

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

SELECTION TOOLS

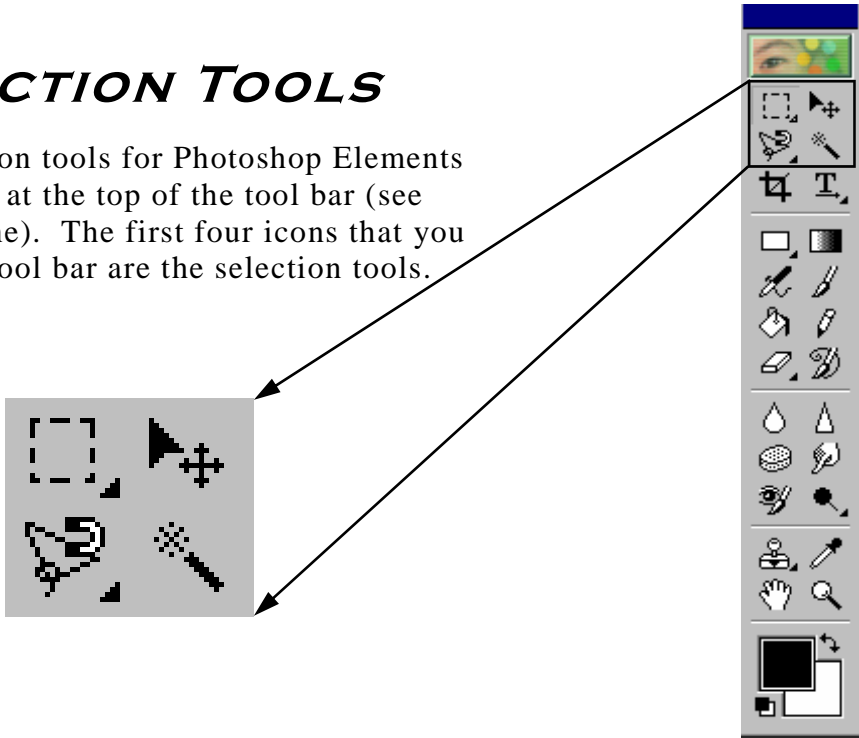
There are four selection tools when it comes to Photoshop Elements: the rectangular/elliptical marquee tool, the move tool, the lasso tool and the magic wand. Each one has it's own unique job when it comes to manipulating images in Photoshop.

Rectangular/Elliptical Marquee Tool
Move Tool
Magic Wand
Lasso Tool



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The selection tools for Photoshop Elements are located at the top of the tool bar (see Chapter One). The first four icons that you see in the tool bar are the selection tools.



THE RECTANGULAR MARQUEE TOOL

1. The rectangular marquee tool does exactly what it implies...it lets you select a rectangular area around an image.



2. Take the mouse and left mouse click on this selection tool.



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3. Once selected, position the mouse as far above the image as you would like (a little cross will appear over the image).



4. Hold down the left mouse button and drag over the image. A dotted box starts to appear. Make sure the box surrounds the image and then let go of the left mouse button.

The dotted box should now surround the image which means it is selected.



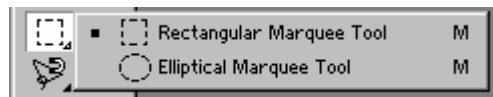
The rectangular marquee tool can also select

THE ELLIPTICAL MARQUEE TOOL

an image in an oval shape. In the bottom right hand corner there is an arrow. This means that the tool has more options.



Hold down the left mouse button and a dialogue box will appear. Still holding down the left mouse button, move the cursor over the "Elliptical Marquee Tool" option and let go of the left mouse button to select.



You will notice that the rectangular marquee tool has now turned into an oval shape. The elliptical marquee tool works the same way as the rectangular marquee...it's just an easier option when selecting a circle or round object.



NOTE: To de-select either the rectangular or elliptical marquee tool, place the cursor over the outlined area until a cross appears and then left mouse click.

