

PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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TITLE: PHOTO-GRAPHICS

Software: PaintShop Pro X7

Web Page: [Creative-Designs](#)

Materials Required: [Supplies.zip](#)

DESCRIPTION

From a photograph create a lovely finished image by using selections and various effects. One of the new effects with PaintShop Pro is Topaz Labs, Simplify.



1. Open the flower image in the workspace. Ctrl D to duplicate then close the original.
2. Choose the Auto Selection tool and draw around the flower.

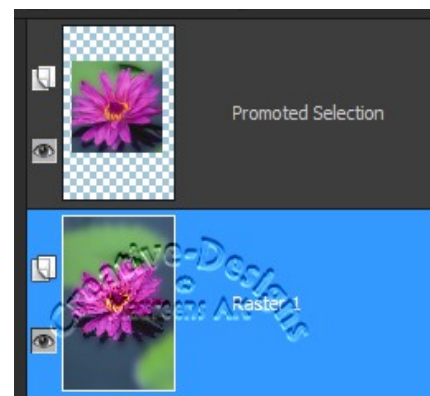


3. Invert the selection.

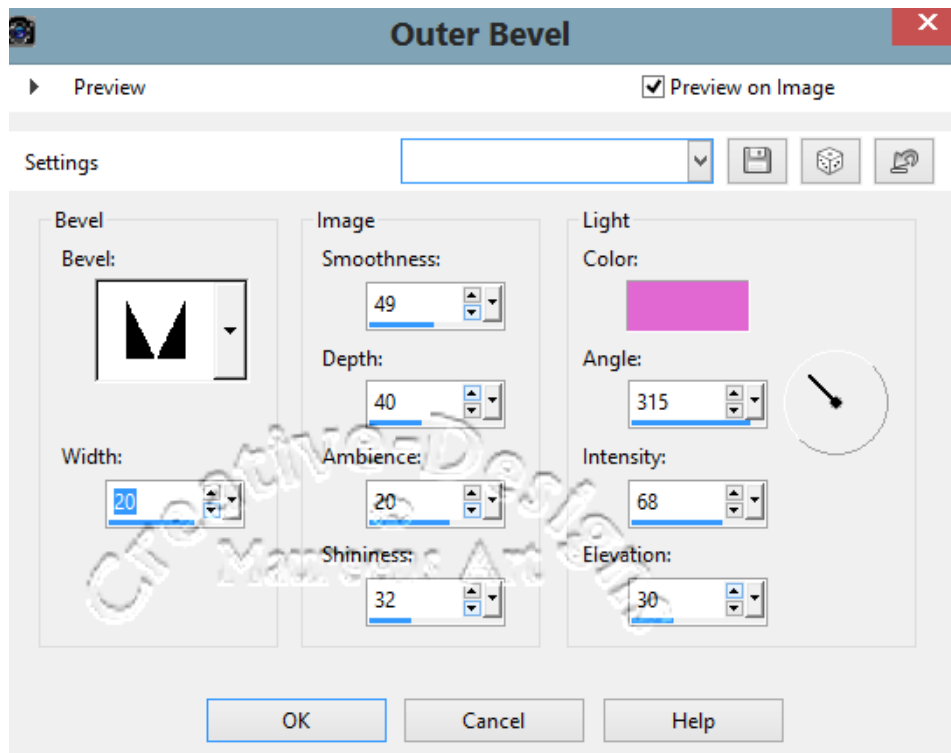
4. Go to Adjust, Blur, Gaussian Blur, Radius between 10-15. Ok.



5. Ctrl+D to deselect selection.
6. Selection tool, rectangle shape.
7. Draw a around the area that had been selected.
8. Promote Selection to layer.



9. Select Raster 1, go to Effects, 3D Effects, Outside Bevel. You can choose whatever bevel shape you like but don't make it too thick or heavy. The settings selected below you can try them. Make adjustments with the sliders and colour. The colour I chose was picked up from the flower with the dropper tool.



10. Click Ok



11. Right click on the Promoted Selection layer, Merge, Merge Down.
12. Ctrl D to deselect.
13. Crop the image to the shape.
14. Apply Enhance Photo, One Step Photo Fix.



15. Tidying up the image with the Smudge Tool.
16. Size 24, Hardness 38, Step 10, Density 100, Thickness 100, Rotation 0, Opacity 80 and Use All Layers unticked. Gently brush back those areas shown below. Finished result below right.



Image below is after apply Topaz Simplify, Oil and a little texture. It creates a pretty oil painting effect to my finished image. Experiment, it's fun!



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