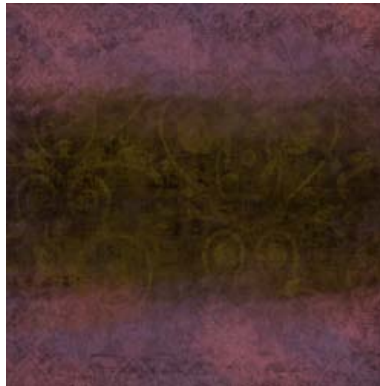


Blended Papers

– quick and easy with Brushes!

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This tutorial includes instructions/screen shots for PSCS5 and PSE9, if you have other versions of PS or PSE it should work for you too. If you use another program, read carefully and you should be able to figure out which tools do the same thing in your program!



Blending two or three papers together is a great way to get a custom look. While there are several ways you could accomplish this, with this technique you can also come out with an overlay or two to use again!

CREATING THE STACK

- Open the papers you want to blend, and drag them onto one image. If you hold the shift key when you drag you'll center them perfectly and not have to worry about any edges showing.
- Make the top layer active by clicking on it in the Layers panel, then hold your CTRL key and click on the New Layer icon. Your new layer will appear beneath the active layer. Repeat this for every paper but the bottom one in the stack.

MAKE THE MASKS

- Create a clipping mask by hovering your cursor over the line between a paper and the blank layer below it while holding down your ALT key. The cursor will change to look like two interlocked circles with an arrow. Click and the paper will “disappear”. Now it will only show where there is something on the layer below it.
- Get your Brush Tool and select a chalk or watercolor brush. (Click on the sideways arrows to get the fly-out menu and choose Large List to see the names of the brushes.) Make it fairly large by pressing the] key until it's a size you like.
- Click onto the blank layer in the Layers Panel to make it active, then brush on the page. You'll see the top paper start to appear where your brush marks are!
- You can adjust the opacity of the brush in the Tool Options bar at the top and try different brushes to get the look you want.

- Repeat this on the blank layers until you get the look you like!

SAVE THE PAPER

- When you get it the way you want it, save the paper as a .jpg file. You can also save the .psd file, and next time you want to make one of these just swap out the paper layers!

SAVE THE OVERLAYS

- If you like the in-between layers, you can save them as overlays. Click on the little eyeball to the left of all the other layers but the one you want to save to turn them off. Then go to Save As> and choose .png from the menu below the name. Next time you need this, you'll have it!

Don't forget to watch the video on YouTube to see this tutorial in action!

Happy Scrapping! *Jenn*