

Adobe Photoshop – Finding Highlights and Shadows

Quick Tips

Sells' User Guide for Finding Highlights and Shadows using Photoshop

You can use a Threshold Adjustment Layer to find the right highlight and shadow values.

- 1 Choose Threshold (Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Threshold) and click OK. (see Figure 1 below).

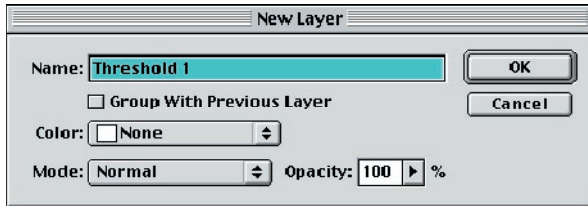


Figure 1

- 2 Drag the slider all the way to the right. Then, as you drag the slider back to the left, the **lightest part** of the image will appear. Move your cursor (the Eye Dropper tool) over the lightest area of the image, hold down the Shift Key and click to put a target on your image. This as a visual reminder where the lightest area is.

After you find the lightest area of your image and mark it, drag the slider all the way to the left. Then as you drag the slider back to the right, the **darkest part** of your image will appear. Move your cursor (the Eye Dropper tool) over the darkest area of the image, hold down the Shift Key and click to put a target on your image. This as a visual reminder where the darkest area is.

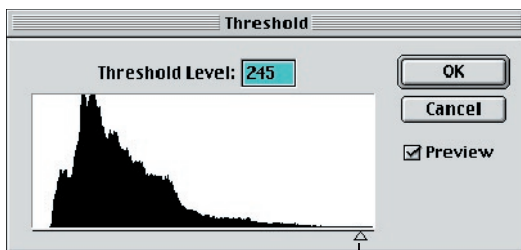
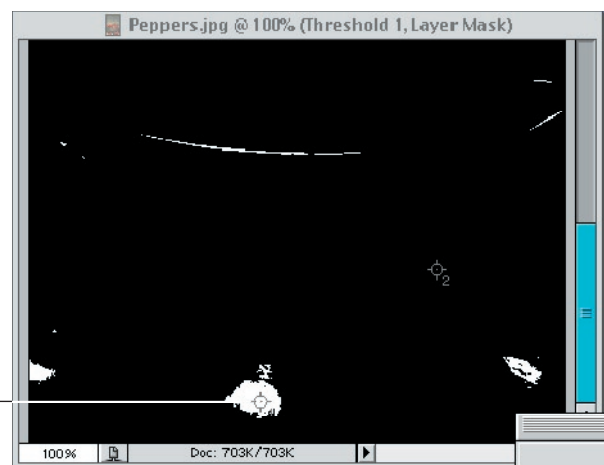


Figure 2



Notice the visual reminder of the lightest area made by clicking on the light area while holding down the Shift-Key.

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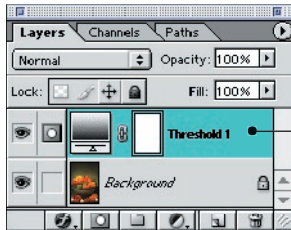
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- Once you have identified the lightest and darkest parts of your image, delete the Threshold Adjustment Layer by dragging the Adjustment Layer to the Trash icon.



Visual Reminder indicating the Darkest part of your image.

- You can now use the Curves dialog box make adjustments to your image. We have a separate QuickTip.



Visual Reminder indicating the Darkest part of your image.

Visual Reminder indicating the Lightest part of your image.