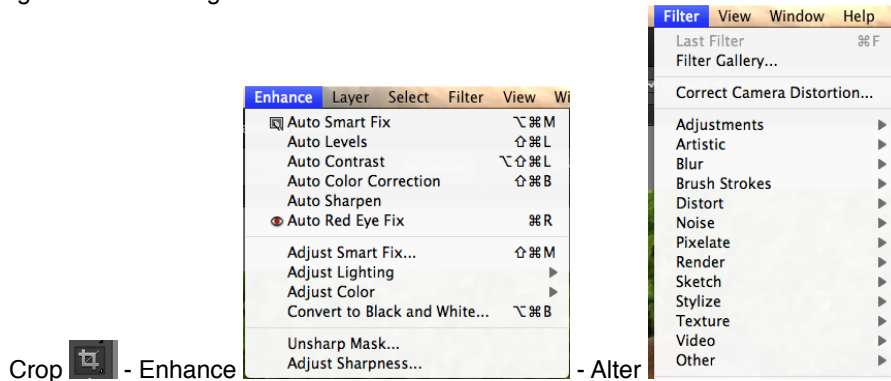


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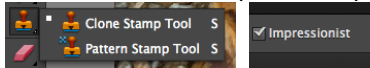
1. Select a photo you think will make an interesting painting. Often a simple subject foreground with a background that can be blurred out works best.

File - Open

2. Crop, alter, and enhance your photo before painting. Remember the rule of thirds when cropping. When using enhancements go for more contrast and more color saturation than normal.



3. Use the Pattern Stamp Tool - Impressionist setting.

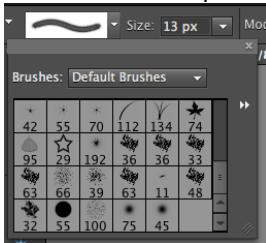


4. Can use white border to create brushed in edge.

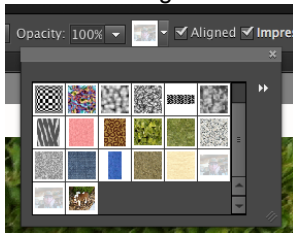
Image - Resize - Canvas Size (be sure background color is white)

5. Edit/Define Pattern, entire image.

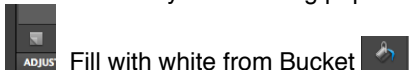
6. With Pattern Stamp Tool selected, choose an appropriate brush such as #32 Oil Medium Wet Flow

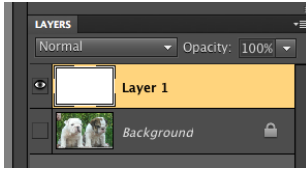


7. Select the image in the Pattern Stamp drop down as source.



8. Create white layer for tracing paper effect.

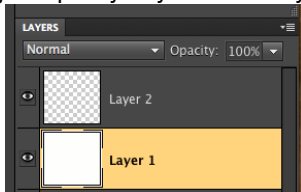




9. Create canvas layer

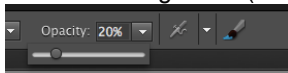


Adjust opacity of your white layer to get tracing paper effect.



10. "Paint" on canvas layer, go from larger to smaller brushes. You can adjust brush size using the Bracket Keys ([]) on your keyboard.

11. For smoothing effect (bringing in photographic details) turn off impressionist setting, reduce brush opacity.



12. Additional resources can be found online at: www.kelbytraininglive.com/downloads.