



Six Alternative Methods to Convert a Colour Image to Monochrome using Photoshop CS2

1. Greyscale Conversion

Method:

Image > Mode > Greyscale > OK

2. Desaturation Conversion

Method:

Image > Adjustments > Desaturate

3. Hue/Saturation Desat

Method:

Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Hue/Saturation... > Name > OK

Preview Checked > Sat to -100% > OK

Or directly on image Background via Image > Adjustments > Hue/Saturation...

4. Desat with Blend Layer

Method:

Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Hue/Saturation... > Name > OK

Preview Checked > Sat to -100% > OK

Select Background

2nd Hue/Sat Layer on Background > Blend Mode to Colour > Adjust

Hue/Sat/Lightness for effect...

(for Demo H-44; S+58, L0) > OK

Cranking up the Sat will introduce noise!

5. Desat with Photo Filter

Method:

Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Hue/Saturation... > Name > OK

Preview Checked > Sat to -100% > OK

Levels Layer > Adjust for effect > OK

Select Background Image > Adjustments > Photo Filters...

Pick colour for best effect with Density recommended @ 25% to 40% (for Demo Green @ 40%) > OK

Select [Filtered] Background

2nd Levels Layer on [now Filtered] Background Image > Adjust Mid-tones for effect...

(for Demo 0.92) > OK



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6. Channel Mixer

Method:

Back to Layers

Image > Adjustments > Channel Mixer... Check Monochrome box > OK...

Check out Channels for strongest image... back to Channel Mixer Layer...

With strongest viewed R, or G, or B channel in mind, set that channel at +75% as a starting point, with others @ 0%.

Then adjust Red, Green, Blue for best effect, with strongest viewed channel kept at highest %.

Aim for each R%, G%, and B% to add up to between 90% to 110%...

(for Demo R++92%; G-8%, B+18%) > OK

Add Levels Layer > adjust for effect > OK

Handy shortcuts for CS2:

Holding Space Bar = Activates Hand Tool

Holding Space bar and Ctrl = Activates Zoom In Tool

Holding Space bar and Alt = Activates Zoom Out Tool

Ctrl and + = Zooms one step into the image

Ctrl and - = Zooms one step out of the image

Double click Zoom Tool = image @ 100%

Double click Hand Tool = image fits screen

