

## Pencil Sketches from Photos

There are many similar tutorials available online. This demonstration developed from:

<https://www.photoshopesentials.com/photo-effects/photo-to-color-pencil-sketch-with-photoshop-cc>

From This:



To This:



- Open photo in Lightroom Classic CC and make normal adjustments
- Edit In > Photoshop CC
- **Duplicate** Background Layer
- **Desaturate** the new Background Layer (copy)
  - Image > Adjustments > Desaturate
- **Duplicate** The Desaturated Layer
- **Invert** the new Background Layer (copy 2)
  - Image > Adjustments > Invert
- Change the **Blend Mode** of the Background Layer (copy 2) to **Color Dodge**
  - Normal > Color Dodge
- Convert the layer into a **Smart Object**
  - Use the Menu icon (3 horizontal lines) at the top right of Layers Panel
- Apply the **Gaussian Blur Filter** to the layer
  - Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur
- Adjust the **Radius** of the filter to taste (don't worry if it's light)
- Add a **Levels Adjustment Layer**
  - New Fill or Adjustment Layer icon at bottom of Layers panel > **Levels**
- Change the **Blend Mode** of the layer to **Multiply**
  - Normal > Multiply
- Adjust the Opacity of the Levels Adjustment (or adjust the Levels Property curve) to taste  
*Close and Save and return to Lightroom for black and white sketch or continue in Photoshop to add original colors to sketch*
- **Duplicate** the original Background Layer and move to the top of the Layer Stack
- Change the Blend Mode to Color and adjust the Opacity of the Layer to taste
- Add Text Layer if desired  
*Make additional adjustments in Lightroom*
- Optional: Card printing using guides from Red River Paper:  
<https://www.redrivercatalog.com/cardshop/tuts1/>