

PHOTOSHOP – MODES AND ADJUSTMENTS.

MODES – RGB

Image is created using red, green and blue colored light. When colors overlap, they create cyan(blue and green), yellow(green and red) and magenta(red and blue). All three create white. They are called additive colors. The presence of all colors gives you white, the absence of all colors gives you black. This is the mode used for altering color images in Photoshop.

MODES – CMYK

Based on the colors of ink on paper. Cyan, magenta, yellow and black. Used in four-color process printing. They are subtractive colors. Absence of all colors is white, presence of all colors makes black.

MODES –LAB color

Based on an international standard for color measurement. It has three channels – lightness (good for black and white images), “a” – green/red axis and “b” – blue/yellow axis. You can make adjustments to your tonal values separately from your color values, then return to RGB mode.

MODES – BITMAP

Uses only two color/tonal values – black and white. Can only be accessed when you convert an image to black and white.

MODES – GREYSCALE

Black and white – 256 shades of grey from 0(black) to 255(white). You can convert back to RGB or CMYK.

MODES - DUOTONES

Can only select this after converting to black and white. This mode creates duotone(two color), tritone(three color) and quadtone(four color) images, using two to four custom ink colors. Adobe Photoshop has a selection of color combinations within the program. In duotone dialogue box go to “load” Go to wherever your application is on the hard drive, go into the program and look for a

folder called "Presets". Go inside the folder and look for duotones, tritones and quadtones folders. Select one, click OK. Your image will become the colors of the preset selected. If you like it, fine. If not, select another by doing the same steps. You can click on curves box for each color and further adjust the amounts of each color.

MODES - MULTICHANNEL

Converts an image to cyan, magenta and yellow. Individual channels can make black and white images. Used in certain printing processes.

ADJUSTMENTS

Try auto adjustments first...sometimes they work. You can fade adjustments IMMEDIATELY after you make them by going to Edit>Fade.

ADJUSTMENTS – LEVELS

Extends range of tones by pulling in outer arrows. Adjust middle tones by moving center arrow right or left.

ADJUSTMENTS – COLOR BALANCE

Drag a slider towards a color you want to increase and drag away from a color you want to decrease, Select shadows, highlights or midtones or all three.

ADJUSTMENTS – CURVES

The diagonal line represents the original color values, with shadows to the left and highlights to the right. Drag portions of the curve until the image is as you want it.

ADJUSTMENTS – EQUALIZE

Redistributes the brightness values so they more evenly represent the entire range of brightness levels.

ADJUSTMENTS – HUE/SATURATION

Lets you adjust hue, saturation and lightness of the entire image or individual color components of that image. If you click "colorize" box, the image is converted to the hue of the currently selected foreground color. Reducing the

saturation can give you look of a hand colored image.

ADJUSTMENTS – GRADIENT MAP

Maps the equivalent grayscale range of the image to the colors of a specific gradient fill.

SOME QUICK TIPS

IMAGE UNDEREXPOSED – Duplicate layer by dragging background layer to paper icon on bottom of dialogue box. Change layer mode to screen. Do as many times as needed. Control amount of lightening by changing opacity of layer.

IMAGE OVEREXPOSED – Duplicate background layer and change layer mode to multiply. Control amount by changing opacity.

PORTIONS OF IMAGE UNDEREXPOSED SUCH AS SHADOW AREAS

Make sure you have a saved image or a new snapshot in your history. Click on box to the left of correct snapshot. A history brush icon will appear. Click on your history brush tool. Adjust opacity of brush. Change MODE OF BRUSH to “screen”, paint on the shadow areas of your photo.

PORTIONS OF IMAGE OVEREXPOSED SUCH AS HIGHLIGHT AREAS

Do same procedure as above, but change mode to multiply.