

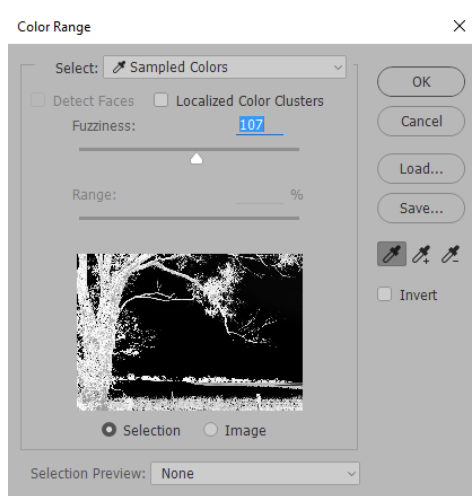
## Cut Outs using Select Colour Range

I wanted to have an image of a full moon showing through trees, I have tried this in camera without success I did have some great full moon photos that I have filtered to be Blue Moons, Yellow Moons etc. I have used the colour range method of selecting a tree it works well as with everything Photoshop it is one of many ways to select and cut out part of a photo, I found the original tutorial here <https://www.glyndewis.com/tricky-cut-outs-made-easy-fast-photoshop-76/?v=6cc98ba2045f> I have made mine a little differently but the basics are the same.

This is my original image I want to cut it from its background. I added a levels layer and darkened it a little.



1. Click on the Select Menu and choose Colour Range

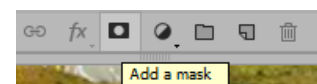


2. In the colour range box click on the tree trunk and move the Fuzziness slider to select most of the tree, it will pick up some of the grass below, but we will brush that out in Quick Mask, when you are happy with your selection click OK.

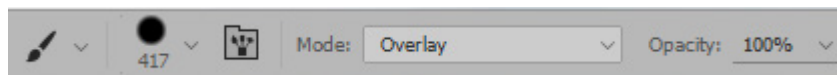


3. Hit Q on the keyboard to bring up the quick mask window and paint with white on the fence trees and canola that you don't want. Hit Q again to close the quick mask

4. Click on the Add a Mask icon at the bottom of the layers pallet



5. You now have a mask that shows just your tree, it has some transparent areas to bring these back hold Alt and click on the layer mask choose a black brush and set its mode to Overlay paint on the background to remove the areas that aren't fully black.



6. Paint with white over the tree to bring out more of the leaves and branches. You can duplicate this layer to increase the density of the tree in my case I duplicated it twice then highlighted the three layers and selected >Layers>Merge layers

7. I then opened my moon image and copied and pasted on top of my tree, I sent the blend mode to Multiply cropped the image and the result is opposite.

