



Make It Match

Replace Color Menu Project 1 – Manual – Photoshop Elements

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Now that we know what the Replace Color Menu is, we're going to spend some time working on a project to help us get more comfortable with how it works.

Step One: Prepare the Workspace

- In the downloads for this lesson, there is a layered cluster file along with a flower png file. Download, unzip, and open those files now.
- Go to the flower png document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose File > Duplicate to create a copy. Click OK.
- Close the original flower document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Window > Images > Consolidate All to Tabs.

Step Two: Sample a Color

- Go to the layered cluster document.
- Click on the Foreground Color Chip to open the Color Picker.
- On the document, click on the blue paint to sample that color.
- Select the Hex # and press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy it.
- Click OK.

Step Three: Recolor the Flower

- Go to the flower copy png document.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Enhance > Adjust Color > Replace Color.
- The first thing to do is to set the color we are wanting to change. To do that, on the document, click once on the pink flower.
- In the dialog box, set the Fuzziness to 200.
- Click on the lower Color Chip to open the Replace Color Color Picker and press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to Paste in the Hex #. Click OK.



- We are really close but you can see that along the edges of some of the petals, there is still some leftovers of the pink. So click on the Add to Sample dropper to activate it.
- On the document, click once on one of the shaded areas that still looks like it has orange in it.
- Click OK to close the Replace Color Menu.



Step Four: Move the Flower to the Cluster

- Now that our flower has been recolored, we can move it to our layered cluster file to finish it up. To do that, press Ctrl A (Mac: Cmd A) to Select All.
- Press Ctrl C (Mac: Cmd C) to copy the flower layer.
- Go to the Layered Cluster document.
- In the Layers panel, click on the Flower Placeholder layer to activate it.
- Press Ctrl V (Mac: Cmd V) to Paste.
- Get the Move tool.

- Use the Flower placeholder layer to guide you in resizing and placement. Click and drag from a corner handle to make the flower smaller.
- On the document, click and drag the flower into position.
- Once the flower is sized and placed properly, click the checkmark to commit.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the name of the Flower Placeholder layer and choose Copy Layer Style.
- In the Layers panel, Right click (Mac: Ctrl click) on the name of the flower layer and choose Paste Layer Style.
- In the Layers panel, drag the Flower Placeholder layer to the Trash.



Step Five: Save As

- Now you can save this layered cluster file with a unique name to be used with any project you wish.
- If you think you might use the recolored flower for more than this project, you could also save that flower as a flat PNG file with a unique name. Just make sure to keep the original file name in it so you know who to credit the flower to.

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Layered Cluster: Jenifer Juris

Kit: Dear Mom by Kristin Cronin-Barrow

Flower: Time Teller by Etc by Danyale