

# PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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## **TITLE: BRUSHES FROM PHOTOGRAPHS**

**Paintshop Photo Pro X6**

**My Web Site: [Creative-Designs](#)**

**Materials Required: [Photograph.zip](#)**

**This tutorial is applicable to Previous versions**



### **DESCRIPTION:**

We all like to use brush presets from time to time in PaintShop Pro. Brush presets can be created from just about anything. This tutorial will teach you how to use a photograph to make a new brush.

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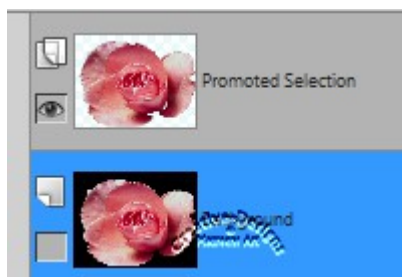
### **Remember to save your work often to avoid losing it**

1. You need to find suitable photographs. The one I chose is of a rose. You can use it if you wish. It is found in the Photograph.zip above. Dow load, place on your desktop temporarily and unzip the folder. Open the image in the workspace.



2. Select the Magic Wand, with a tolerance of 28, 1 feather. Tap the background of the image to make a selection marquee. Go to Selections, Invert Selection. Click the Delete key. The background is gone!

3. In the Layers Palette, right click on the image, Promote Selection to Layer. Close the Visibility toggle on the Background. The newly extracted flower is on it's own layer. You can delete the Background layer as it is no longer required.



4. Your image should now look like the one on the right. Use the Ctrl+D keys to deselect the selection.

5. Select the crop tool and crop in close, but not touching the flower.



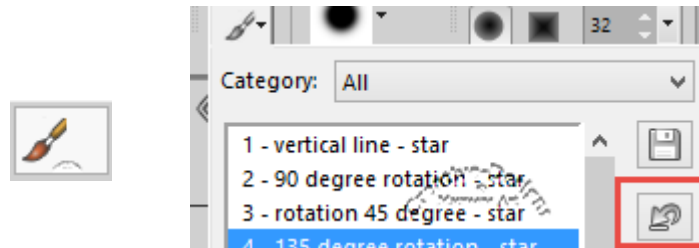
6. Go to selections, select all, selections again and invert.

7. On the layer palette, decrease the opacity of the flower to 80.

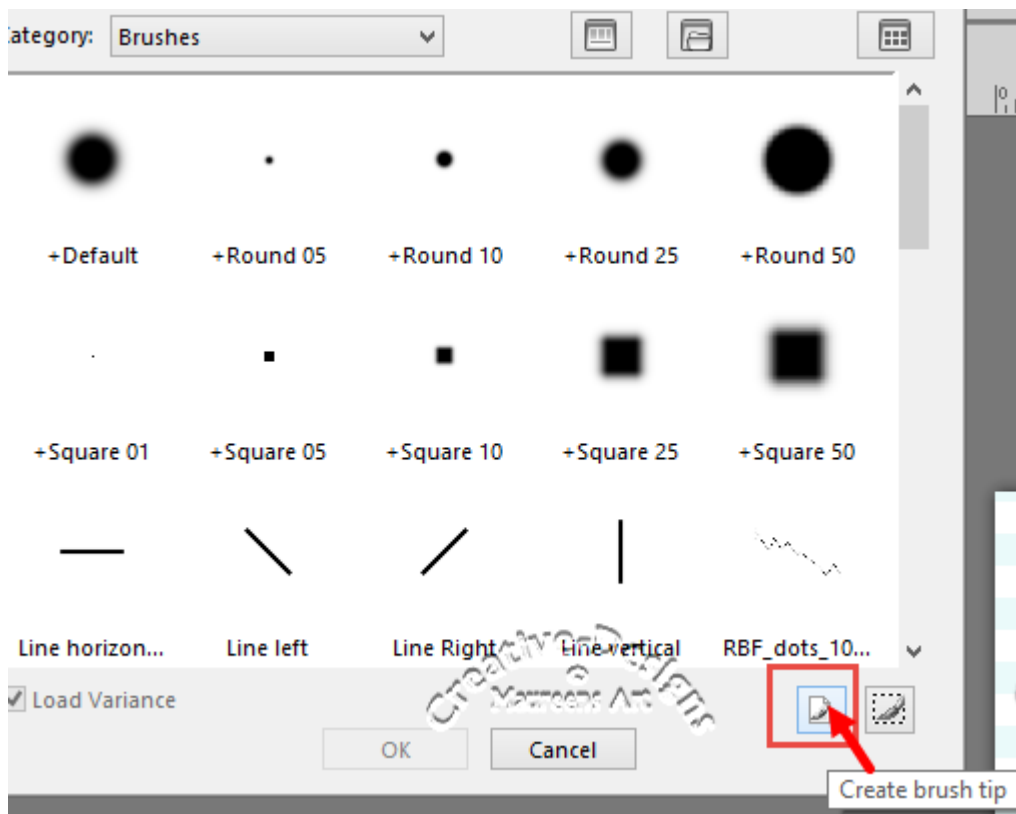


**Hint: If you find difficulty in obtaining the correct value in the Opacity box, tap in the box then use the mouse scroll to scroll up or down, or use the keys on the keyboard to reach the desired value.**

8. Select the paintbrush from the Tools Toolbar. Go to the Presets drop box and reset the brush to default.

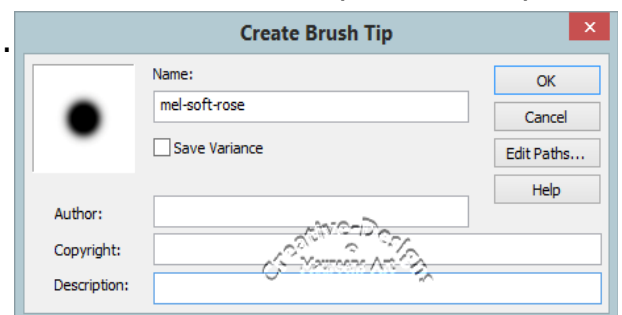


9. Open the Brush Categories. Select the Create a brush tip button.



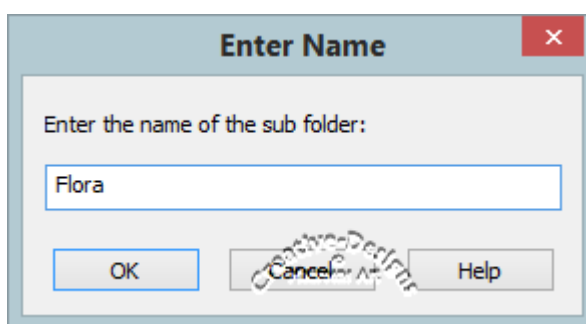
10. This next part creates a series of saves. First, the Create Brush Tip window opens. It's up to the user how much information is added.

A name must be given and as I always add my initials before anything I create or edit, I then know this is my own creation. Do not click OK yet.

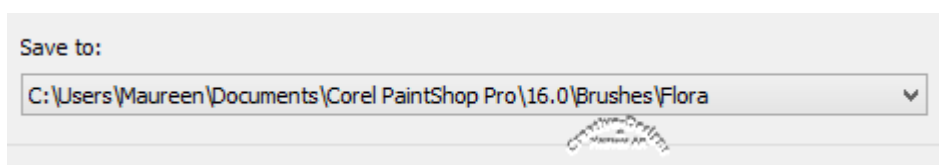


11. Click on Edit Paths button. The File Locations window will open. Brushes will be highlighted in the left column. The two links to brushes in PaintShop Pro will be in the Brush file folder: Corel's and the custom Brush folder in Documents / Corel PaintShop Pro / 16 / Brushes.

12. At this stage, we have to ask ourselves do we want all brushes lumped together in one folder? No! This is not good housekeeping. As the new brush is a flower, it would be appropriate to have a folder 'Flora' or something similar. To create this folder, click on Create Sub Folder button. Add a name, the new folder is now ready for your flower brushes.



13. Click on the arrow to open the Save to: then locate the new folder just created. Now I am ready to save my new brush.



14. Back to the Create Brush Tip box where you added the name of your new brush. Click OK. Where is this new brush you have just created?

15. With the Paintbrush selected, open the Brush Categories drop list. Find the Flora folder. Open it and find the new brush. Hover over the brush and a pop-up gives you all the settings applied to that brush.



16. Open a blank, white canvas. Go to the Materials palette. Choose a foreground colour of turquoise and background colour of pink. Click on the foreground colour box to open the Material Properties. Select the Gradient tab. In Gradients, find Foreground.... this is the foreground/background gradient. Set the Angle at 45 degrees with Linear Mode. Dab the brush down onto the canvas.

17. The airbrush is a little different to the paintbrush. The airbrush 'sprays' the paint onto the canvas. The more you spray, the darker the image, until you reach the desired colour in the colour palette.

A lovely, subtle flower Brush Tip has been created.



Further tutorials will be written about PaintShop Pro Brushes and making use of the Brush Variation Palette

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