

Cleaning Up Artwork

Step 1

Using the Magic wand.

The bane of all artists cleaning scanned comics are the plethora of small specks from dust, eraser lint, or pencil mark remnants. No matter how thoroughly you clean the scanner or erase your penciling there always seems to be some specks on the art. Here is a technique which can remove many of those marks in a few steps. Be warned, this useful beast can also chew through fine lines and crosshatching.

- Select area around line art with the **Magic Wand** tool (Selecting the **Contiguous** and **Sample All Layers** checkboxes)
- Expand selection by four pixels.
(**select > modify > expand 4 pixels**)
- Contract selection by eight pixels.
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- Fill selection with white.
(**edit > fill > white**)
- Deselect. (**Select > Deselect** or **⌘D**)

