

Creating a Vignette in PS Elements 11

This should work in earlier versions as well.

- Open your image in Elements.
- Use the rectangular marquee tool to draw a selection around the main point of interest in the image. Make it a selection that will include more than half of the image area.



- Feather the selection. Select - Feather and enter 250px. Ok.



- Inverse selection (Select - Inverse).



- Copy the selected area onto its own layer by pressing Ctrl-J (Cmd - J with Mac). Note new layer 1 in layers palette.



- From the Dropdown Menu at the top of the layers palette change the blend mode from Normal to Multiply.



- Adjust the opacity till the darkened area is not too obvious (anywhere between 50% to 80%). To check the effect switch layer 1 on and off by clicking on the eye in the layers palette.
- If any of the vignette overlaps something that should be 'bright' use the eraser tool with low opacity and soft brush to carefully rub out the dark bits in Layer 1.
- When happy with the result flatten the image and save.

