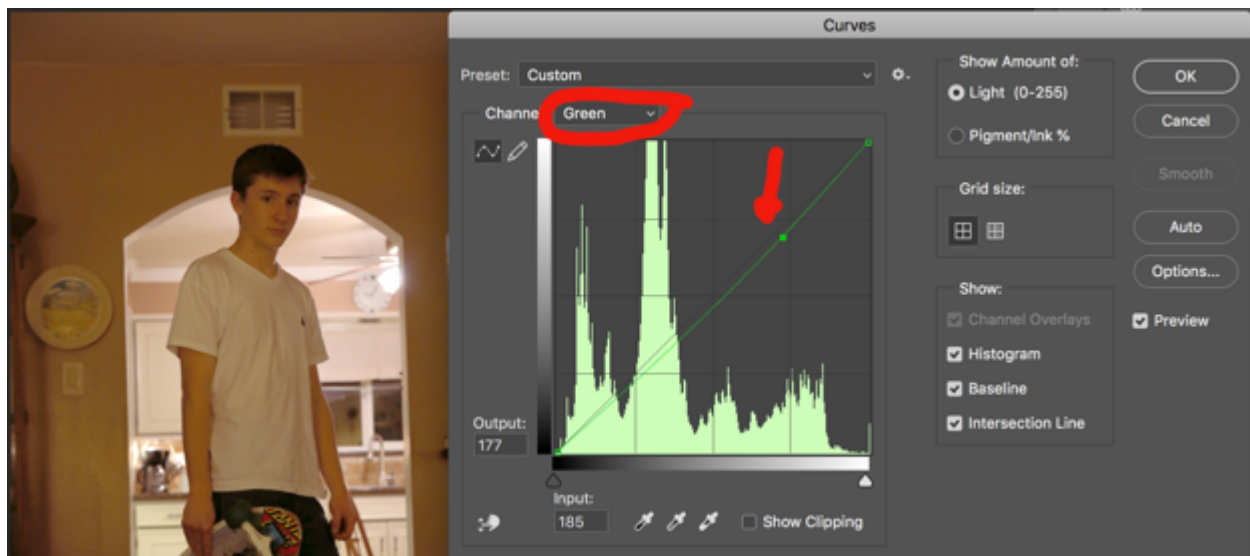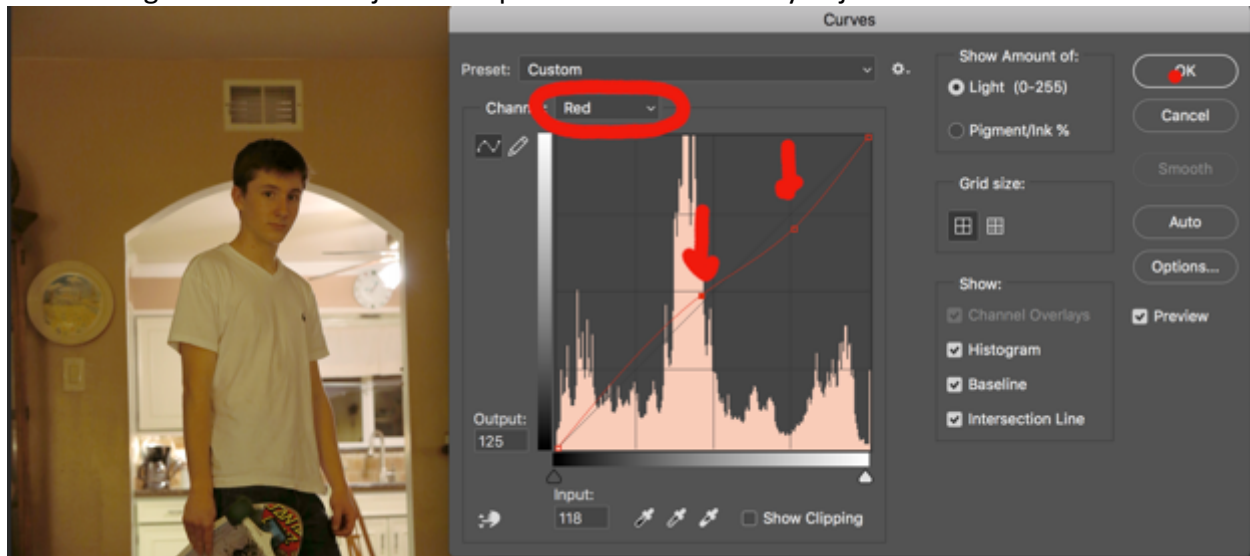Shadow/Highlights - https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/how-to/correct-exposure-photoshop.html

Jeffs Sample file – Yes use my file. Dark_person.JPG - Yes dark and not good file. But sometimes you are faced with these challenges.

First I apply Levels – Edit>Adjustments>Levels – The chart that is in the middle of the feature is called the Histogram. It is a chart of the lights too darks in the image. Move the triangles to adjust the contrast of the image.
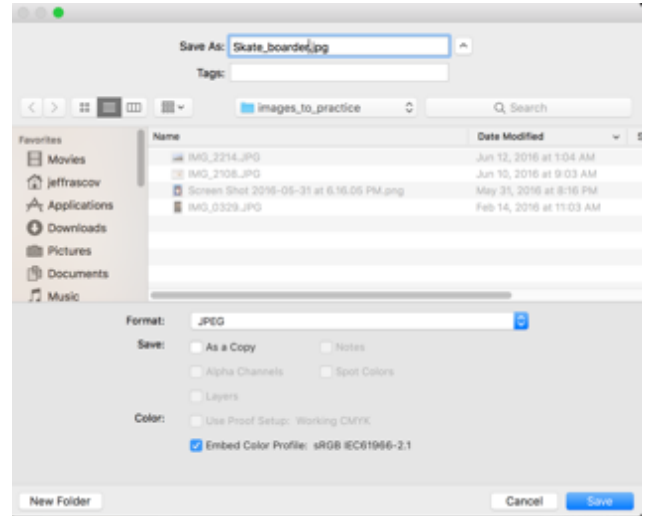
Curves – Edit>Adjustments>Curves - I use both the Red and Green curves to adjust the colors. First is to choose the Red or Green from the pulldown menu. You use the tool by placing dots down along the lines and adjust line up of down. Below is my adjustments.
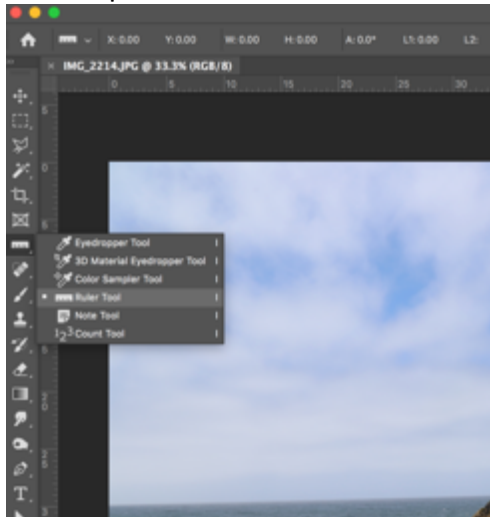

Take your time and see how to tool works.

Then Crop - "You learned in last lesson, this time click Clear and use any size that make image look balance" and save as JPG. Name the file Skate_Boarder.JPG

Straighten a Photo. I learn this technique about 22 years ago, I still use today. Pretty much every day. Start with image – light_House.JPG – This image is on an angle. We will straighten with the ruler tool.
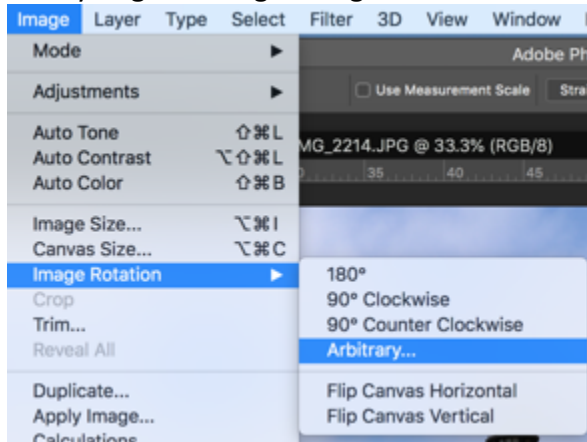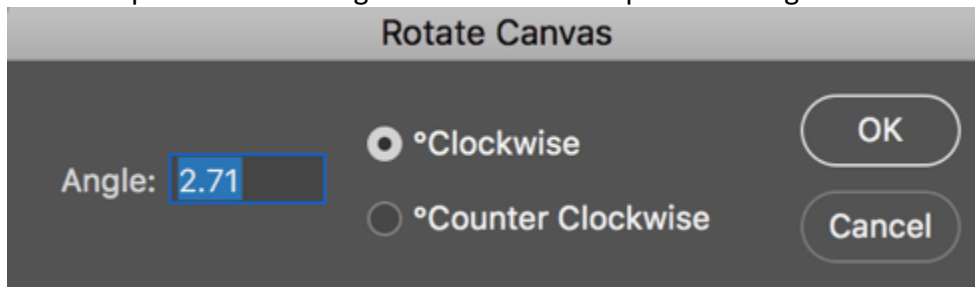
First step is to choose the Ruler Tool.

The draw a line along the object you would like to straighten. In this case draw the ruler tool down the middle of the Light House, draw as if the lighthouse should be straight. Yes the line should be on slight angle.

Next you go to Image>Image Rotation>Arbitrary

Photoshop will take the angle into account and place the angle it needs to straighten in a menu.

Your number will be different than mine. But something close.

Click OK. There will be white along the edges but then crop and save as JPG. Maybe call as LightHouse.JPG
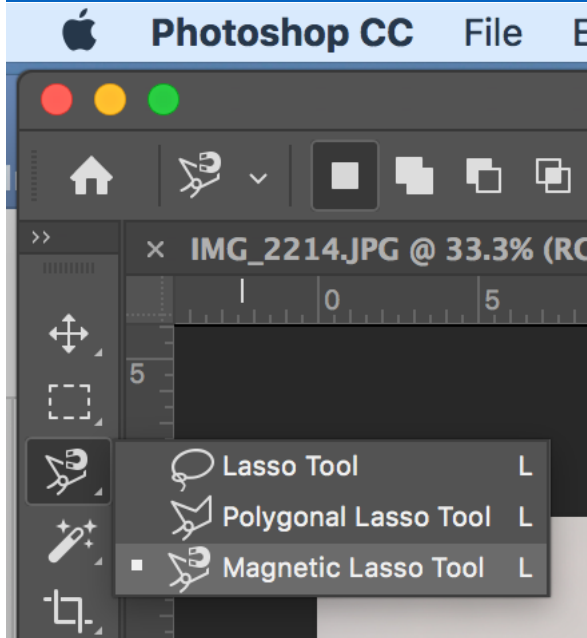
OK This is the most important technique. Getting rid of the background of an image. Open tea_pot>JPG This will not be too hard because I shot the image on white background. But again I do this every day.

There are many ways to do this. Each person has their own technique. I would use the Pen tool to do this. But that is something that takes a lot of time to master. I can demo in class, but for today we will use an easier tool the Magnetic Lasso.

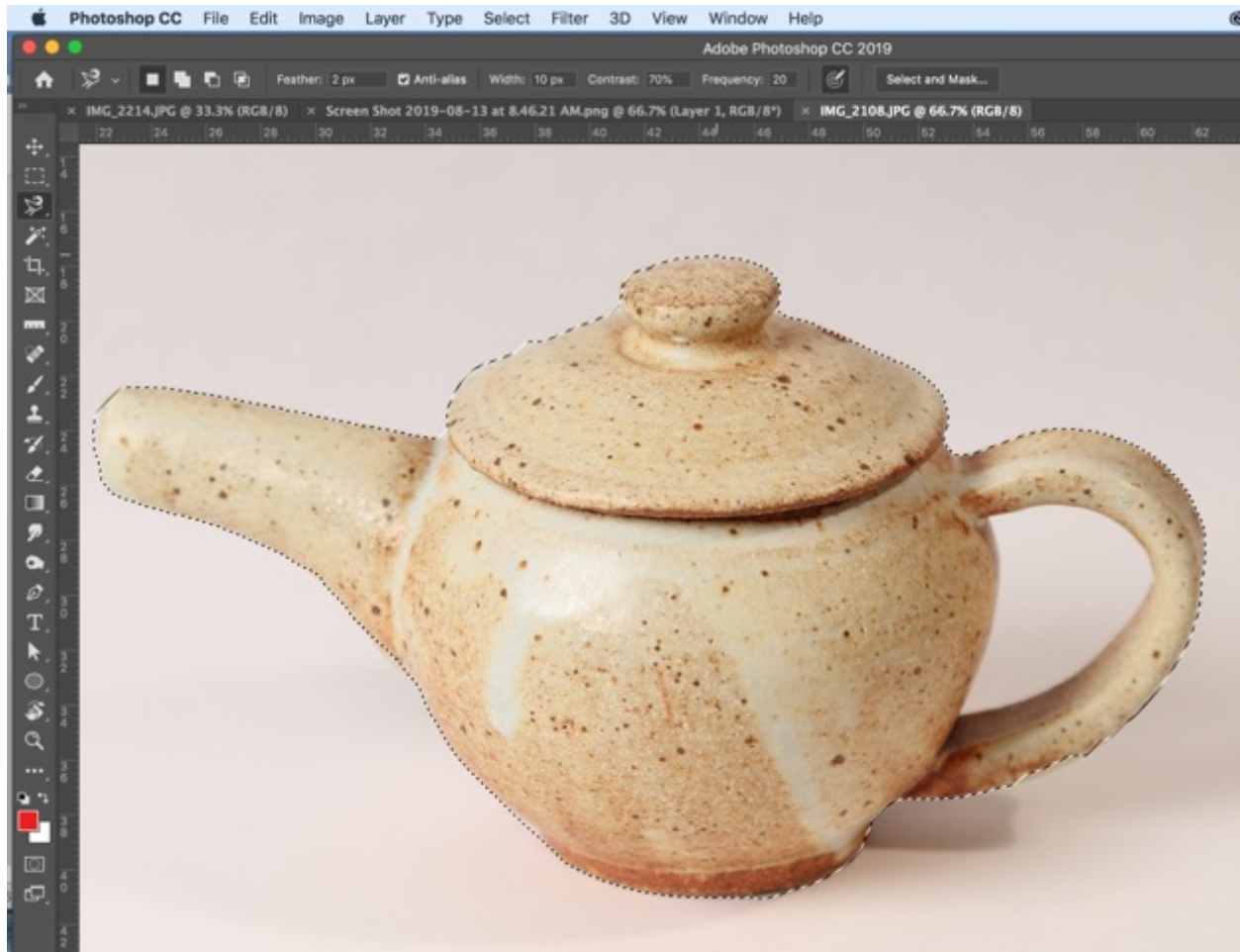https://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/using/selecting-lasso-tools.html

This tool works by drawing along the edge of the image. Drag the tool all around the edge. It should try to snap to the edge of the image. If you like to start over use the **ESC Key**.

It should place dots along the edge.

Go all the way to where you started. This will make a selection of the object.
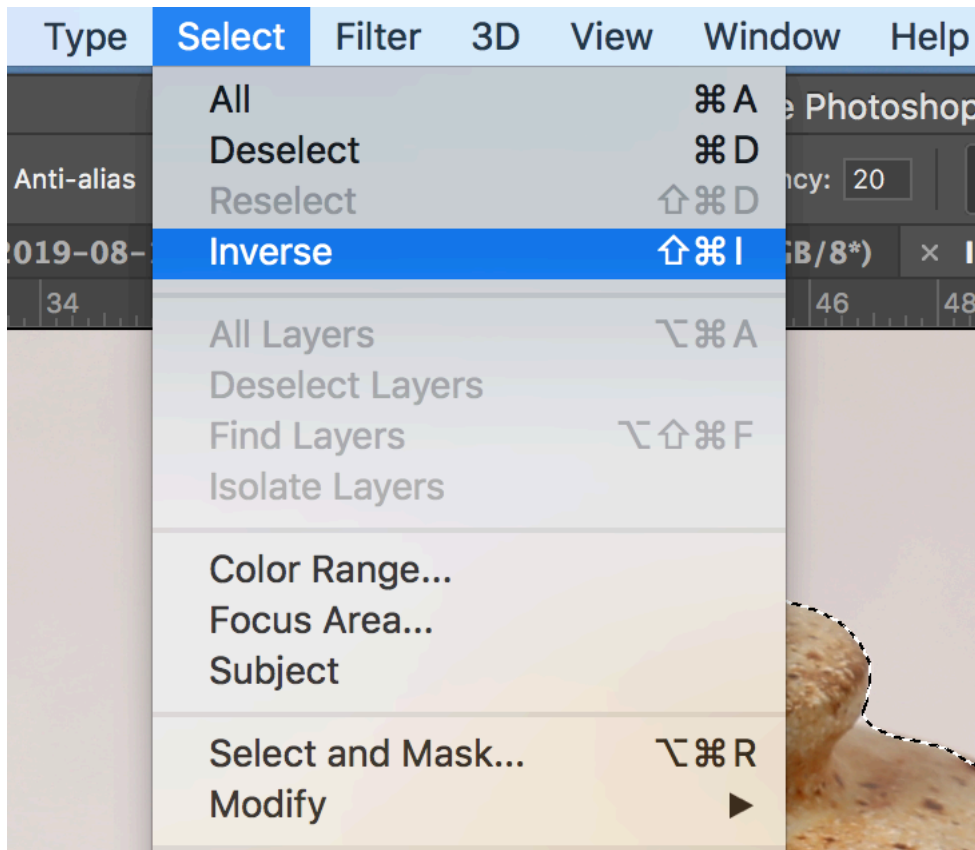
You should see dots around the images. Sometimes these are called Marching Ants. But look you still have the white area in the handle that needs taken out. I do this by using the same Magnetic Lasso Tool. Hold down the option key the tool will then turn to Negative, draw along the edge inside the handle.
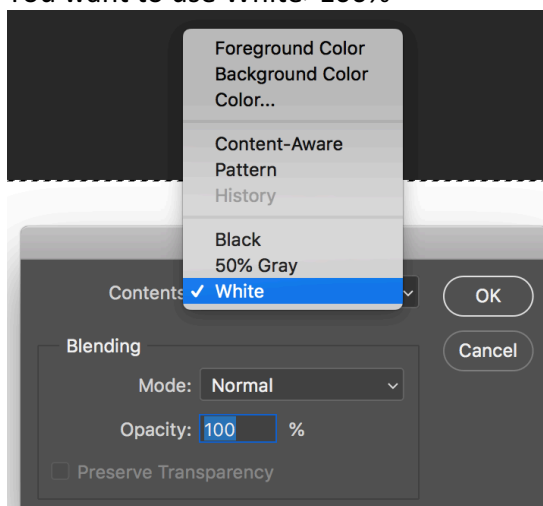
Should have marching ants around the outside and in the handle of the pottery. But we have a problem, We have selected the pottery, what I really want to do is select the opposite. Outside the pottery so I can make it white. We do this by inversing the selection.

Then you can hit the Return Key and a fill option will pop up. If this does not work. You can use Edit>Fill.
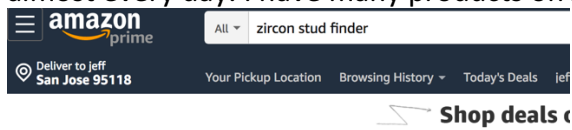
You want to use White>100%

You should have a pure white background and a piece of Pottery. Crop and Save as Pottery.JPG

Again there are many techniques to make the background white. You learn to do yourself. I do almost every day. I have many products on Amazon and most have white background.
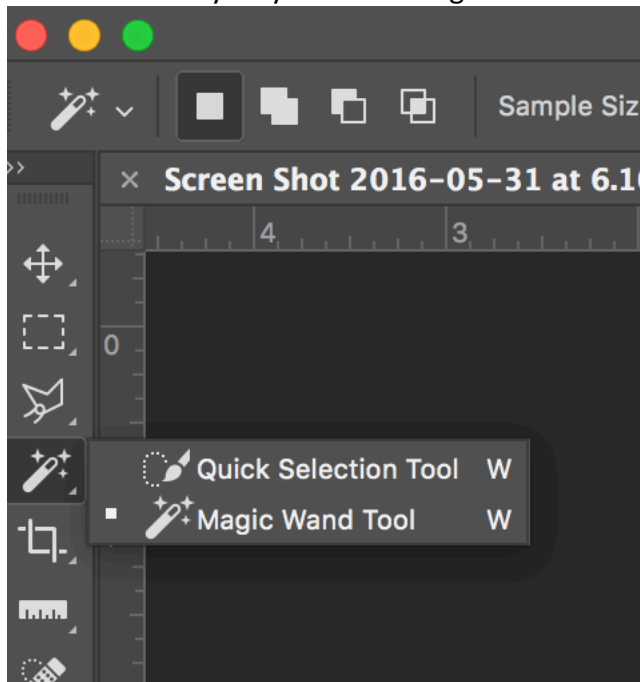
Last we will change the color of area in Photoshop. Open the portrait.png Again there are many techniques to do this I just and showing you a way that I might.

I this case we have a Red Ribbon in the drawing. I want to make yellow. How to do? Maybe Select and fill with Yellow. Probably easiest way. Also another technique would be to use Replace Color.

Let's do the easy way. Use the Magic Wand.
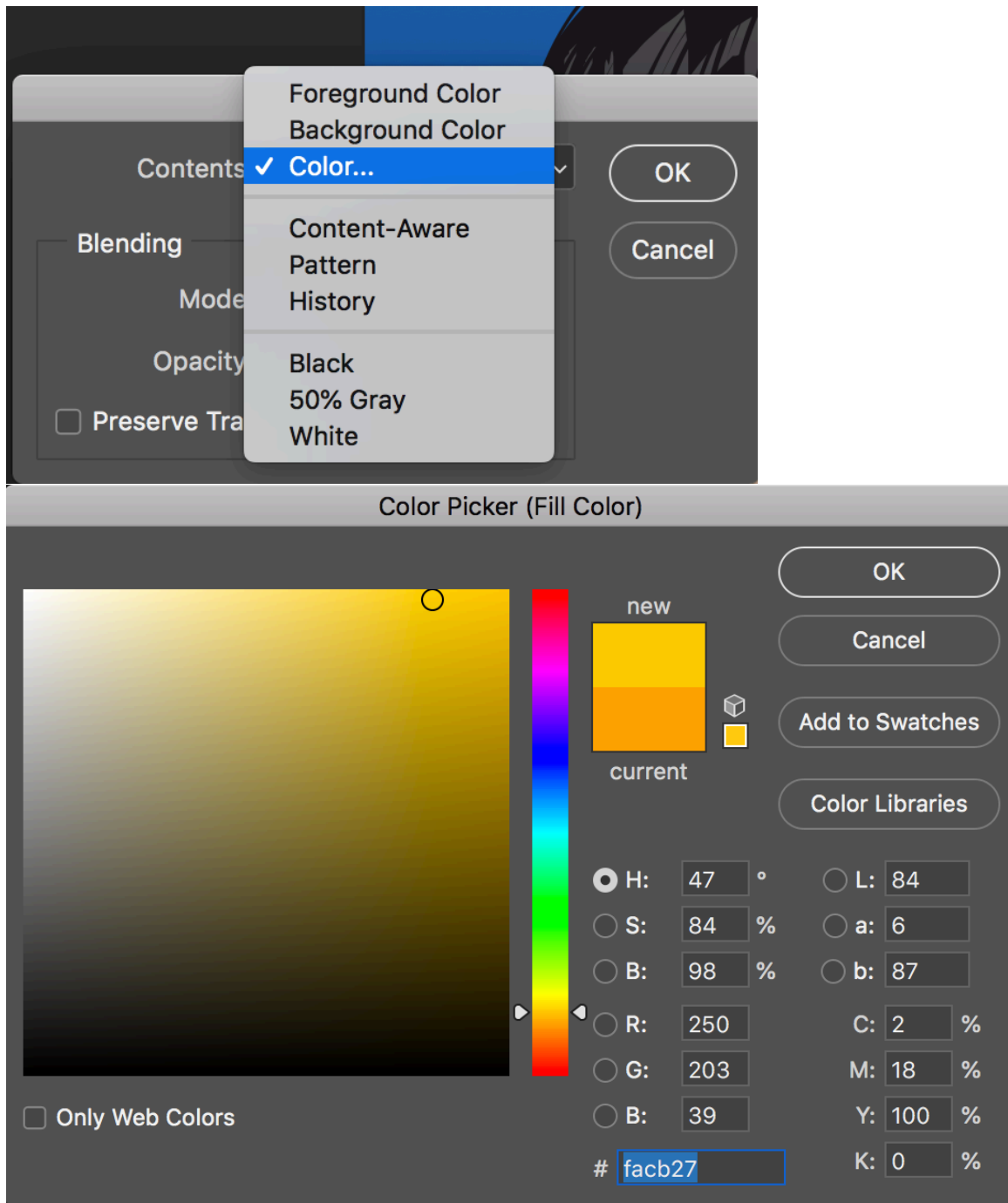
Click in the red area.

The entire red area will probably not be select. So to select more, **Hold Down Shift Key**. And select more of the red.

Then we will fill with Edit>Fill>Choose Color from option. A color window will pop up and I choose Yellow for color.

The final image will have Yellow

Save a JPG – Girl_with_yellow.JPG