

# Removing backgrounds

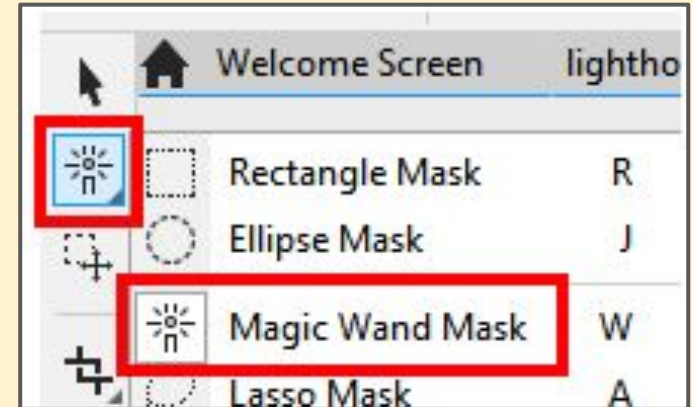
**IMPORTANT TO DO FIRST**

**Object > Create > From Background**

This allows the background to become transparent by turning it into an object

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Use the **Magic Wand Tool** – find it under the Rectangle Mask Tool at the top of the left toolbar



Change the **Tolerance** at the top

Wand picking up too much?  
Reduce the Tolerance

Wand not picking up enough?  
Increase the Tolerance

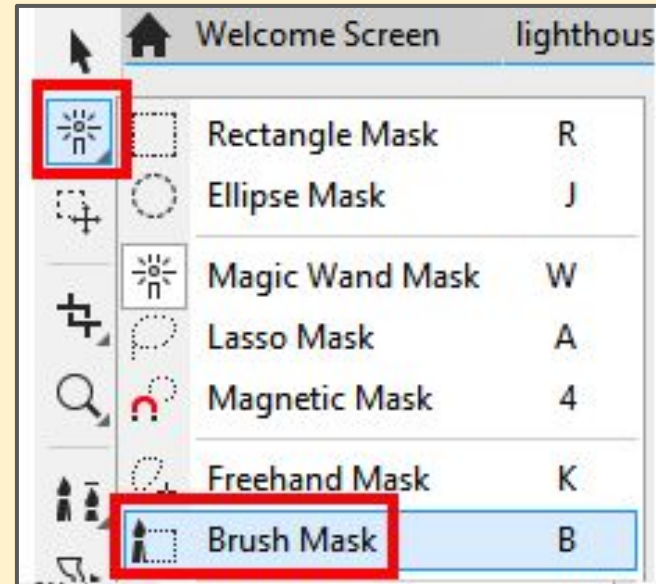
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Use the **Brush Mask Tool** or **Magic Wand** to clean up

Hold down **SHIFT** to add to the selection

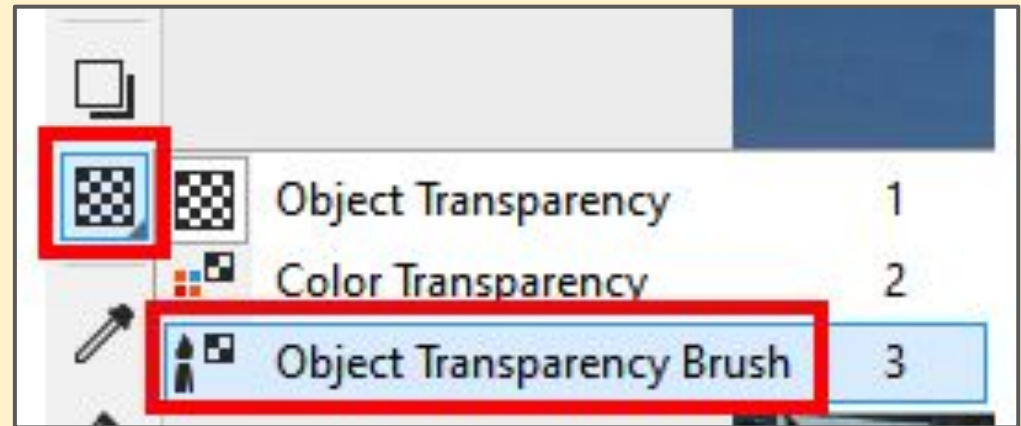
Hold down **CONTROL** to remove from the selection

Or switch to **Additive** (SHIFT) or **Subtractive** (CONTROL) mode at the top



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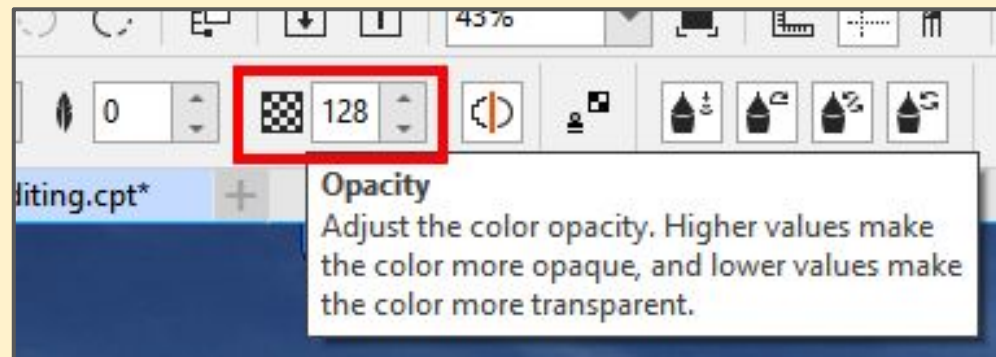
For complex backgrounds, use the **Object Transparency Brush**



Copy the object in first,  
with the background

## Opacity settings:

- 0 = remove all
- 255 = add back



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## Done?

Save as a **PNG** to keep the transparency – you want to **flatten** the image

Then you can **copy** the object to another image to combine it

## Top tips:

- Don't forget to Object > Create > From Background
- **Crop** the image down as much as possible first
- Mask > Remove Mask to start the mask again