

Lesson no. 7: Working with Tools

13. Dodge tool (O)

The Smart Brush tool and the Detail Smart Brush tool apply tonal and color adjustments to specific areas of a photo. Certain effects can also be applied using these tools. You simply pick a preset adjustment and apply the correction. Both tools automatically create adjustment layers. This feature offers you flexibility in working with your photos because the original image layer is not altered. You can go back and tweak the adjustments and no image information is discarded.

When you apply the Smart Brush tool, it makes a selection based on color and texture similarly. The adjustment is simultaneously applied to the selected area. You can adjust shadows, highlights, colors, and contrasts. Apply colors of the objects in your image, add textures, apply various photographic effects.



Burn tool (O)

The Dodge tool and the Burn tool lighten or darken areas of the image. You can use the Dodge tool to bring out details in shadows and the Burn tool to bring out details in highlights.

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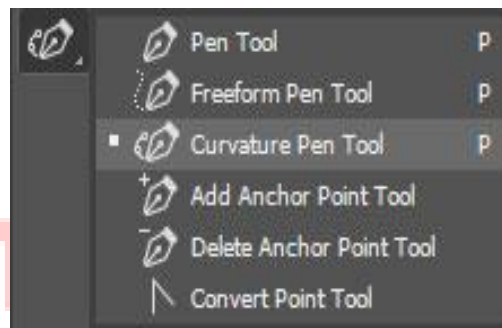
Original image (left), after using the Burn tool (top center), and after using the Dodge tool (bottom right)

14. Pen Tools (p)

Photoshop provides multiple Pen tools to suit your use cases and creative style:

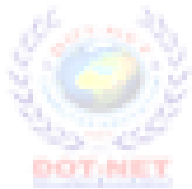
- The Curvature Pen tool lets you intuitively draw curves and straight segments.
- The standard Pen tool lets you draw straight segments and curves with great precision.
- The Freeform Pen tool lets you draw paths as if you were drawing with pencil on a piece of paper.
- The Magnetic Pen options let you draw a path that snaps to the edges of the defined areas in your image.

Use the **Shift+P** key combination to cycle through the tools in the Pen group.



Cycle through the Pen tools using the Shift+P key combination





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