

PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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TITLE: IMPORT - EXPORT BRUSHES

PaintShop Pro X5 or X6

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Materials Required: [PaintShop Brushes](#)

DESCRIPTION:

Since the release of PaintShop Pro X5, importing brushes has never been easier. No longer do we require the ABR viewer. Learn in this tutorial how to import brushes, create, and export brushes.

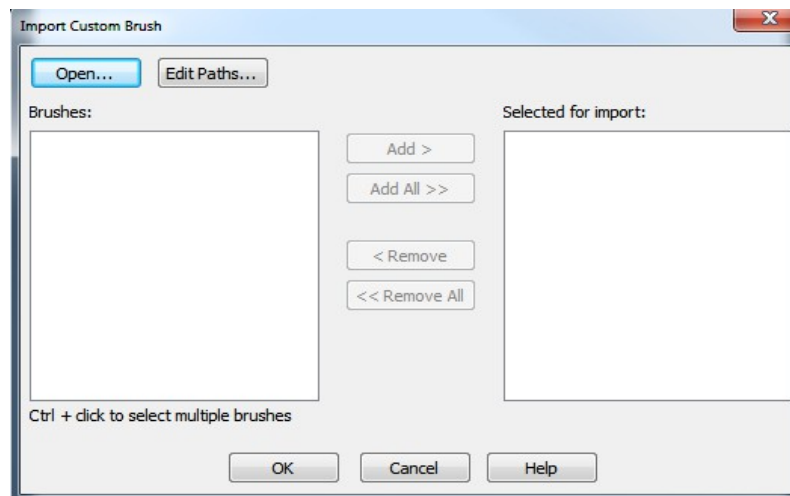
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IMPORTING BRUSHES

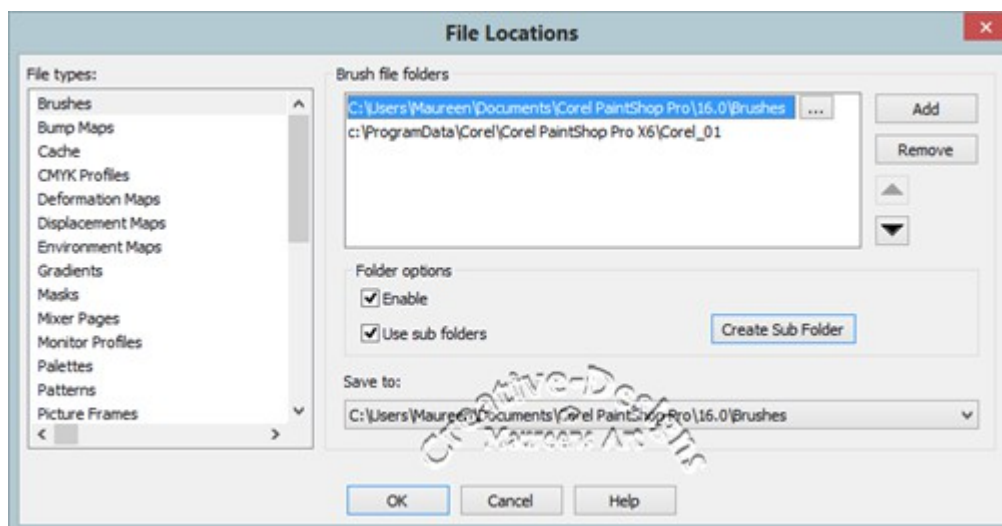
1. Both PaintShop Pro X6, 64 or 32bit versions can be applied. The images used throughout this tutorial are from PaintShop Pro X6. The terminology for file locations is for Windows 8.1, yours may differ slightly.
2. Firstly, we need brushes. Download the brushes from the above link and place on your desktop, temporarily. Click on the zip file and extract or unzip the ABR file only within the temporary folder. The ABR file is a Photoshop's default brush file extension. At one time we had to use the ABR Viewer to extract brushes, now PaintShop Pro does it all. We also import PaintShop Pro brushes in the same manner.
3. Open PaintShop Pro. Go to File, Import, Custom Brush.



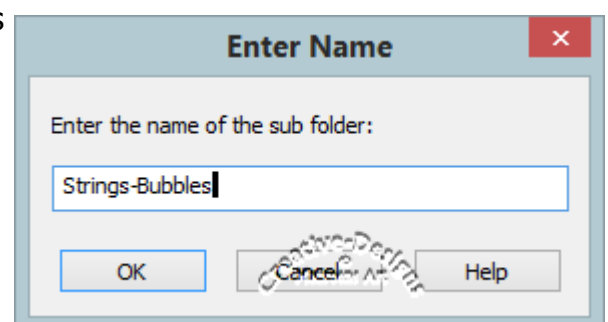
4. The Import Custom Brush window opens. Before clicking on the Open button, you need to make sure the files are going to the correct place. Click **Edit Paths**.



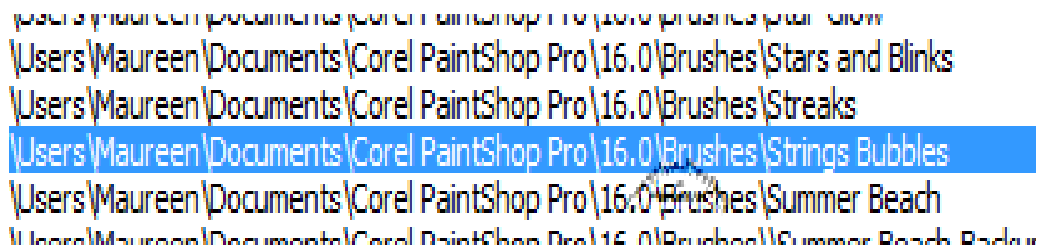
5. PSP File Locations window opens. The Brushes Type should already be active in the left column. In the centre window, Brush file folders the two links should be both Corel's files and your files in Documents / Corel PaintShop Pro / 15 or 16 / Brushes.



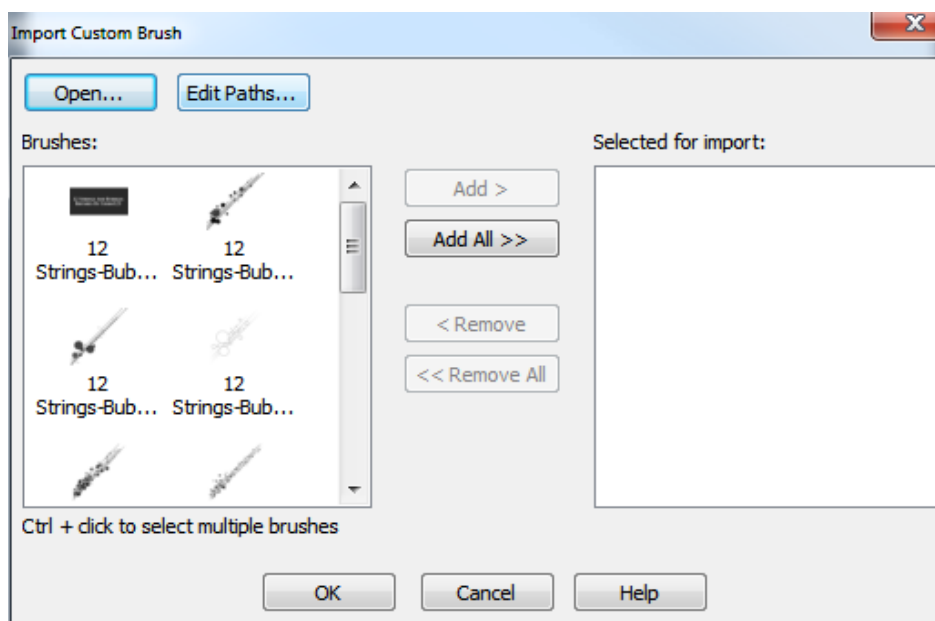
6. Highlight Brushes and the link to your Brushes folder. Click on the Create a Sub Folder button. Add the name of Strings-Bubbles. Click OK. A new folder has been created ready to import the new brushes.



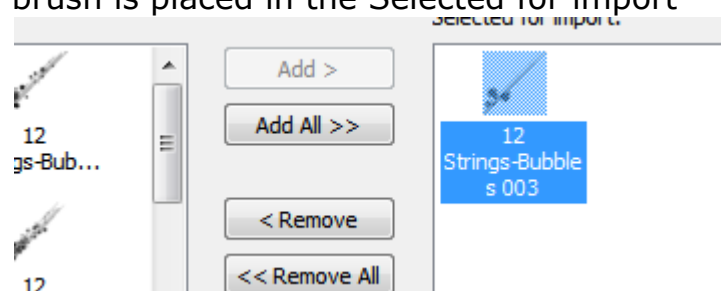
7. Click the down arrow to open the drop list. Locate the new folder you created. Click Ok.



8. Back to the Import Custom Brush, click on Open. Open the folder on your desktop containing the ABR brushes. Click Open. All brushes should be visible in the Brushes: window. Click the Add All button. They will be transferred to Selected for import: window. You can now click OK.

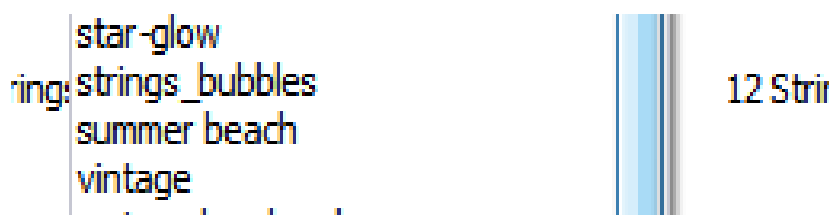


9. You may only wish to import one or two brushes or all. To import one brush, highlight the brush by clicking on it then click on the Add button. To import a selection of brushes, hold the Ctrl. key whilst selecting various brushes. Each brush will be highlighted then you can click on Add. The brush is placed in the Selected for import window. You can click OK and the brush will be placed in its new folder. To remove a brush, click on Remove or for all the brushes, Remove all.

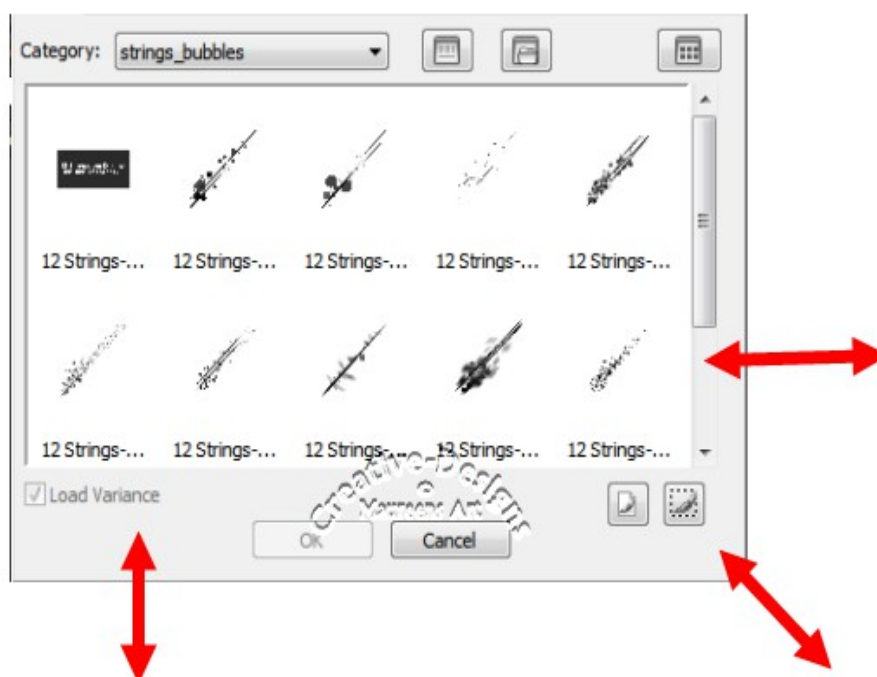


10. Open a white canvas about 1000x1000, select the Paintbrush. Many brushes are create with a 999 size. This is the limited size for PaintShop Pro brushes. You can reduce the size but go no more than 999 pixels.

11. Choose a foreground colour or gradient. The choice is yours to test this brush. Open the Brush Categories drop down located on the Options toolbar. Open the Categories drop-down and locate your brushes folder.



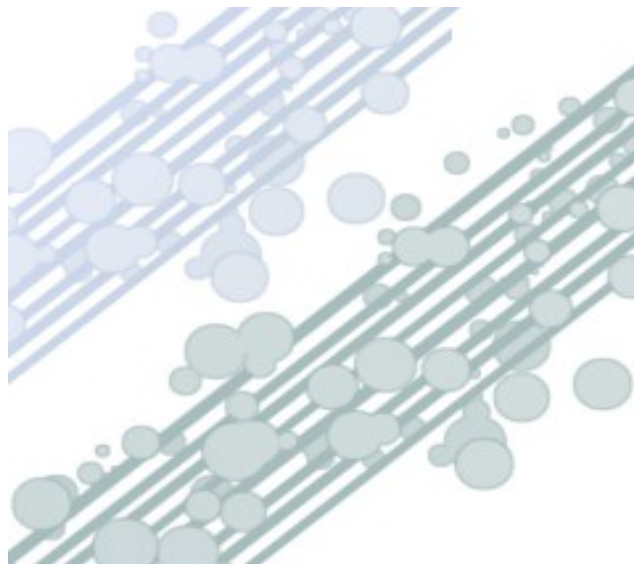
12. The brushes, a window can expand by pulling out on the right corner, right side or bottom.



13. Select one of your brushes and paint on the canvas to give the brushes a try. The Paintbrush, Airbrush, Clone and Erasers brush size is set to Pressure in the Brush Variance Palette. This feature is *only* for those who use a pressure sensitive tablet and pen. If you apply paint with the mouse, the paint strokes will just be normal.

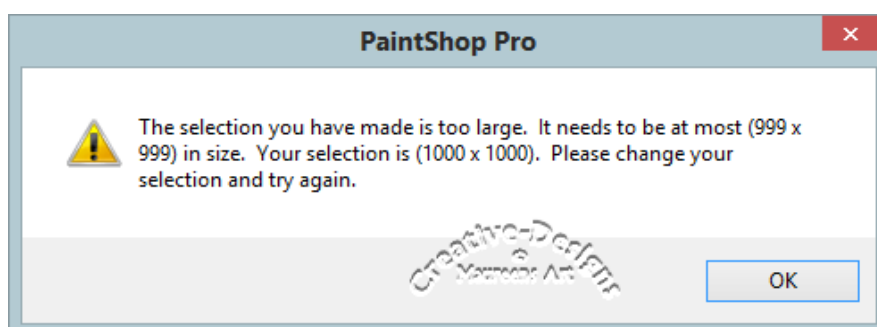
14. The paint strokes on the right show how pressure sensitivity works. If I press firm on the tablet I get larger strokes, if I lightly paint, the strokes are smaller and lighter.

If I change the Pressure to Normal in the Brush Variance palette, the brush strokes will then all be the same, as if I used the mouse as shown below. This applies to all presets with the Paintbrush.

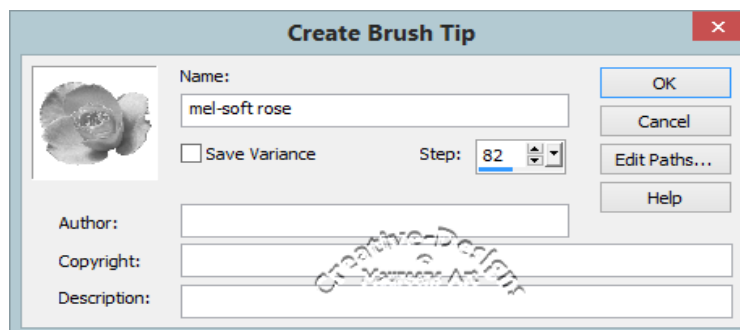


EXPORTING BRUSHES

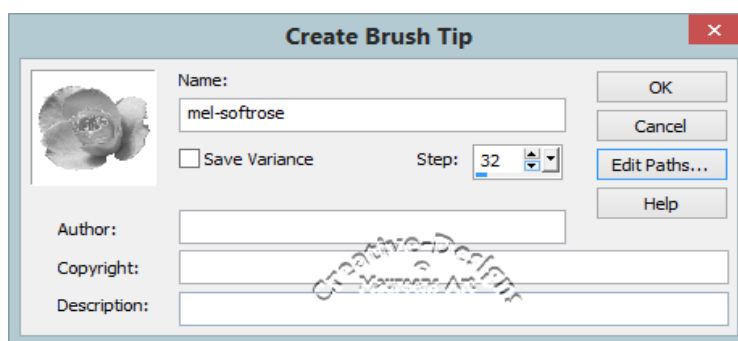
1. Open a new raster image with a transparent background, resolution at default. The size should be no more than 999x999 pixels. If you try to make a larger canvas, you will receive a pop-up telling you it is too large. Set the size to 950x950 pixels. Click OK.



2. Select the new soft rose brush you created. Increase the brush size to 945 pixels. This keeps the preset within the 950x950 canvas. You can choose colours and or gradients if you wish, but I prefer to use black and white. Brush down onto the canvas. Crop the image close.

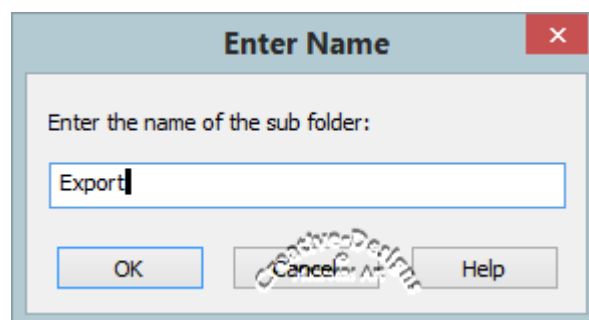


3. PaintShop Pro will not allow me to save the brush with the same name for Export! What I did was remove the - between softrose.

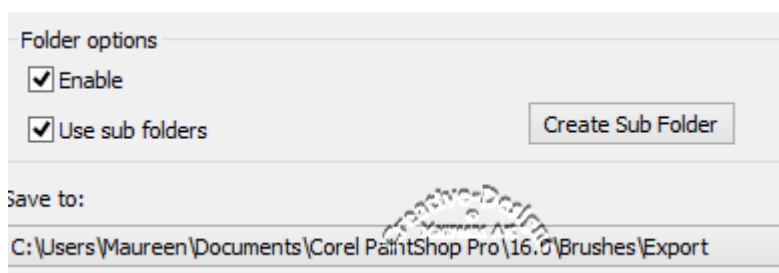


4. No Save Variance as no edits within the Brush Variance Palette were made.

5. Click on Edit Paths. Where is this brush going? We had better make a new folder so brushes for export can be put.



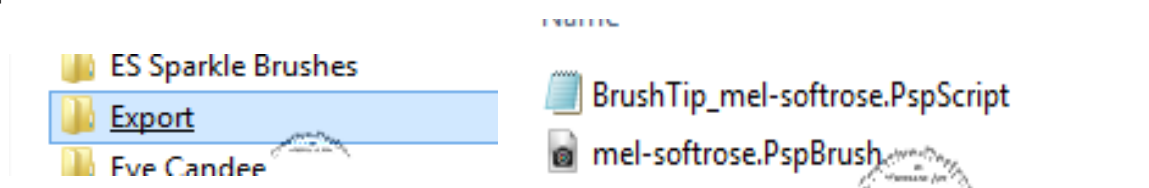
6. Click on the Create Sub Folder button and give it a name of Export. Click OK. The Export folder will be in the drop list under Save to: Open it and locate the folder. Click OK to get you out of the File Locations.



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7. Back to the Create Brush Tip (it should really read, Export Brush!) Click OK.

8. Open Corel PaintShop Pro / 16 / Brushes / Export. There will be two files as shown below on the right. One is a PspBrush and the other PspScript. Both these files must be zipped to share with others.



When you receive a zip file containing PaintShop Pro brushes as shown above. These do not require any conversion. All that is required is for you to pop both files into a Brushes folder, i.e.: in this instance, a Flora or similar folder.

To learn more about PaintShop Pro, join the free Beginner's Workshop for PaintShop Pro [HERE](#).

Also, you are welcome to join the PIRC Forums where there is a great community of graphic artists all learning together [HERE](#).