How to Use the Dodge, Burn, and Sponge Tools in Adobe Photoshop CS5

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Application (Version): Adobe Photoshop CS5

Task Description: How do I use the Dodge Tool? How do I use the Burn Tool? How do I use the Sponge Tool?

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**Dodge Tool**

- This will lighten colors in your photo.
- The more you use this tool in one area, the more it will become white.
- Make a person's teeth or eyes whiter.
Select the "Dodge Tool"

Click and hold down on the icon, then select the "Dodge Tool"
Adjust the size of the brush.

1 - Click the drop down menu of the "Brush"
2 - Move the "Size" tab left (smaller brush) or right (bigger brush) to change the size of the brush.

Click and draw on the area that you want to have whitened.

I have whitened the right half of this person's teeth.
Burn Tool

- This will darken colors in your photo.
- The more you use this tool in one area, the closer it will get to black.

Select the "Burn Tool"

Click and hold down on the icon, then select the "Burn Tool"
Adjust the size of the brush.

1 - Click the drop down menu of the "Brush"
2 - Move the "Size" tab left (smaller brush) or right (bigger brush) to change the size of the brush.

Click and draw on the area that you want to have darkened.

I have darkened the right side of the iris.
**Sponge Tool**

- This will decrease the color saturation in a particular area of an image.
- Great for creating certain portions of an image black and white while keeping other portions colored.

**Select the "Sponge Tool"**

Click and hold down on the icon, then select the "Sponge Tool"
Adjust the brush size.

1 - Click the drop down menu of the "Brush"
2 - Move the "Size" tab left (smaller brush) or right (bigger brush) to change the size of the brush.
Click and draw on the area that you want to change to black and white.

- This is the result of the "Sponge Tool"
- To get the smaller areas you will have to change the brush to a smaller size.
- To get the image to black and white you will have to do a lot of clicking.