

Original photo

Forcing a subject (making it more dominant) with a motion blur or filter.

On theme pages or to illustrate features, your staffs may want to force a portion of a photo to stand out. Here are some cool ways to do that.

Directions for adding a blur background.

- 1) Open a photo.
- 2) Duplicate the background layer. Click the eye in the Layers palette menu to make it invisible.
- 3) Double click on the background layer. Change the name of the layer to Layer 0.
- 4) From the Filter Menu choose Blur>Motion Blur
- 5) When the dialog box opens up, play around with the blur settings to get a cool looking background. You could actually use any filter for this.
- 6) Make the top layer visible by clicking the eye back on in the Layers palette.
- 7) Choose the Lasso tool. Change the feather to 15.
- 8) Draw loosely around the subject in the photo.
- 9) Once you have completely encircled the subject and have a closed path, choose Inverse from the Select menu. Then hit the delete key.
- 10) Save the file as a TIFF and place it in PageMaker or InDesign. Your picture should look like the photo at right. ✖



Forced subject with blurred background



With glass filter



With plastic filter



With water color

As you can see, you can use any filter in the Filter Gallery to create a truly unique photo.

