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Step 1 : Open Photoshop and open the image you want to edit. Enter **L** to open the **Lasso Tool**. Draw a shape around the tattoo.

Step 2 : Enter **M** to open **Marquee Tool**. Using the tool, move the selection to an area without the tattoo.

Step 3 : Enter **CTRL + C** to copy the area and **CTRL + V** to paste the area. Now move the new piece of skin over the tattoo. Type **CTRL + E** to merge the pasted layer with the original layer.

Step 4 : Enter **J** to open the **Healing Brush**, set the brush size to 15 and check **Aligned**. This is where the real work begins.

Step 5 : Put the brush right at the edge where the skin is pasted. Move back about 20 pixels, then press **ALT** and click on that area. The **Healing Brush** tool is very similar to the **Clone** tool, which duplicates the area where you hit **ALT** and clicks above. The difference between the **Healing Brush** and the **Clone** is that the areas where you clone are merged with the colors and the ambient light.

Step 6 : Start using the mouse to copy the surrounding skin to the edge of the pasted skin.

Step 7 : See the pasted skin area begins to merge into the surrounding skin. Continue to do this around the entire edge of the pasted skin until the edge blends into the surrounding skin. The result looks like this:



The pasted skin area begins to merge into the surrounding skin

Step 8 : However, things don't look completely natural. So, using the Healing Brush and start painting over the entire paste area. You customize the lighting to look most natural. You may have to press ALT and click on different areas of the surrounding skin to make sure the lighting is right.

Step 9 : Enjoy the final result!



Final result

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