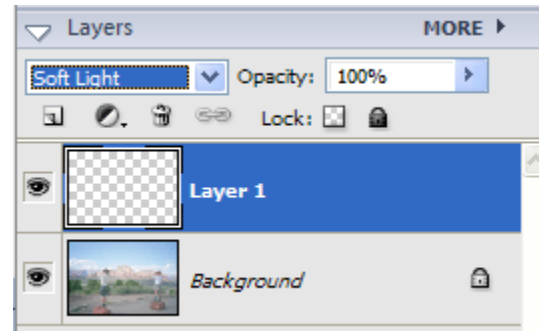


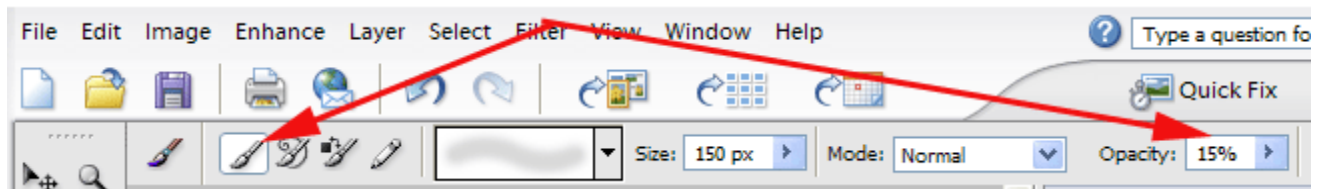
Dodging/Burning in Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Elements – This demo features Elements 4

1. Create a blank layer above your background. If you have several layers already, click on the top layer before you add the blank layer. This will put the new layer at the top. If that didn't work, just drag the new blank layer to the top of the stack.

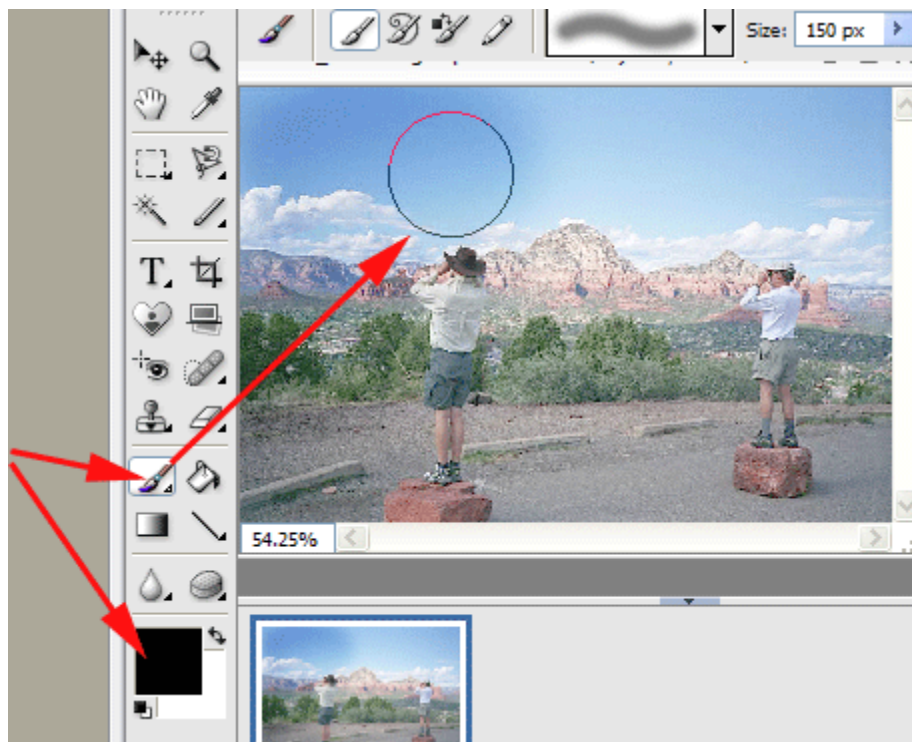
Then Set the Blend mode of the Layer to SOFT LIGHT



2. Set the colors on your Tools Palette to Black and White. (shortcut: Press the letter D on your keyboard)
3. Choose a soft brush and set the opacity of the brush to about 10-15%.



4. Hover the brush over the area you want to affect and then size the brush accordingly. (shortcut: Use the left or right bracket keys to size your brush on the fly)
5. USING BLACK to DARKEN or WHITE TO LIGHTEN, brush over the desired area completely without lifting your finger off the mouse. This is very important to assure you get even coverage. If you want to lighten or darken more, just go over the area again. In the case of my image, I want to darken the sky so I'm using BLACK.



6. The beauty of this method is that you can use the eraser tool to clean up your mistakes if you lighten or darken too much. Just make SURE you are on the blank layer! Set the opacity of the eraser fairly low so you don't totally erase your hard work.

That's it!