

Beer Into Broccoli...



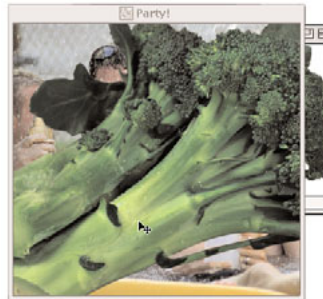
Step 1

You and your buddies sitting in the wading pool... but this photo's for Grandma, and you don't want her to know you enjoy the occasional beer. Hmmmm... Photoshop and the wacom tablet to the rescue!



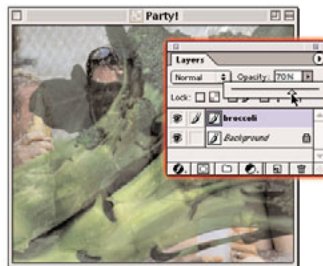
Step 2

Let's replace the drinks with good, healthy broccoli! Grab a photo of broccoli, knock it out against the background and do a quick drag-and-drop into your photo.



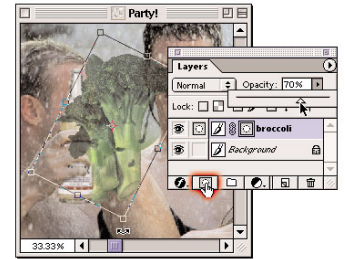
Step 3

Let's get it ready for the magic-- dim the opacity to around 70% so we can see what's underneath when we scale it.



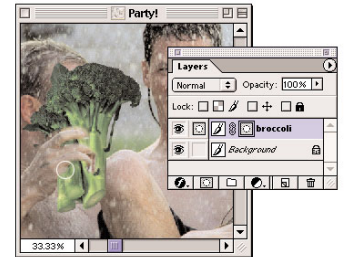
Step 4

Use the transform (command-t for Macs, cntrl-t for PC) to scale and rotate your broccoli to fit. Once you have it where you want it, hit return, bring your opacity back up to 100%, and then click on the Layer Mask icon at the bottom of the Layers palette to create a layer mask..



Step 5

Here's where the Wacom pen earns its keep-- the pressure sensitive control you get over size and opacity with the airbrush tool gives you the exact layer mask you need. Press harder to erase more, lighter for a more transparent look.



Step 6

And there you go-- all set to email to Grandma's house!

