

FUNDAMENTAL EDITING CHECKLIST



GET STARTED

☐ WORK IN RAW



GET THE IMAGE READY



CROP THE IMAGE Use cropping to establish composition



NOISE REDUCTION Check for **Chromatic Noise** and **Luminance Noise**



WORK THE DETAILS



GLOBAL EXPOSURE ADJUSTMENT Use the individual adjustments of: Highlights, Shadows, Whites, and Blacks



CLIPPING – BLACK POINT

Set your Black Point so that just a tiny bit of the Clipping Indicator shows up in a non-important location of the image



CLIPPING – WHITE POINT

Set your White Point so that just a tiny bit of the Clipping Indicator shows up in a non-important location of the image



GET THE COLOR RIGHT



COLOR TEMPERATURE & COLOR TINT

Use the White Balance Tool to set Color Temperature & Tint, or use a visual check if doing special color effects



CLARITY ADJUSTMENT

Use Clarity to improve the “effective sharpness” of the image, and watch the Histogram so that you don’t go too far



SATURATION ADJUSTMENT

All digital images can be improved with slight saturation adjustments- resist the temptation to go too far

OPTIONAL: APPLY THE DEHAZE FUNCTION / APPLY A VIGNETTE



FINAL DETAILS



LOCALIZED EXPOSURE & SHARPENING

Use the Adjustment Brush in Photoshop and Lightroom. Use the Smart Brush Tool in Elements



GLOBAL SHARPENING

Use a light touch with Global Sharpening



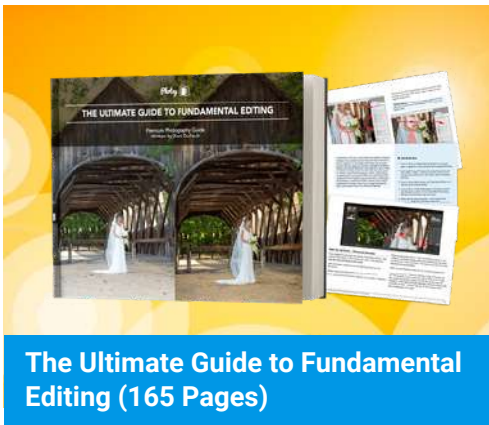
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