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## DDGT121 Photoshop Layering Order

Here are some recommendations on how you should place your layers in Photoshop when you are fixing a photo. Please note that you may not need every one of the following layers.

For best practices, your work flow should be from the bottom up.

### Top

- Border (optional)
- Sharpening (very last step)
- Dodge N Burn
- Adjustments
  - Other adjustments in non-specific order: hue and saturation, color balance, brightness and contrast, etc.
  - Levels and / or Curves
- Fixes
  - Non-specific order: clone stamp, healing brush, content-aware (you may or may not use all of these and each should be on a separate layer)
- Dust N Scratches (A copy of the original layer)
- Original Layer or Background
- Hold Folder (anything to be saved but no longer included in actual graphic – should be kept off)

### Bottom