

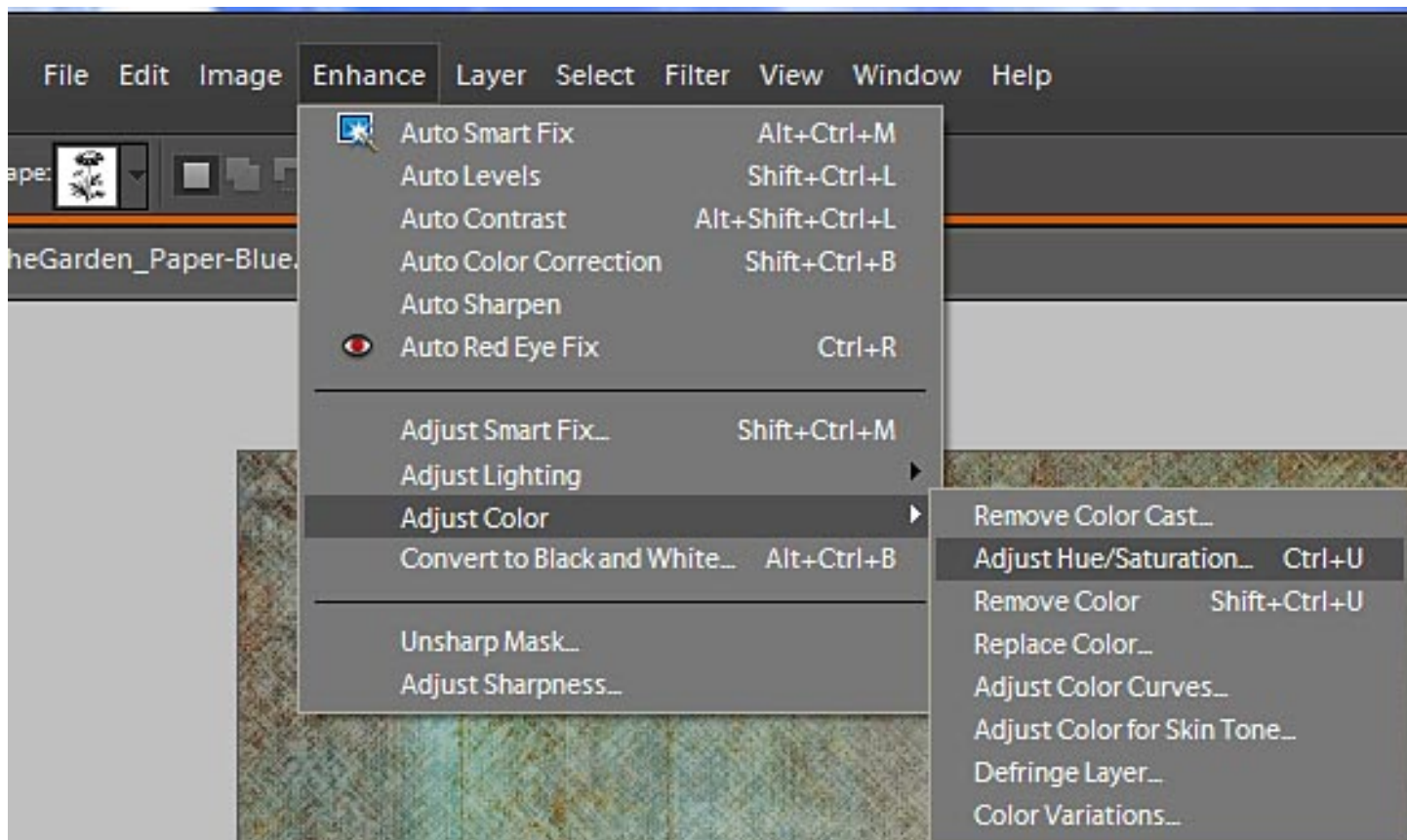
## RECOLORING PAPERS in PS Elements 3, 4, 5, and 6

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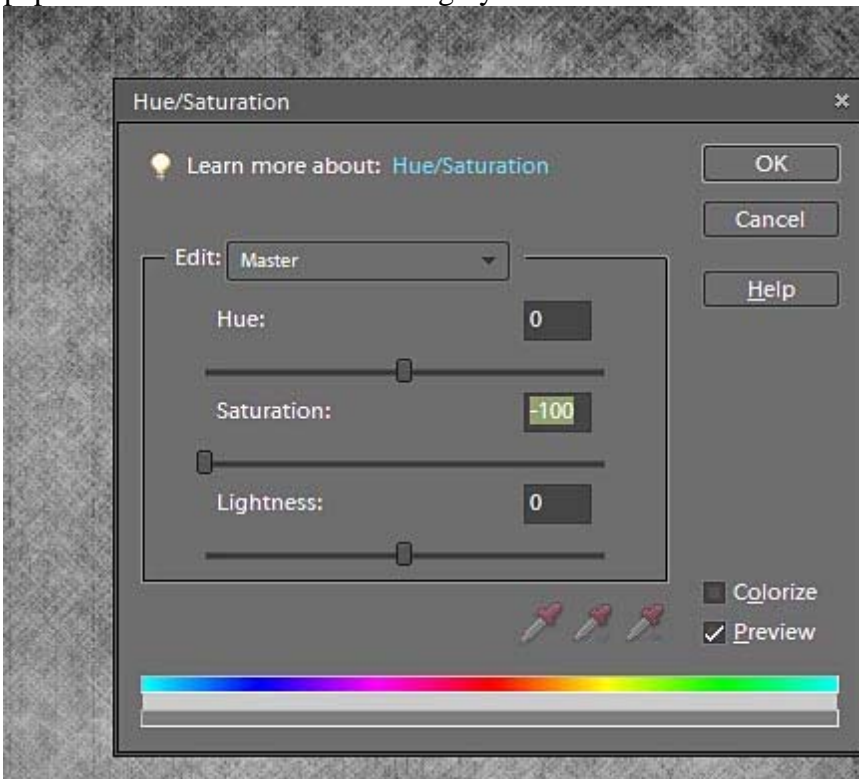
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By learning to recolor your papers, you can expand your digital supply closet and make exactly the color you need to coordinate with other items you are using in your layouts. As always, there are a slew of different ways to do things in Photoshop, so I'll just show you one of the ways.

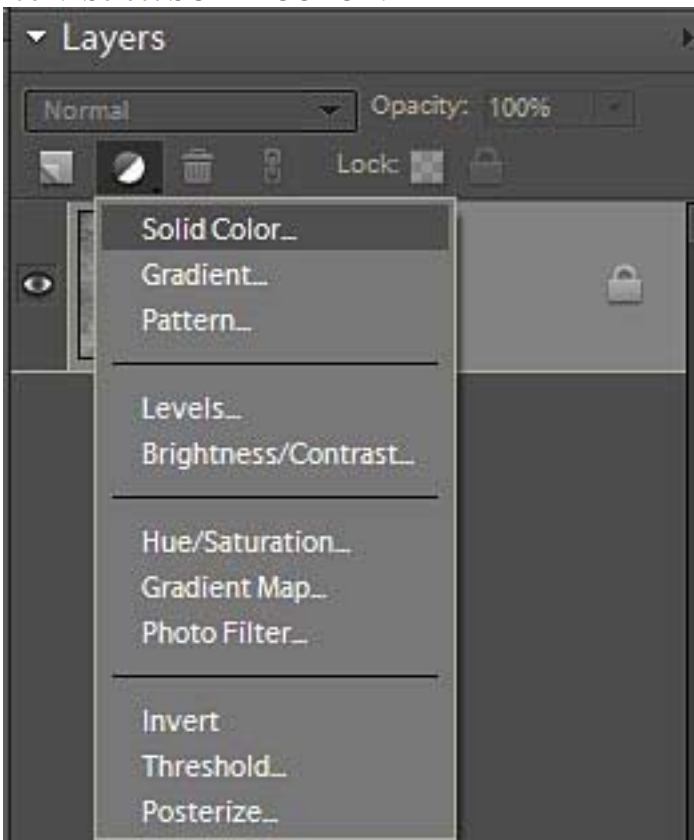
Start by opening the paper you want to recolor. Then go up to the options bar at the top of the screen and click on ENHANCE>ADJUST COLOR>ADJUST HUE/SATURATION.



A new window will appear. Drag the saturation slider all the way to the left (-100) and you will notice your paper is now in various shades of gray. Click the OK button.

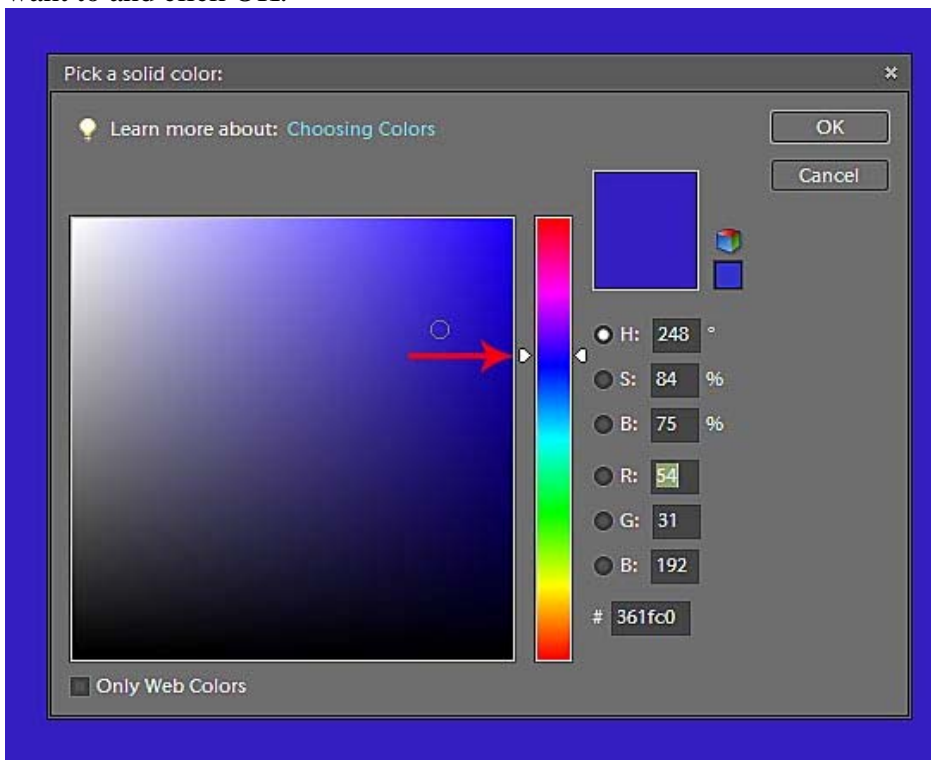


Now go to the layers palette in the lower right corner. Create an adjustment layer by clicking on the half-moon icon. Select SOLID COLOR.



A new window will open showing you the color picker. You can now choose any color you want by sliding the hue adjustment arrows up and down, and then clicking your mouse in the middle of the large color square to

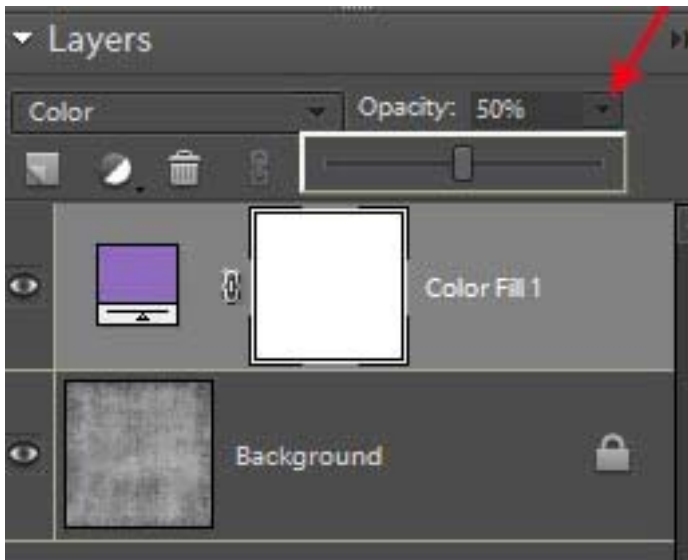
choose the shade of that color. Go ahead and pick any color you want – you can easily change it later if you want to and click OK.



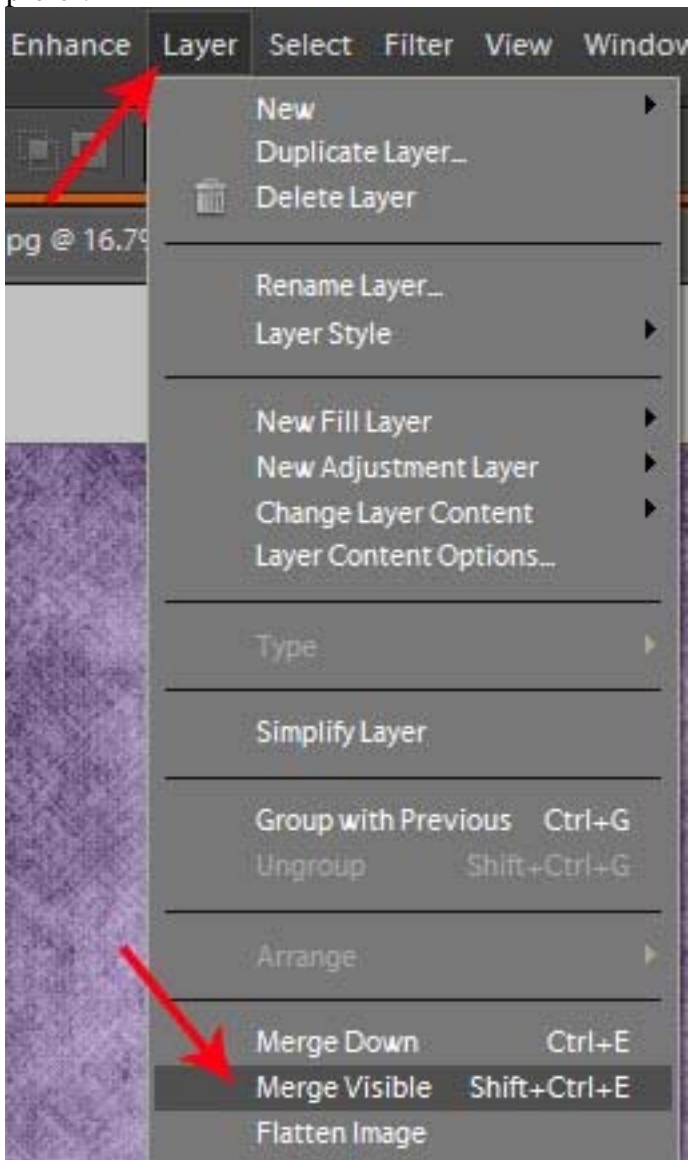
Now go back to the layers palette. Click on the blending mode which defaults as NORMAL as shown in #1. A list of options will appear. Set the blending mode to COLOR as shown in #2.



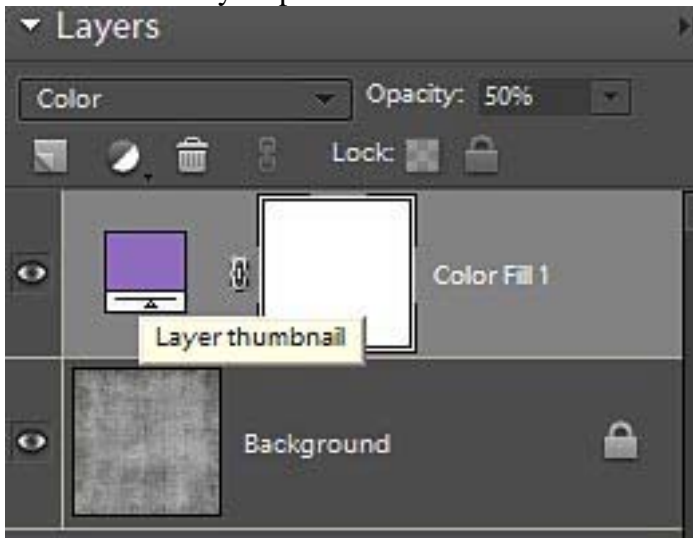
You can reduce the color intensity by lowering the opacity if you want.



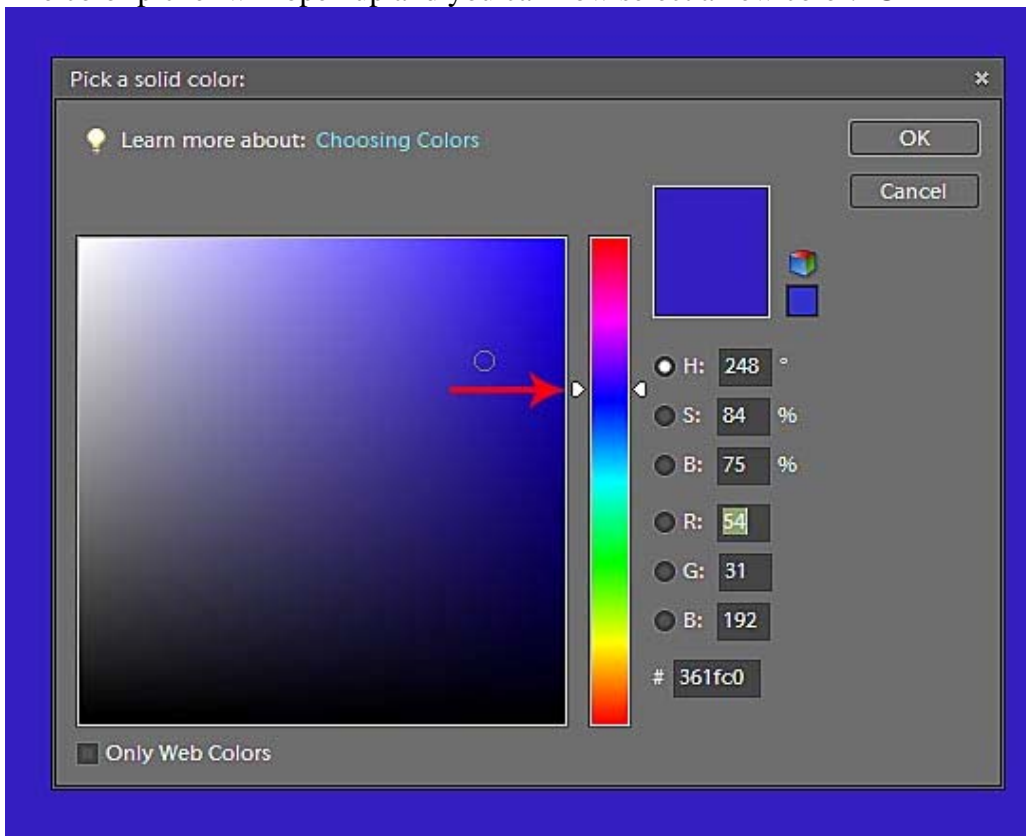
If you are satisfied with the new color, simply merge the layers together by going up to the options bar at the top of the screen and clicking on LAYER>MERGE VISIBLE. Or you can use the keyboard shortcuts if you prefer.



If you are not thrilled with the color choice, no problem. You can easily change the color by going to the color fill icon in the layers palette. Double-click on the color fill thumbnail.



The color picker will open up and you can now select a new color. 😊



And that's all there is to it. Have fun!