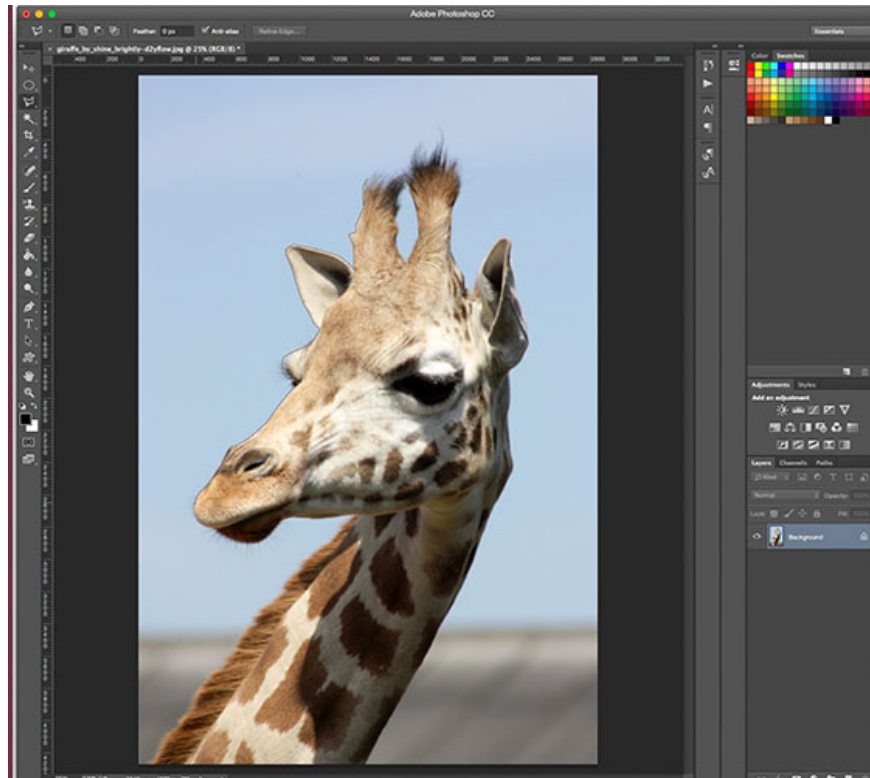


# Instructions to separate photos from the background in Photoshop

Instructions to delete the background with Photoshop step by step below will help you easily separate images from the background without the need for high Photoshop.

Removing the background from an image is always a time-consuming task, especially when the wallpaper has many complex details or you have to manipulate the subject's hair. Below, **TipsMake.com** will help you overcome that challenge with just a few simple steps in Photoshop (PTS). The tutorial to delete the background below will use Adobe CC, but you can apply the same steps on the PTS CS5 version and above.

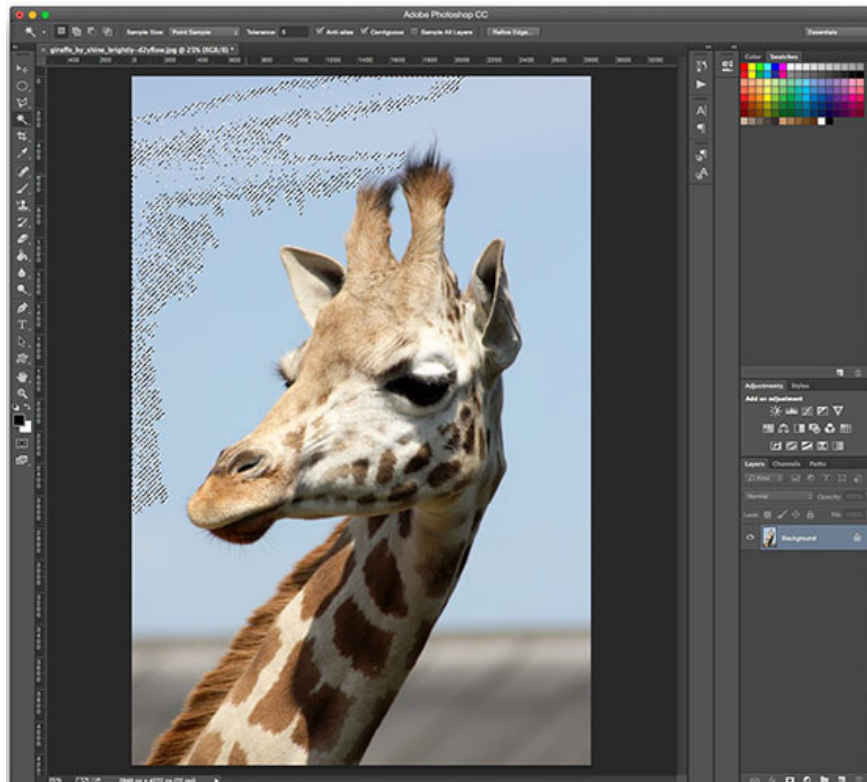
**Step 1:** Open the image in Photoshop by selecting **Open** (Ctrl + O) or drag and drop.



**Step 2:** Create a selection. There are many tools for you to make selections, but the simplest ones are **Quick Selection Tool** and **Magic Wand Tool**. In addition, the **Lasso Tool** brings higher accuracy but will take longer.

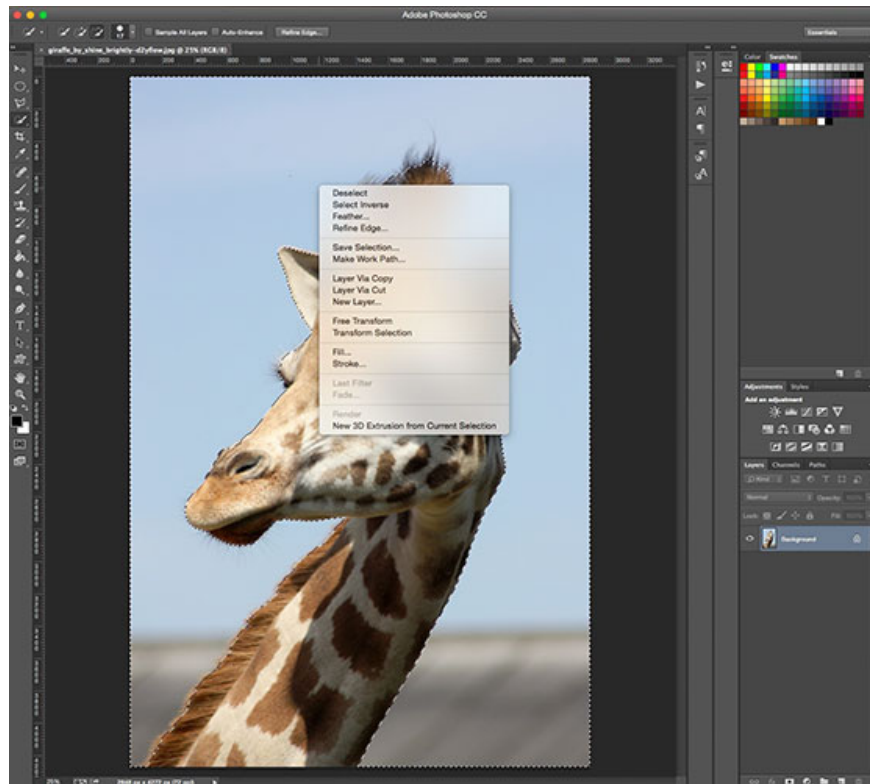


1. **Quick Selection Tool:** Use the selector with the '+' with the **Shift** key , then select the area of ??the background you want to delete and drag around to expand the selection. If you unfortunately choose the right subject, you can click and hold the **Alt** key to select a tool with a '-', to remove the selection. Click **Shift** to return to the selection tool.
2. **Magic Wand:** This tool is suitable for less detailed selections. After selecting **Magic Wand**, click on a point on the wallpaper you want to remove. If after clicking, the image shown below can increase the **Tolerance** to 10 or 15. To add a selection, just hold down the **Shift** key . To remove the selection, hold down **Alt** and click.

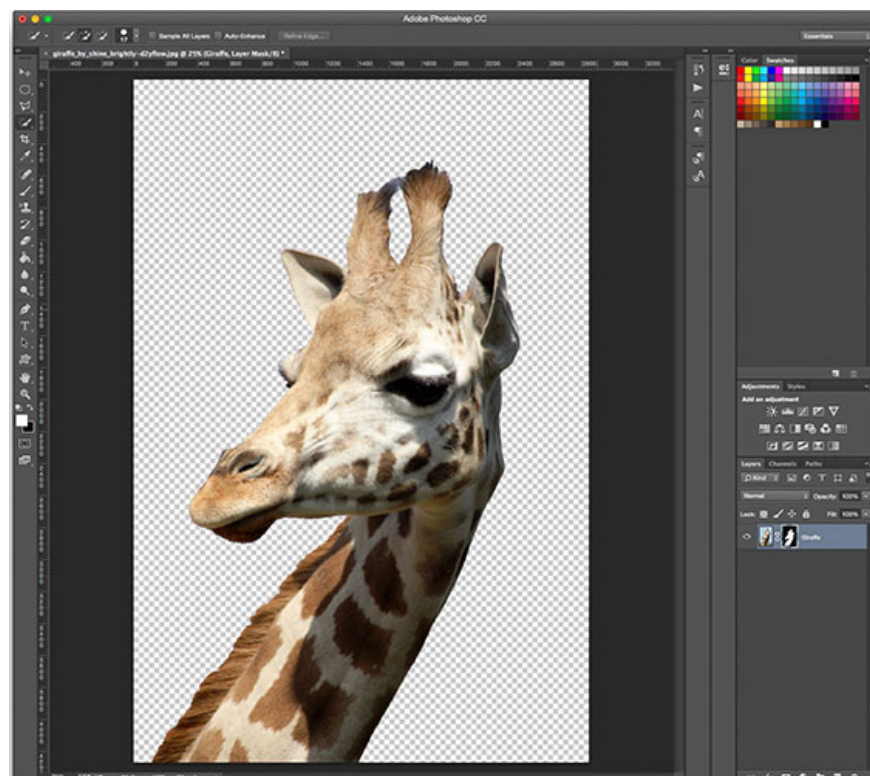


1. **Lasso Tool:** With this tool, select the subject you want to split with **Polygonal Lasso Tool**. Click along the points around the subject until a closed line is created. Remember that the more points you click, the more accurate the selection will be. When you're done, double-click to turn the whole subject into a selection or click on the first point when you see the small circle next to the mouse pointer.

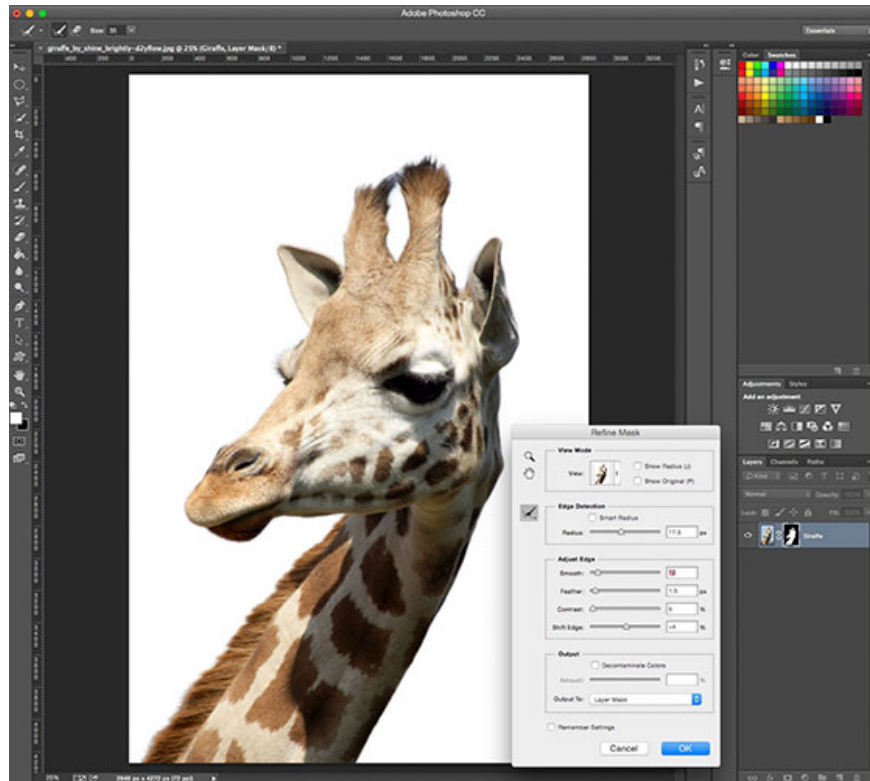
**Step 3:** If using **Quick Selection** or **Magic Wand** to select the background area, just right click, then select **Select Inverse** to select the giraffe and continue to refine. If you have used the **Lasso Tool**, you can move immediately to the next step.

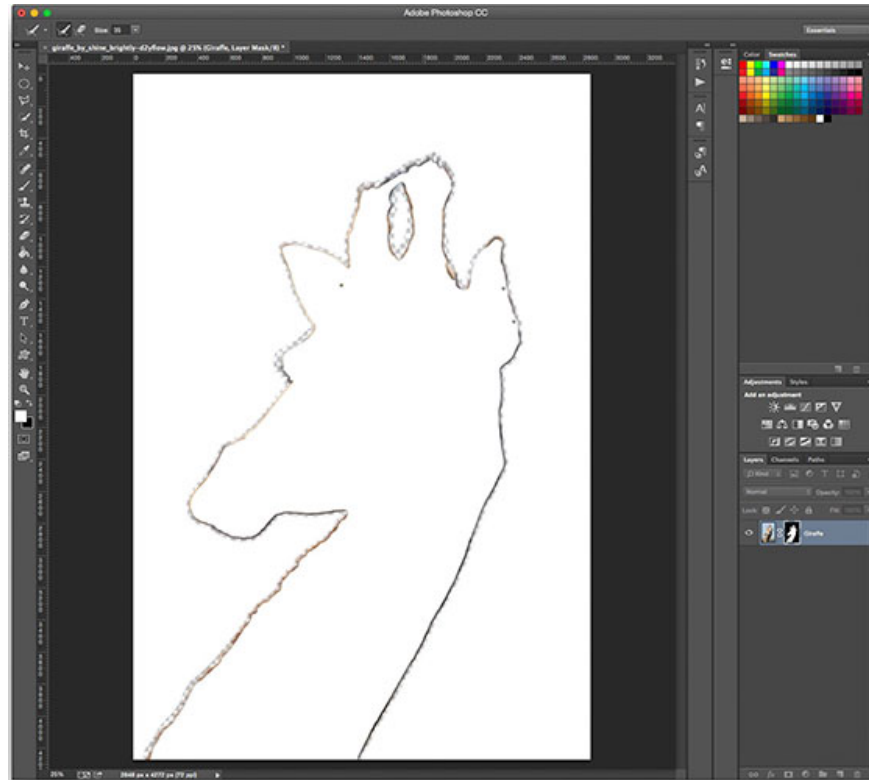


**Step 4:** Select **Add Layer Mask** below the **Layers** panel (the rectangle icon has a black circle in the middle). This will only leave the main subject on your picture. Don't worry if the image is not standard because we will refine it further.

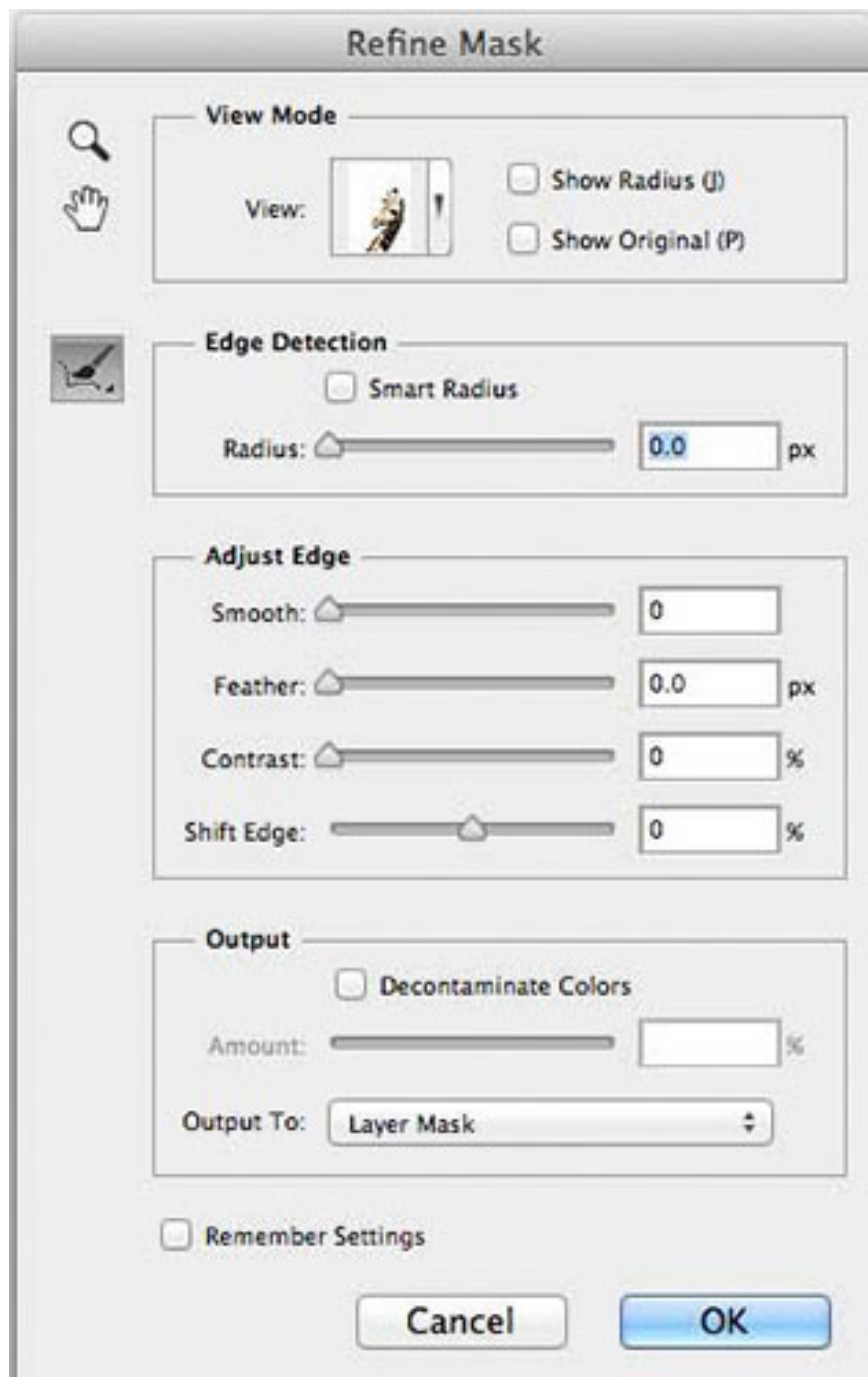


**Step 5:** Double click on the mask (black and white image next to the preview image) on the **Layers** panel and select **Mask Edge**. The **Refine Masks** window will appear later. Select **Show Radius** and customize the **Radius** parameter on the slider. When hovering around the image, you will see a circle with a small plus sign inside. Use this tool to remove excess details on the image.





**Step 6:** Uncheck **Show Radius** to return to the **Refine Mask** dialog and adjust other parameters with the slider until you get the desired result. To see the image more clearly, change the view by clicking on the thumbnail icon of the image and selecting the mode in the drop-down list.



**Step 7:** Click OK when satisfied with the image. Now you can use this image to insert it anywhere you want. If you need to place the subject in another background, just open the image in Photoshop and drag and drop it. You can also resize the image using **Ctrl / Cmd + T**, then hold the Shift key while dragging and dropping.



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