



A Fix for Underexposed Photos at DesignerDigitals

We are getting a taste of warmer weather to come today and I love it! Sunny skies, sports, windows open, fresh breezes and snow cones...perfect! I feel like we're going from winter to summer with just one night's sleep! lol! And the days are flying by me faster and faster. Am I the only one or does this seem to happen to you too?

Life is so precious and I'm reminded every day that we need to make sure those closest to us know how much they mean to us because life can be over without warning. So hug your love ones and scrap them with journaling and photos that will always remind you of how precious they are to you. And we've got everything you need at DesignerDigitals including nearly [50 new items](#) in the store this week including the 25 cent items.

Our Birthday is continuing with [voting for your favorite layout](#) to win a Nanochromatic from Apple! Be sure to vote for your favorite!

And the [CT contest](#) has less than two weeks... but still time to enter!

Next week is our 2nd Quarter Sale so rest up! 30% off storewide and [16 hours of chats](#) on Saturday with all sorts of giveaways!!

Make sure to join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Flicker](#) for news, challenges and our Daily Photo events!

And, of course, we have 2 NEW 25 cent items for today and tomorrow ONLY! Don't Miss them!



Featured Layout of the Week

Congratulations to [Tove](#). Her layout [LapTop 10](#) has been selected as the featured layout of the week where she won a \$ 5 DesignerDigitals Gift Certificate for product of her choice!



[LapTop 10](#)

And here are just a few of the items that she used in her layout:

[Naturally Krafty No. 03 Paper Pack by Katie Pertiet](#)

[Staple Its! by Pattie Knox](#)

[Stitched by Anna White No. 01 by Anna Aspnes](#)

Don't forget about Thrifty Thursday where over 200 items from various designers are marked down 30%! You can check out the items [here](#) and mark your calendar for an email reminder [here](#). And you only need to sign up once for weekly reminders!

[New Products at DesignerDigitals](#)

And three new challenges with freebies! You will need to sign into your Forum account to get to these. If you do not have an account yet you can create one [here](#).



[Color Challenge by Jesse Edwards](#)



[Everyday Inspiration Challenge by Pattie Knox](#)



[Journaling Challenge by Andrea Victoria](#)



Photoshop or Elements Tip of the Week:

A Quick Fix for Underexposed Photos

Dark, underexposed photos are a common problem. When shooting photos indoors or in low-light situations, your photos may come out darker than you would like. Fortunately, there is a quick fix for underexposed photos with Photoshop and PSE.

1. Open an underexposed photo and select it.
2. Press **Ctrl + J (Mac: Cmd + J)** to make a copy of the photo. The photo copy layer will populate directly above the original photo.
3. Change the **Blending Mode** of the copy to **“Screen.”** The Blending Modes Menu can be found at the top of the Layers Palette. The default blending mode is “Normal.” Clicking the down-facing arrow reveals the entire list of blending modes. “Screen” is in the third box from the top.
4. If the photo needs to be lightened even more, select the top layer (the photo copy layer) and make a copy of it by pressing **Ctrl + J (Mac Cmd + J.)** This may be too light for your liking. If so, adjust the Opacity of the top layer by moving the **Opacity slider**. Locate the Opacity slider by clicking the down-facing arrow in the 100% Opacity box.
5. When you are satisfied with your quick fix, flatten the image by selecting **Layer > Flatten Image**.

This tip saved a few sets of older photos that I had scanned in. I won't reveal my age, but at the time I took the photos, that flash cube didn't produce enough light for my little Instamatic!

Be sure to check your email next week for another quick photo fix: adjusting faded or overexposed photos.

Have a great week and we'll see you at DesignerDigitals!

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