

Me and Me Both Assignment

Digital Technique: The purpose of this assignment is to combine two different pictures of yourself into one image. You will want to appear to be interacting with yourself in some way. That means to adjust coloring and smooth edges until the viewer can not tell where one picture ends and the other begins. You will use the MAGNETIC lasso tool, the magic wand a variety of cutting and erasing techniques and layers to complete this more advanced project.

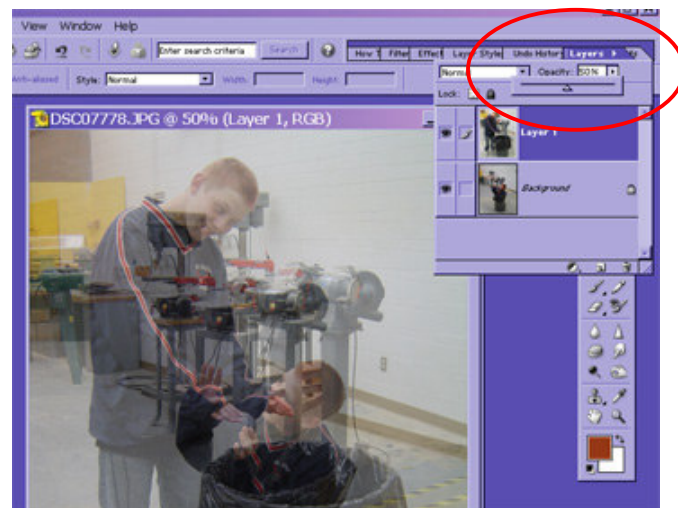
Taking the Pictures: Before you are in the computer lab, you will need to take some pictures. Have a partner that will be your camera-person, take turns photographing each other for this project. Take MANY pictures with different ideas and poses, so you can have lots to choose from in the lab. Each pose needs to be done in pairs with the same exact background and same camera placement, the only thing that should change is the person's position. Use a tripod to keep the camera focused on the same area. A neutral background will also make it easier to combine the pictures.



1. Open **Adobe Photoshop Elements**.
2. **BROWSE** for images. Look in your class period folder. Open the two best pictures. Rotate them if necessary. This project will depend on the quality of your pictures.
3. First you will want to layer the two

photos. Click on the first photo and then your menu **SELECT → ALL** and then your menu **EDIT → COPY**. Now click on the second photo then your menu **EDIT → PASTE**. You will only see one photo, because they are now on top of each other.

4. To see through the first photo and adjust it's position, you will need to open the **LAYERS TAB**. One way to do this is **WINDOWS → LAYERS**, the layers window should open. Double click on the layer that says "background" to unlock it. Then, in your LAYERS window, select the TOP photo and change opacity slider bar to 50%. You will



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notice the photo becomes transparent.

5. Now using the MOVE tool from your toolbox, move the top, transparent image around as you try to line up some main object in your background. In this example, we will want to line up the garbage can.



6. Next, you will need to use the **MAGIC LASSO** to select as carefully as possible the body from the top picture and then **EDIT → COPY → EDIT → PASTE**. This will create a third layer that is just the body.

7. You can now hide, or delete the layer that has this same body with the background. You don't need this picture anymore. You can do this in the layers window.

8. Also in the Layers window, make sure all your remaining photos are at 100% opacity.

9. Now use the **MOVE TOOL** to carefully move the top body into position with the background body, until it looks natural.

10. If needed use your **MAGIC WAND** to select and erase any extra background still surrounding your cut out body. You may also need to use your **ERASER** to clean up little bits that are not matching the background image.

11. Once your two bodies look seamless, Go to **LAYERS → FLATTEN IMAGE**. You may also want to crop out extra parts of the larger image.

12. When you are done, REMEMBER TO **FILE --> SAVE AS JPEG**, IN THE **FORMAT DROP-BOX**, use our class digital assignment naming pattern and find the correct FOLDER to save in.

