

Color Efex Pro 4

F = Toggle full-screen mode

P = Toggle before & after (the application of filter effects)

Shift-Click on a filter to ADD it to the filter-stack ... ditto to add multiple recipes.

Ctrl+(**plus**) to Zoom-IN ... Ctrl+(**minus**) to Zoom-OUT ... Ctrl+(**Zero**) to Fit to screen.

Space-bar toggles between fit-to-screen & the last-selected-zoom-ratio

Tab to hide side-bars - and maximise image-review size

Hold down the **Shift-key** when using **Save Recipe** to *include Control-Points in the recipe.*

Color Efex Pro Filters – by purpose;

B&W:	Paper Toner ... See process below.
Light:	Reflector Efex Brilliance/Warmth Skylight/Sunlight filters Darken/Lighten Centre Graduated ND Filter - to de-emphasise part of an image ... via rotation & shift Contrast Colour Range filter – for overall Brightness adjustment Glamour Glow – to apply the 'Orton Effect' (Soft light)
Colour-cast correction:	Pro-Contrast filter White Neutraliser Skylight/Sunlight filters ... to adjust warmth
Grass enhancement: Tree/foilage:	Bi-Colour Filter - Colour-set = Moss ... via +ve Control Points Foliage filter ... via +ve Control Points Indian Summer ... via +ve Control Points (plus Photo Stylizer filter) Polarisation filter
Sky enhancement:	Graduated Filter ... with Colour-set = Blue Graduated (User-defined colour = Blue) Graduated ND Filter ... set Lower-Tonality = 0% Detail Extractor Polarisation ... via +ve Control Points
"Punch & Pop":	Pro-Contrast filter Colorise ... "mood changer" Contrast Colour Range

Use **Positive** control-points to apply the filter effect ONLY to the area-of-influence.

Use **Negative** control-points to remove the filter effect from the area-of-influence.

B&W Conversion process;

First, apply one of the PL's (colour) Filters ... choosing a colour that achieves best contrast/tone (eg. Yellow), while ignoring the colour itself – this will be removed in the next step.

Next, apply Paper Toner via Color Efex Pro ... adjust accordingly.

[“Top Ten” filters ... with examples \(Link\)](#)

[Color Efex Pro Filters – My favourites;](#)

- B&W Conversion** - Does what it says ! ... Use with Paper Toner filter ... BUT, better via PL's colour Filter
- Bi-Color** filter - Blends 2 colors and combines them in image ... eg. Yellow sand & blue sky ... Green grass
- Bi-Color User-defined** - Blends 2 (user-selected) colors and combines them in image ... eg. Yellow sand & blue sky
- Brilliance/Warmth** - Adjusts perceptual saturation ... with impact on contrast
- Classical Soft Focus** - Useful for portraits ... also see Pastel filter
- Colorise** - Allows for emphasis of selected colour
- Contrast Colour Range** - Enables contrast adjustment between a selected colour and its complementary colour(s)
- Includes a useful **Brightness** adjustment
- Contrast Only** - Adjusts contrast, with control over effect on colours
- Darken/Lighten Centre** - Creates a vignette ... use Shape-#2
- Detail Extractor** – A bit like PL's *Clear View* tool, but with fine-tuning options
- Dynamic Skin Softener** - Softens selected colour ... Not just for skin
- Film Grain** - Adds effect of film grain (not noise)
- Foliage** - Enhances greens (foliage, grass, etc)
- also try Bi-Colour filter for grass (with Moss colour-set)
- Glamour Glow** – Soften the light for dreamy atmosphere (See “Top Ten” link above)
- Graduated Filters** - Useful to make sky more blue (bluer ?!) ... Could also be used to emphasise sunsets.
- Works well combined with Tonal Contrast (apply the Grad-Filter 1st)
- Graduated (user-defined colour) Filter** – applies selected colour to the image (eg. Blue for sky)
- Graduated Fog** - Softening effect
- Graduated ND Filter** - Darkens and/or lightens part of an image, while preserving colour.
- Useful to make sky more blue.
- Image Borders** - Adds a frame to the image - with control over width, fuzziness, etc
- Indian Summer** - Adjusts greens (& yellows)
- Levels & Curves** - Exactly the same as in PL ... a useful tutorial on Tone-Curve usage
- Low Key** - Useful for high-contrast images ... control over whites
- Paper Toner** - Excellent ** B&W ** converter ... plus, ability to add "texture" ... (Different from PL's Style-Toner)
- Works well combined with PL's colour Filter – eg. Yellow, to get best basic contrast.
- Photo Stylizer** - The "Varitone" option helps to emphasise *existing* colours in the image
- Works well combined with Indian Summer (apply the Indian Summer filter FIRST)
- Polarisation** - Enhances blues (water, sky, etc) ... also useful for foliage/landscape
- Pro-Contrast** - Use Dynamic Contrast for "punch & pop" ... also, can correct colour-casts
- Reflector Efex** - Effective where part of the image is in shade ... bathes selection in "sunlight"
- Skylight & Sunlight** filters - Removes blue colour-cast ... actually, simply a "warming" filter
- Tonal Contrast** - Similar to PL's Selective Tone ... Changes the contrast of the highlights, midtones and shadows.
- Vignette Lens** – Similar to PL's Creative Vignette ... *Darken/Lighten Centre* is more subtle.
- White Neutraliser** - Removes colour cast from whites - to create a bright, crisp white
- Actually, enables neutralisation of ANY selected (distracting) colour