

How To Sharpen Cleanly in Photoshop Without White or Black Edging (Halos)

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1. Open image in Photoshop > Nik Collection > Define.
2. Start Action by bringing up the Actions Panel > Window > Actions > Click on Create New Action (next to trash icon) > Name New Action... Sharpen Without Halos > Click on Record.
3. Cmd/Alt/Shift/N > Cmd/Alt/Shift/E > change to a Smart Object by clicking Layer on the Menu Bar > Smart Object > convert to Smart Object > Cmd A to select all > Cmd C to copy
4. Open Channels Palette, Create a new Alpha Channel by clicking on icon to left of Trash Can > Cmd V to paste. This will give a black and white version of the image in the Layers Palette.
5. Back to Layers Panel > with layer 1 active (*don't click on it*) > Menu Bar, click on Filter > Stylize > Find Edges.
6. Now we need to create more contrast between the black edges and the white edges, Cmd L to bring up the Levels Layer > pull Highlight slider to left, say **215** > bring Shadows slider, say **106** > bring Mid tones slider, say **0.46** > OK
7. Now blur the edge line to give a more natural look to the image > Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur > Radius **3.6** > OK
8. Some of the contrast has been lost > Cmd L > Shadows slider move to right say, **164** > OK
9. Make sure Channel Alpha 1 is selected > hold down Cmd whilst clicking on Alpha 1 layer. This will give marching ants
10. Back to Layers Panel > With Layer 1 active > Click on Mask Icon at the bottom of Layers Panel (This excludes the edges when we make any

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further changes to the rest of the image) > Click on Layer 1 to activate (not on the mask) > Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask > Amount **180**, Radius **1.9**, Threshold **0** > OK > Stop Playing/recording by clicking on icon furthest from trash icon.

11. If you want to remove sharpening from sky, click on Quick Selection tool in the Tool Box > Set size to 20 > Drag across slowly to select sky > Moving ants will appear > Click on Mask in the Layers Panel > Choose Brush from Tool Box > Paint over sky to remove unsharp mask from this area.