

CD Cover – using a Colour Overlay

Using a colour overlay lets you combine two images to get a really cool effect

1. Open Photoshop
2. Open the **face image**: click **File > Open** and find the image
3. **Crop** the image first – use the crop tool and choose a **square crop** at the top

Adding the overlay

4. At the top, click **File > Place Embedded >** choose the **rainbow** image > **OK**

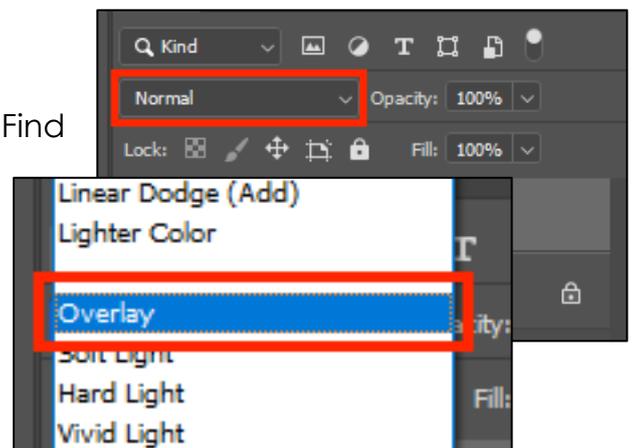
5. **Resize** the overlay so that it covers the face

6. **IMPORTANT**: press the **tick** at the top

7. Look at the **Layer Stack** at the bottom right. Find

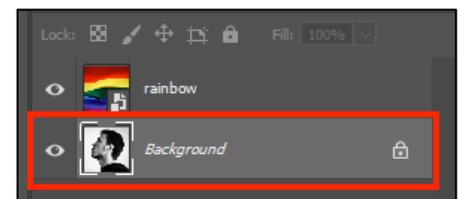
the **drop down** that says **Normal**. Change this to **Overlay**

This adds the stripes on top, but they cover the whole image, not just the face

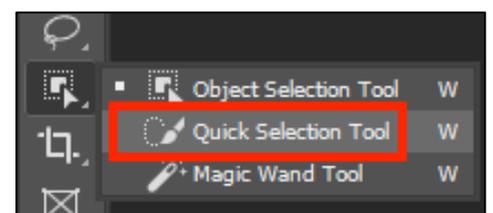


Adjusting the overlay

8. **IMPORTANT**: Click on the **Background** layer in the **Layer Stack** at the bottom right



9. On the left toolbar find the **Object Selection Tool** near the top. **Click and hold** and choose the **Quick Selection Tool**



10. Use the **Quick Selection Tool** to select the face area – click and **drag it across the face**

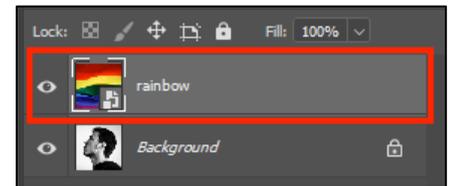
If you select too much of the head, click **Select >**

Deselect to start again

Don't worry too much about the edges, we can clean those up later



11. **VERY IMPORTANT:** Now click on the **rainbow** layer in the **Layer Stack** at the **bottom right**



12. At the **top**, click **Layer > Layer Mask > Reveal Selection**
This should just show the stripes on the face area

Cleaning up the edges

13. On the **left toolbar**, choose the **Brush Tool**



14. At the **bottom** of the **left toolbar** is a **Black/White colour box**

Use the **small double headed arrow** to switch the colour on top to **White**

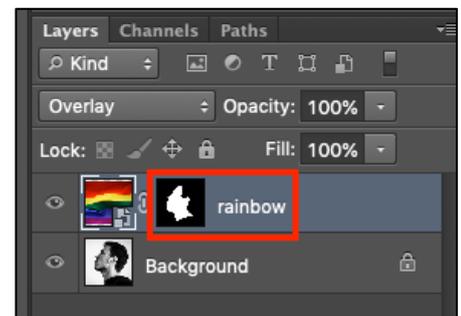
VERY IMPORTANT: do **NOT** change the colours to anything other than black or white!!!



15. **Paint** the brush over the **edges** of the face to reveal more of the stripes

HINT: change the size of the brush at the **top left**

16. By switching the colour of the brush back to **black** you can hide any areas of stripes that you accidentally revealed



Make the image more dramatic

17. Add a **Hue/Saturation layer** on top to make the stripes bolder – click **Layer > New Adjustment Layer > choose Hue/Saturation > click OK**

18. You can use the **Hue slider** to change the actual colours if you want to

HINT: You might prefer to use a **Vibrance Layer** to make the colours stronger

Rotate the image

19. At the **top**, click **Image > Image Rotation > 180 degrees**

Now add text for the album title and band name

Saving the file for use

20. Click **File > Save As** and give the file a name

BUT: this is a Photoshop file format. You can't use it for anything

21. Click **File > Export > Export As** and export the image as a JPG

