

Hand-Painting a Black and White Image

The best hand-painted photos are usually painted with subtle colors. One of the mistakes usually made by those just beginning to hand-paint images is to use colors that are too bold. So go easy on the colors and take your time and paint with a low Opacity setting. Your results will look much more professional.



Create layers for each color!

The best approach for creating a hand-painted image is to create a separate layer for each color you use.

Set the *Blend* mode in the *Layers* palette for each color layer to color. The advantage to this approach is that everything is reversible!

If you paint with a soft brush with *Opacity* set to 10-15%, you can gradually build up the colors and they will look smoother than if you used a higher opacity setting.

Should you have a question about what color to use, open up a similar color photograph and use the *Eyedropper* tool to select important colors, such as skin and eyes; then paint those colors in the working image.