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Creating Impressionist artwork in Photoshop



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“The word Impressionism came from a painting by Claude Monet named **Impression: Sunrise**. The movement lasted from around 1870 to 1910.

The Impressionists were very interested in the effects that light had on different objects during certain times of the day. It did not matter if the subject they were painting was a tree, an apple or a human being. In this tutorial, I shall demonstrate how to create a piece of Impressionist artwork entirely in Photoshop without drawing!”



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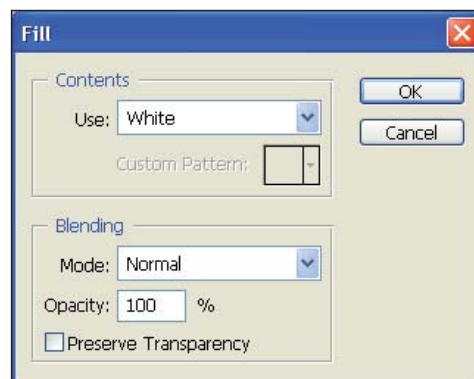
Many users of Photoshop do not know there is a command that allows you to create impressionist artwork! Creating impressionist artwork is actually smudging painted figures. Usually this is found in art museums throughout the world, but using this technique, you can hang a portrait right within your living room!

Creating the canvas

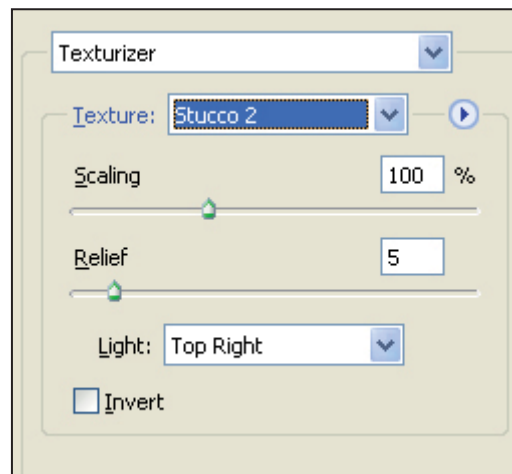
- 1) Open any image in Photoshop. Preferably, get a colored image.



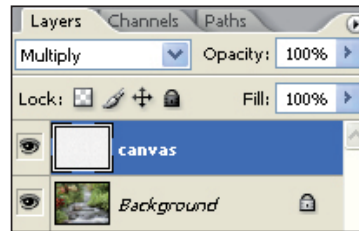
- 2) Create a new layer and fill it with white color (**Edit > Fill > White** color).



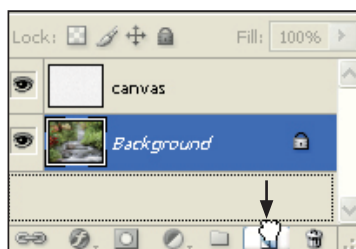
- 3) To create texture to the white foreground color, choose **Filter > Texture > Texturizer**. select the texture of your choice. I have selected **Stucco 2**. (You can choose the flyout menu and **Load Texture** from the Textures folder within the Presets folder). Set the Scaling / Relief to your choice settings.



- 4) With the new layer selected, change the name of layer to **canvas** and the blending mode to **Multiply**. You would be able to notice the stucco effect stays there but the white color is gone.



- 5) **Duplicate** the Background layer and with the Background copy layer active, choose **Select > All** to select the entire canvas.



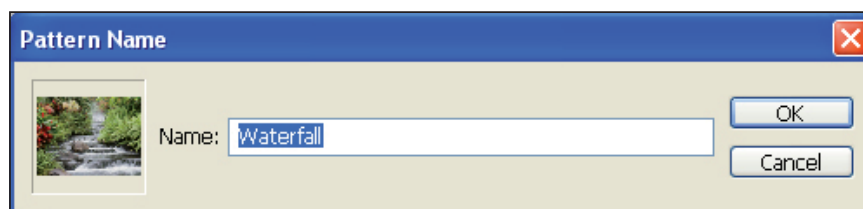
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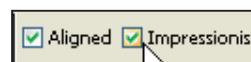
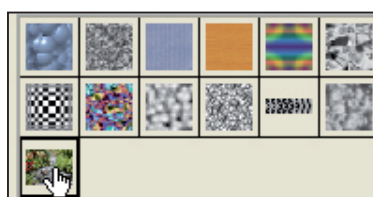
Select entire canvas

Defining pattern to paint

- 6) Choose **Edit > Define Pattern**. Type in the name of the pattern and click **OK** button to confirm.



- 7) Choose **Select > Deselect**. Select the **Pattern Stamp Tool** .
- 8) In the Tool Options bar on the top, select the new pattern you just define and select the **Impressionist** option. This is where you can paint the impressionistic brush!



- 9) Preferably use the wacom tablet and the gripper pen (because it is more accurate!) and start painting.
- 10) As you are painting, take note of the size of the brush. A smaller size brush will be more accurate and a bigger brush size will have more random colors.



Before



After