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**In-Class Activity: Refine Edge of Kitten and place it on the Chinese Desk**

1. Open Kitten and use any (lasso is good) selection tool to outline it (trace near the end of the fur.)

2. Click **Refine Edge** in the options bar.

**View Mode** drop down shows how selection is displayed. Against white is good.

**Refine Radius** and **Erase Refinements** let you adjust the edges. Press Alt or Option to toggle.

**Smart Radius** is cool. It adjusts for hard and soft edges. Deselect if border is all hard or all soft.

**Radius**: Small for hard edges, larger for soft ones.

**Smooth** reduces hills and valleys.

**Feather** may help give the impression of soft fur.

**Decontaminate Colors**

Replaces color fringes with the color of fully selected pixels nearby. The strength of color replacement is proportionate to the softness of selection edges.

3. Open the Chinese Desk and use the move tool to drag the kitten to the desk.

4. Now adjust **Brightness/Contrast**.

Now darken the underside with **Burn** tool.

Now adjust **Color Balance**.

From outdoor to indoor shot, so add Red and Yellow and reduce Blue a little.

**Sharpen** a little.

Clean up the edges with the eraser.

5. Mirror image on a shiny object (Kitten)

Duplicate layer, **Edit > Transform > Invert**.

**Skew**. Opacity down.

Gaussian blur to taste.

**Erase** parts as needed.