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## Colourise Placed Images

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“This tutorial is very intriguing as it is going to bust the myth that InDesign can't colourise full-colour images. I observed that many InDesign users are still taking their images back to Photoshop to colourise them.

That's such a waste of your precious resources and incur lots of inconveniences.

Read this tip now and harness the power of InDesign NOW.”



*Photo by JW (William) Teo*



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## Getting the image ready

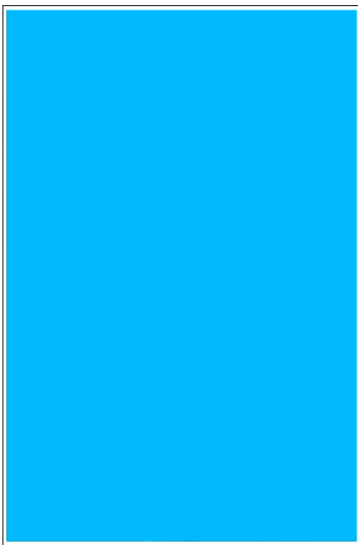
*For this tutorial, I am using a beautiful closeup of a stalk of flowers. The photographer, Mr JW (William) Teo, who is also a good friend of mine, has gracefully allowed me to use his photo.*

- 1) Choose **File > Place** to place the image that you want to colourise.



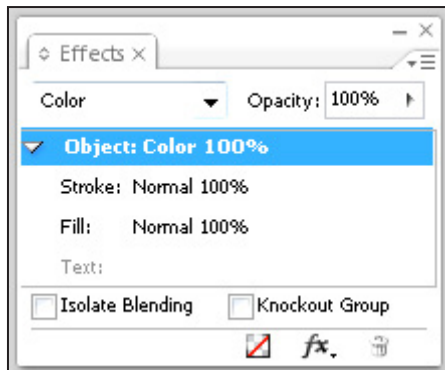
- 2) With the image selected, choose **Edit > Copy**. Choose **Edit > Paste In Place** to paste it directly in front of the original.
- 3) Using the **Direct Selection tool** (,), click on the image you just pasted and press **Delete**. *This will clear image only and leaves the frame intact.*
- 4) Fill this frame with your desired colour.

*You might not be able to see image temporarily. Be patient, magic is about to happen!*



## Applying the blending mode

- 5) Choose **Window > Effects** to display the panel. Select **Color** from the Blending Mode menu.



*See? Just like magic! The underlying image takes on the colour of the frame you created.*

*You can also try using a gradient instead. I am sharing a few variations for your reference.*

