

PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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TITLE: OBJECT EXTRACTOR

Software: PaintShop Pro X6

Web Page: [Creative-Designs](#)

Materials Required: [Toadstool Image](#)



DESCRIPTION

Isolating objects from images can be done in a number of ways in PaintShop Pro. This tutorial will teach you how to apply the Object Extractor feature.

REMEMBER TO SAVE YOUR WORK OFTEN

PaintShop Pro Ultimate X6 provided a lot of images for your use. One of them is the toadstool image. If you do not have it download the image from the link above.

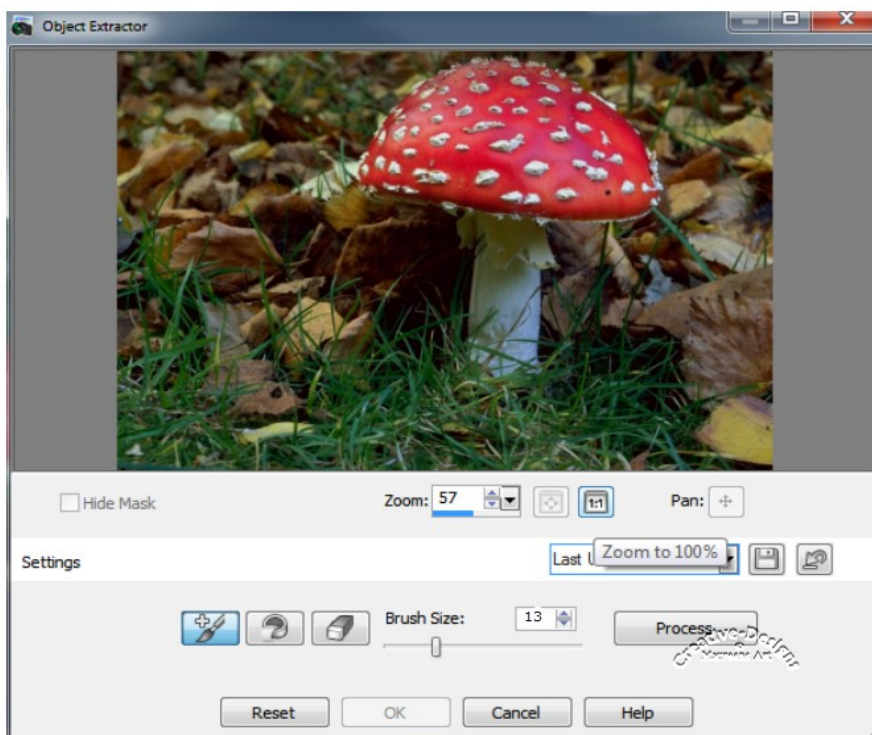
OBJECT EXTRACTOR

Open the toadstool photograph which has lots of grass and dead leaves around it. We need to extract the toadstool cleanly from the photograph.

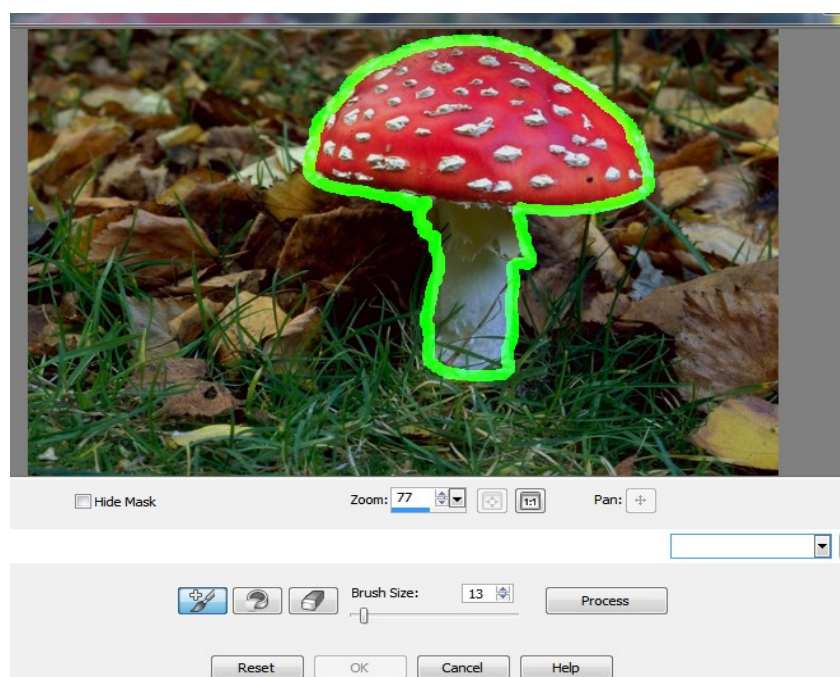
Let's begin with the Object Extractor which is found on the Menu bar, Image. The Object Extractor dialogue window opens and the toadstool photograph is showing in the window. Zoom-in to a comfortable size.

The image below is reduced in order for me to copy the image from PSP for here.

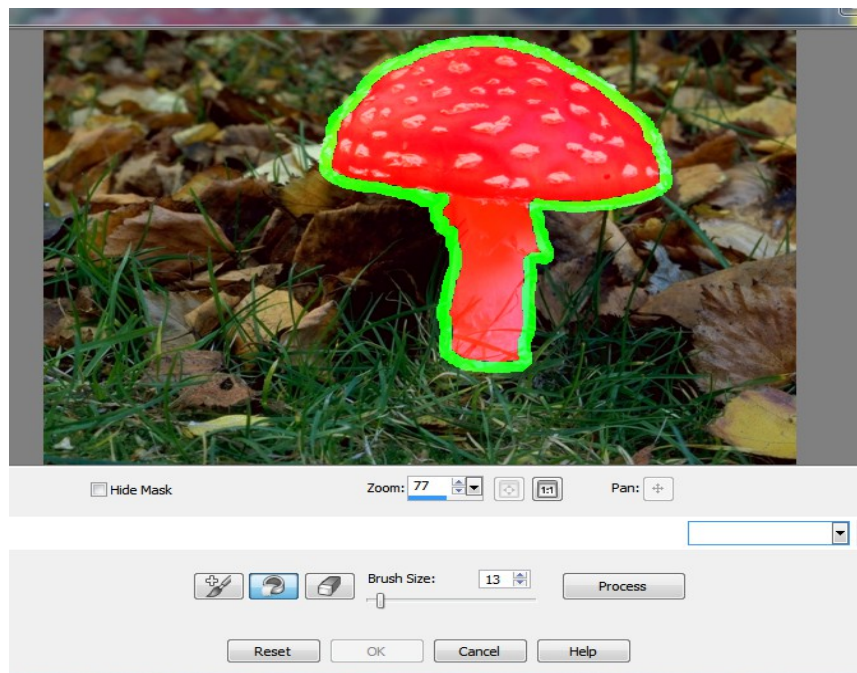
Move the Brush Size slide to view the size of brush. The brush will show on the image as a yellow circle. Don't make the brush too large otherwise parts of the background will be included.



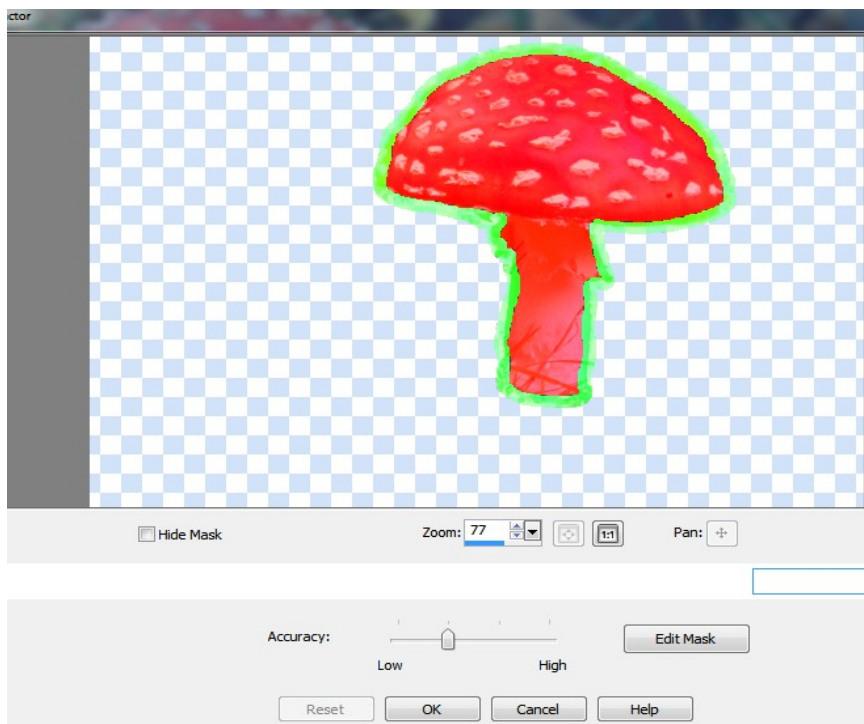
The brush icon is for brushing around the object and will show in green. If you make an error, just use the right mouse and go over the area or use the eraser. You must make sure that all the object's edges are completely enclosed. I reduced my brush size down to 13.



Select the bucket and tap in the middle of the object which fills red. This is the Mask. If it doesn't look right, click on the Reset and begin again. Next, press the Process bar.



You will now see a transparent background with a mask over the toadstool object.

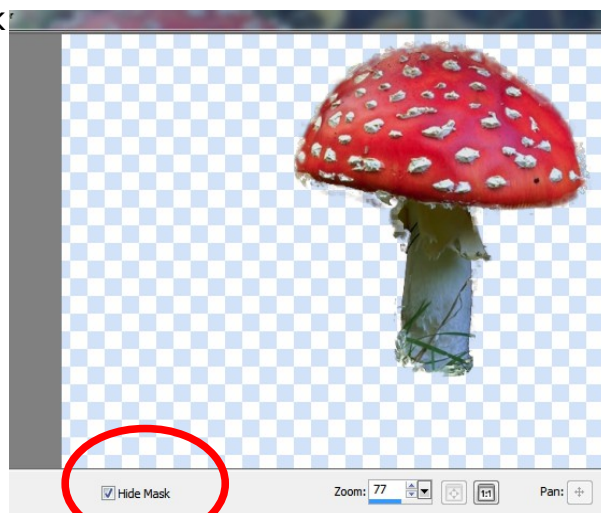


There is a tick box 'Hide Mask' tick this the mask is removed to reveal the object.

There is an Accuracy slider, move the slider higher to give the extraction a clearer cut.

You can Edit the mask too by clicking on the Edit Mask button. You need to have the 'Hide Mask

tick box unticked to view the green outline. You can now edit if a better finish is required.



If there are residual pixels, use the Eraser tool to erase them away.

I painted out the grassy bits on the stalk using the Clone Brush.

Reduce the size and crop the image. It can now be saved as a Psp Picture Tube.

To do this, the image must be on a a transparent layer and a raster image. Go to File, Export, Picture Tube. Add a name and click OK.



This concludes my tutorial on the Object Extractor Too.

If you wish 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](#).