## Turn photo into stencil outline in Photoshop



1. Image > Mode > greyscale

From here, you could print your stencil, but it is pretty dark and will most likely burn up the page. (see bottom to lighten and delete background)



- 2. Layer > Flatten image
- 3. May be asked to discard color info, Yes
- 4. Filter > Stylize > Find Edges



5. Filter > Filter Gallery > Photocopy ... play with edges to get desired effect. At this point you can continue to edit further or print.



## **Deleting background and brightening image**



1. After "Greyscaling" your image, select the "Quick Selection Tool" from the toolbar on the left hand side of your screen. Drag your curser over areas you wish to delete.



2. Make sure layer is unlocked and hit Delete.



- 3. There are a few ways to lighten an image. The Spirit<sup>™</sup> Pocketjet prints with heat, meaning big, dark areas use a lot of heat, so much that it will cause the paper to melt. We want to lighten these areas so we can get a nice print out. (Everyone's preferences and styles are different. Do not be afraid to play with levels to get the one that is right for you.)
  - **Opacity:** This is one of the easiest ways to fade an image to print it out. Play with opacity to preserve gradients and ease up on the very dark parts of an image.
  - **Dodge Tool:** Look closely at the pupils of the eyes. This tool allows you to lighten specific areas.



• **Image > Adjustments > Brightness/Contrast:** This tool will brighten the entire image. Contrast will help define your lights from your darks. Play with these to perfect your image.



