



Recoloring Techniques in Photoshop/Photoshop Elements

Pt. 1 Recoloring with the Hue/Saturation Feature

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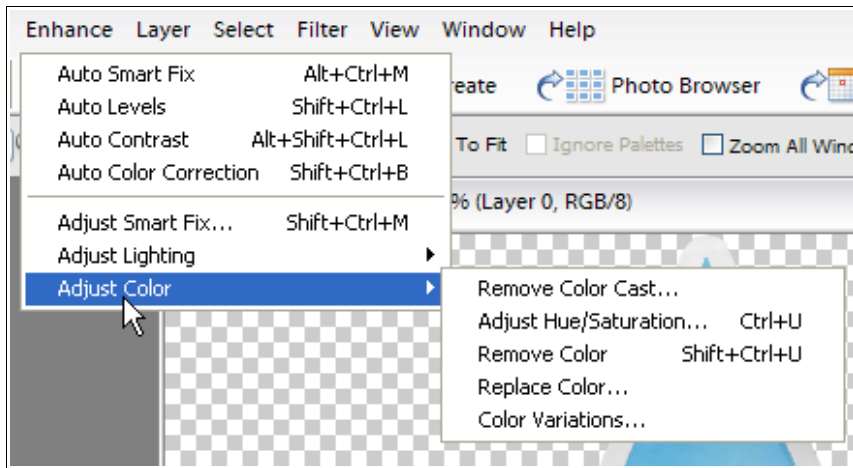
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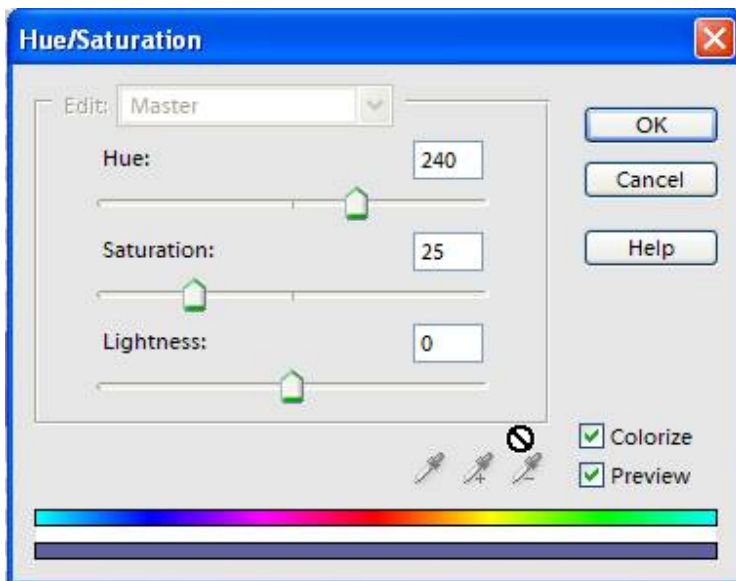
This is probably the most straight-forward method of recoloring. It works well on single-colored objects that do *not* have a lot of shading or highlighting. Examples might include buttons, paper items, some alphas, solid ribbons and fibers and even solid papers. For this tutorial, I'm going to use a blue paper star element from my Astronomical Page Kit.



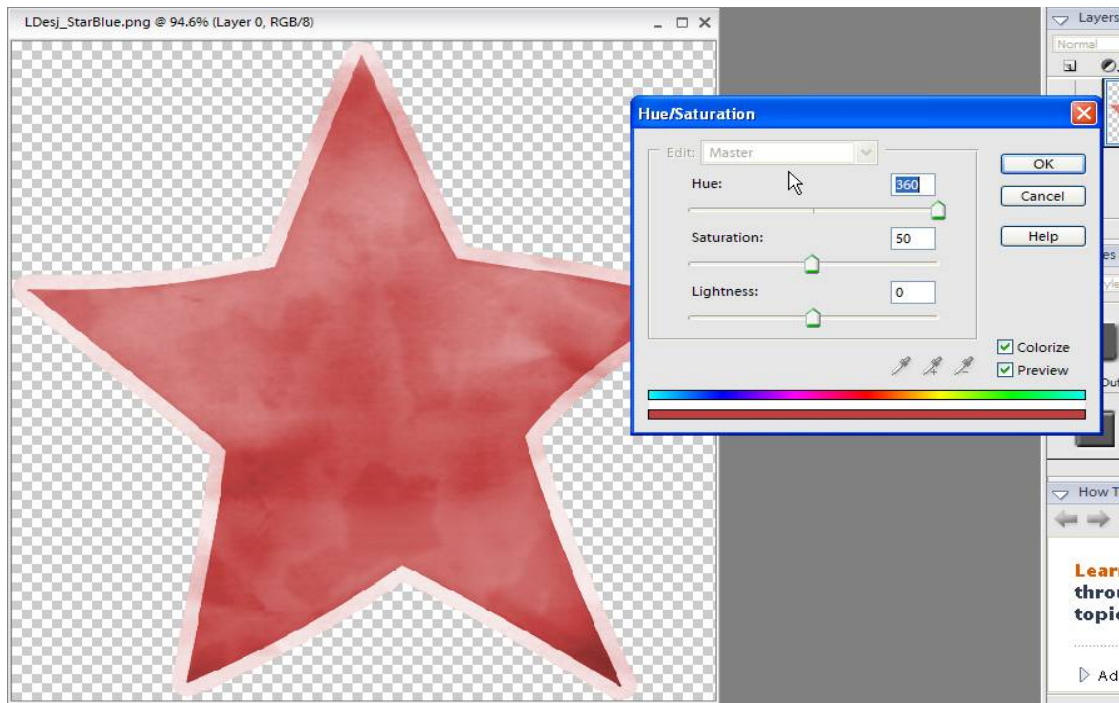
1. Open the element you want to use in Photoshop Elements. Go to File>Save As and give the file a new name. This will prevent your from writing over the original file.
2. Go to Enhance>Adjust Color>Adjust Hue and Saturation.



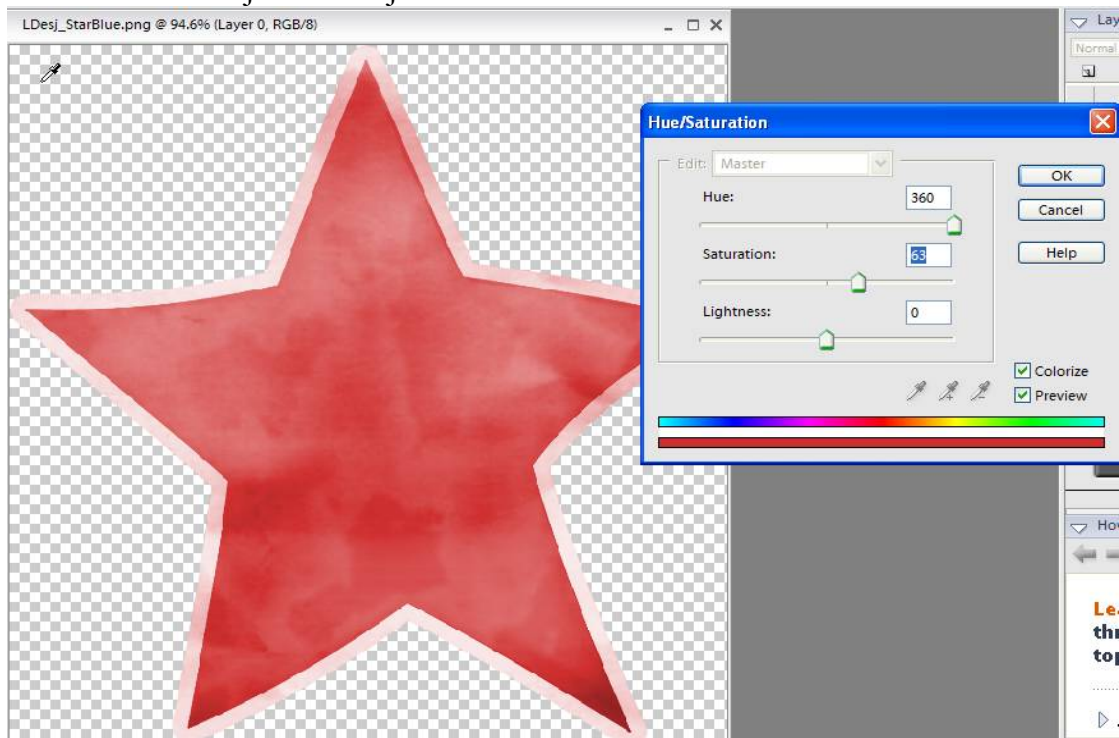
3. Now you will see an dialog box like this. Check the Colorize Box. You may see your image change color on the canvas. Don't worry about that for now.



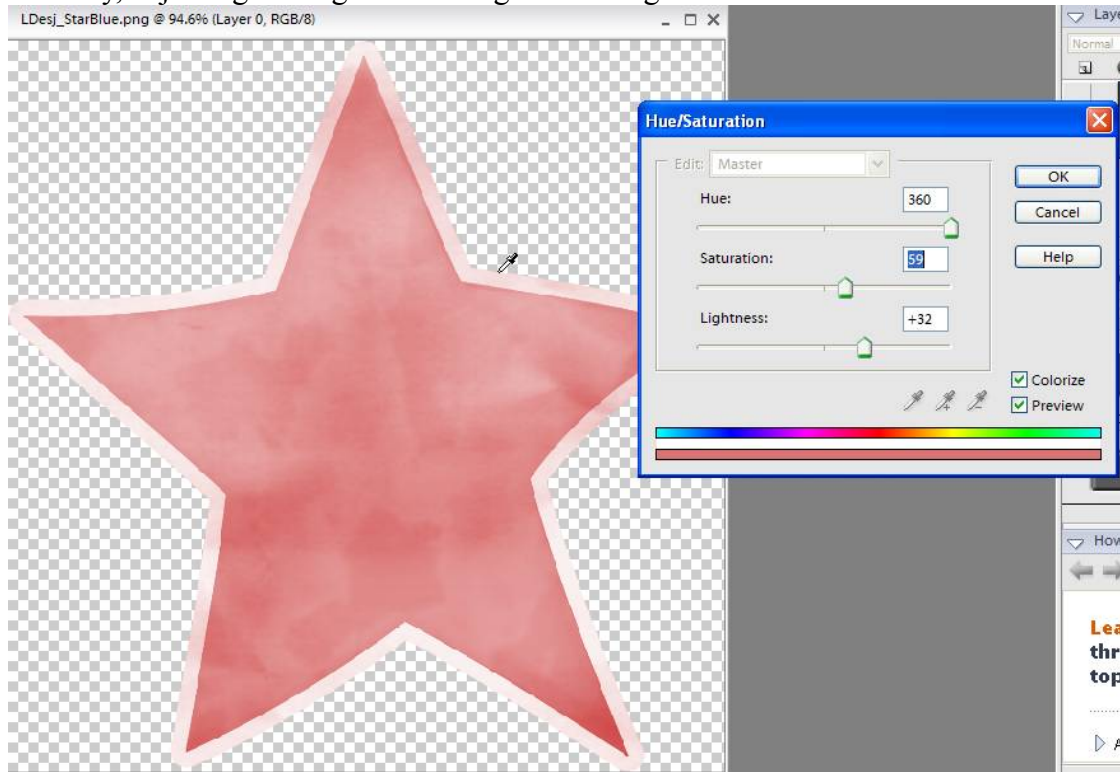
4. Now you will use the Hue, Saturation and Lightness adjustments to recolor the element.
 - a. Start by using the hue slider, which will adjust the actual color of the element. You will see the effects on the canvas. I'm going to make my star pink, a shade of red. So I've adjusted it for that effect.



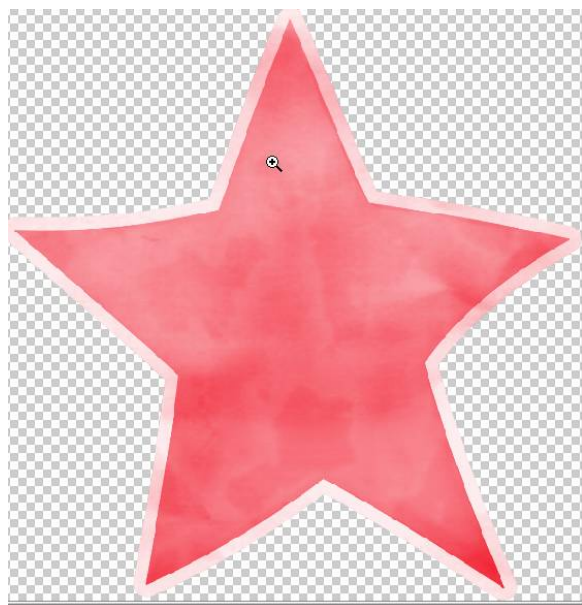
b. Now move the saturation slider, this will affect the intensity of the desired color. Notice that it is still red. We'll adjust that in just a moment.



c. Finally, adjusting the Lightness will give me a lighter shade of red – Pink:



Remember, you may need to adjust the sliders more than once to achieve the desired effect. In my end result, I've re-adjusted the saturation to get a brighter pink color.



After



Before