

**Get This…………. From This!**

# Directions:

* Using Photoshop, open one of your green screen images – crop it to just focus on your face (shoulders and up).
* Save as: LastName\_Stencil to your Photoshop folder on Cobra.
* Duplicate the background layer and turn the eye off of the original background.

# Step 1: Rough Shapes

First we make it into a rough two-tone shape:

* First we need to make a two-tone shape. Ensure you are on your background copy layer.
* Select **Image > Adjustments > Posterize**
	+ You don't want it to look too different. I posterized it to **10 levels** (play around and find the level that works best for your photo).
* Select **Image > Adjustments > Threshold**
	+ Slide the bar around until you see something that looks like a stencil. You have to keep it as simple as possible (avoid random “blobs”). I set my **threshold level to 100** (play around and find the level that works best for your photo).



# Step 2: Cleaning it up

* Right now we have a very rough, jagged stencil – we need to sharpen it up a bit.
* Select **Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur**
	+ Set the radius to a level that still leaves a distinct image, but with evenly blurred edges. **4 pixels** was perfect for me.



* Select **Image > Adjustments > Posterize** (again – you did this in the first step)
	+ This time select **2 levels** (or close to it to sharpen up your image)
* And now you have your finished product!

   

# Step 3: Optional Add-ons / Saving

* If you wish, try adding a color to the white sections of your stencil (HINT: grab your paint bucket, select a color, and then click on the white sections to fill)
* When finished, save again, then SAVE AS a .jpg – Copy the .jpg to your “to be graded” folder on Cobra