

Portrait Retouching Resources

A handout for beginner Photoshop students

This document contains links to tutorials and books to help refine your portrait retouching techniques. Some of these resources were created by me, while others are from industry experts.

Books on Portrait Photography & Retouching

These books provide valuable insights into lighting, posing, and editing techniques for portrait photography.

- **The Portrait Photographer's Lighting Style Guide** – Peter Travers & Rosella Vanon
- **Studio Anywhere: A Photographer's Guide to Shooting in Unconventional Locations** – Nick Fancher
- **Light, Science & Magic: An Introduction to Photographic Lighting** – Fil Hunter, Steven Biver, and Paul Fuqua
- **Picture Perfect Posing: Practicing the Art of Posing for Photographers and Models** – Roberto Valenzuela

My Video Tutorials

A collection of my step-by-step Photoshop tutorials for portrait retouching.

Basic Retouching & Adjustments

- **ACR Basics Panel & Color Mix**
<https://youtu.be/IH1Jag3Y3cl>
- **Base Retouch**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yboZKvAX1Xg>

Skin Retouching & Enhancements

- **Clone & Healing, Opacity & Blending**
<https://youtu.be/1TWMrElhW0s>
- **Wrinkle Reduction**
<https://youtu.be/ysieFg2kRw>
- **Sharpening the Hair**
<https://youtu.be/9dMpAE666Ik>

- Do you want to smooth the skin? Try a **Frequency Separation using Photoshop**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMdl4133Bow&t=366s>

Feature Enhancements

- **Mouth & Teeth Retouching**
<https://youtu.be/nBN1I-XMWI8>
- **Whitening Teeth & Eyes**
<https://youtu.be/wjo8bVcUF4M>
- **Changing Hair Color**
<https://youtu.be/0mjcf772eJA>

Male Portrait Retouching

- **Male Portrait Retouch**
<https://youtu.be/owaRRGe6QqY>
- **Male Sharpening**
<https://youtu.be/PPdMDVZQuo4>

Creative Retouching Techniques

- **Dodge & Burn Vignette**
<https://youtu.be/OAmISvweJYQ>

Additional Online Resources & Tutorials

A curated selection of professional tutorials for further learning.

Masking & Selections

- **People Masking – Anthony Morganti**

Liquify Tool & Ethical Editing

- **Liquify Tools & Tips + Ethical Editing – Phlearn**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le1uHL4gzdQ>

- **Getting the Most Out of Liquify – coryphoto**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ye4AsoMtlo0>
- **Post Production Playlist – coryphoto**
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4PTD00hQo_csx1XeD34vvu0gLb_HqaSC

Comprehensive Retouching Workflows

- **Simple Men's Portrait Retouching Workflow – Fstoppers**
<https://fstoppers.com/education/simple-mens-portrait-retouching-workflow-65638>
- **Complete Male Portrait Retouching Workflow (Photoshop & Lightroom)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dK15pN1Cy1o>
- **Male Skin Retouch – Christfoto Studios**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ--CM9hckQ>

Eye & Teeth Retouching

- **How to Whiten Teeth (Advanced) – Phlearn**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvCDzD_mDHo
- **Cleaning Up Eyes in Photoshop – Phlearn**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z33cgxtSYXY>
- **How to Change Eye Color – Phlearn**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMmzoYZpg_Q

Dodge & Burn Techniques

- **How to Dodge & Burn Using Curves – Kayleigh June**
<https://youtu.be/lSeVmoEvL2E>

Photoshop Tips & Hacks

- **Top 10 Photoshop Hacks for Portraits – Irene Rudnyk**
<https://youtu.be/F5XJkArWIC8>

Expert Photographers' Playlists

- **Lindsay Adler's Retouching Playlist**
<https://www.youtube.com/@lindsayadlerphoto/playlists>

- **Sean Tucker's Retouching Playlist**
<https://www.youtube.com/@seantuck/playlists>
- **How to Edit Dramatic Portraits in Photoshop – Sean Tucker**
https://youtu.be/MvwFIZX3y_k

Color Grading & Retouching in Photoshop

- **Color Grading in Photoshop – Colin Smith (Photoshop Café)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS-InTpM_2A
- **Retouching in Photoshop Playlist – Colin Smith (Photoshop Café)**
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoyFEvCXqBkyEObqZQZQKg1Y8TG8J3kwz>

Final Thoughts

This list of books and tutorials provides a strong foundation for developing your portrait retouching skills. Explore these resources at your own pace and experiment with different techniques to enhance your workflow.

Happy editing!