Adobe Photoshop

It's Magic

In this assignment, you will use the Magic Wand tool to select, copy, and paste a selection of one image into the background of another, creating a new image.

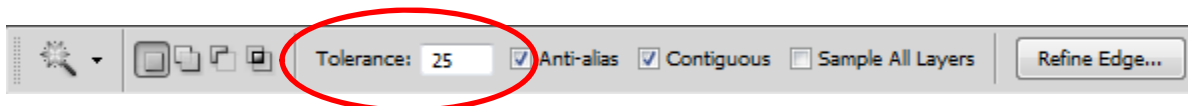The following tutorial will outline the steps to create your new image.

1. Find and save an image from the internet to use as the central image. Also find and save another image from the internet to use as the background.

2. Open Adobe Photoshop and open both images in Photoshop by selecting File / Open. We will be working with the image of the bat first in this tutorial, but you will be working with the central image of your own choosing first.

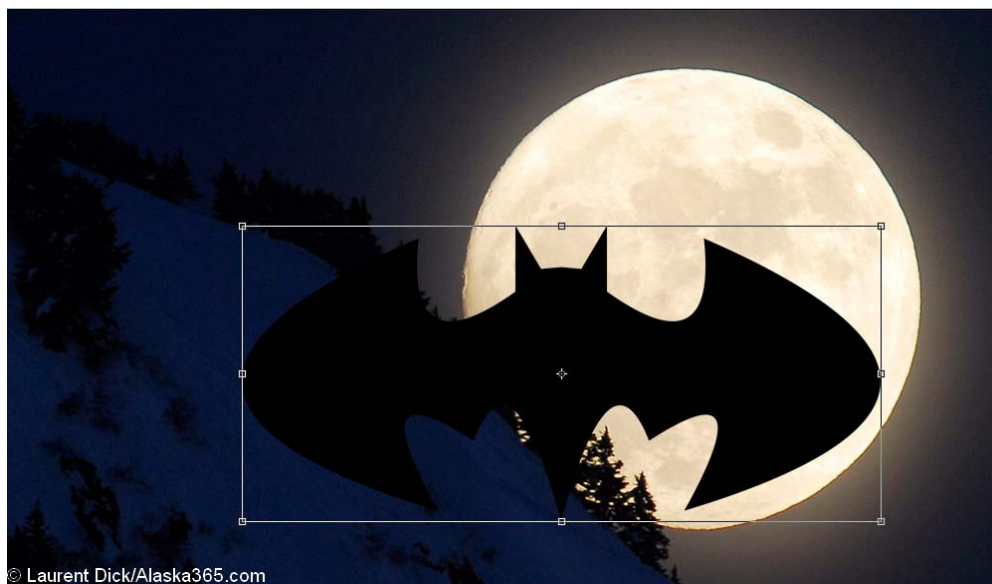3. Use the Magic Wand tool, circled below, to select your central image.

4. Selecting an image is usually very tedious and time consuming work. Unless your image is a single color or the background is a single color, you will need to make multiple selections in order to get the best selection of your image.

5. If the image is a single color, like the bat above, select the image and copy it by choosing Edit / Copy.

6. If the background is a single color, select the background. Then click Select / Inverse before clicking Edit / Copy. This will change your selection from the background to the central image.

7. If both the background and the central image are multi-colored, you will need to use the Tolerance level to adjust the Magic Wand to capture only what you want to select. The Tolerance level is shown below:

The lower the Tolerance number, the fewer pixels that will be selected with each click of the Magic Wand Tool. The higher the number, the more pixels that will be selected.
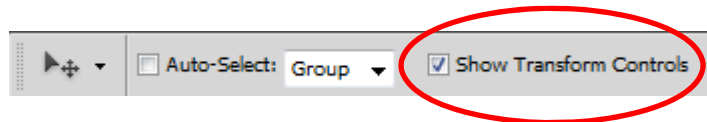
8. Once you are satisfied with your selection, copy it by clicking Edit / Copy and viewing your background image.

9. Select Edit / Paste to paste your image onto the new background.

10. You will need to adjust the size of your new addition.

11. Select the Move Tool, shown below.

12. Next, check the box labeled Show Transform Controls. This will show 8 anchors joined by lines around your central object. Choose an anchor in the corner to adjust your image's size. *TIP: To maintain correct proportions, hold down the Shift key as you drag your object to a suitable size.*

13. When you are satisfied with your finished product, save it with your name in the filename and drop it into our class dropbox. Ex. *DWindsor_Batman.psd*

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