Corel Trainer Social Media Class June 2020. Recognizing that Skin-Tones Matter in Digital Design



Addressing some of the struggles in basic photo-editing related to skin-tones. This class will assume a basic knowledge of Corel Systems.

Color Masking

Background vs Skin tone removal
The more contrast/destinction the better results
Crop areas first, then apply color mask(s)
Draw underlying elements when necessary
Cutout Lab (photo-paint)



Effects

Brightness Contrast Intensity & Hue Saturation Lightness Blur effects to focus the viewer's attention TONS more cool effects in newer Corels...

Contrast areas can help or cause struggles

People with darker skin:

Smiles stand out :-)

Shadows hide detail :-(

-Blurring backgrounds can help (contrasts via lighter shades)

People with lighter skin:

Night photos & grayscale :-)

Strong apparel colors distract :-(

-Bring up other areas, or soften sharp colors (for consistency)

Remember to think in layers!

Enhancements & exaggerations are expected

Lets recognize & celebrate some of our differences, as well as our similarities.

We are all beautiful Americans!



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