

TWO METHODS COMIC ART



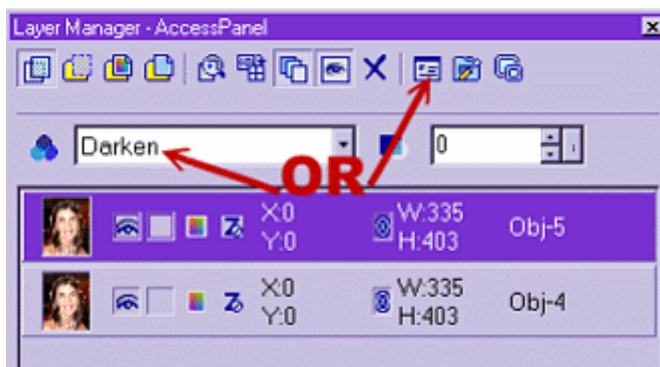
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TITLE: Two Methods Comic Art
SKILL LEVEL: Beginner
TOOLS USED: Effect Menu, Layer Manager, Merge Modes

DESCRIPTION: Create two types of comic-book-like images from a photo - one glossy with evident lines and one hand-painted.

INSTRUCTIONS METHOD 1: GLOSSY COMIC ART

Save often.

1. Open your photo. I have used a more neutral one (although with bright highlights) but colourful photos work very well for both methods. **Save As** so you are not working on the original.
3. Ctrl A (**Select**), Ctrl Shift O (**Convert to object**).
4. Shift D (**Duplicate**).
5. Change the **Merge Mode** in the **Layer Manager** from **Always** to **Darken** in the drop-down box up the top. You won't notice a difference in the image. (For those who are recording this in the **Quick Command Panel**, I found that doing it this way wouldn't record the action. To overcome this problem, click on the **Thumbnail menu commands** icon in the **Layer Manager**, select **Properties** and change the mode in there.)



6. **Effect / Blur / Gaussian Blur / Options / Radius 9.**



7. Shift D (**Duplicate**). The **Merge Mode** should still be set to **Darken**.

8. **Effect / All / Emphasize Edges / Options Level 5** to bring out the line-art even more, **Transparency** in the **Layer Manager** set to 30. You may like to stop at Step 6 if you feel there's too much "noise".

9. **Object / Merge All**. My end result:



INSTRUCTIONS METHOD 2: HAND-PAINTED COMIC ART

1. Use a photo with bright, contrasty colours which will work very well for this method. When done it will look like a bright, painted, comic book image.
2. Ctrl A (**Select**), Ctrl Shift O (**Convert to object**).
3. Shift D (**Duplicate**).
4. With the duplicate layer active, go to **Effect / Artistic / Coloured Pen / Level 55**. Click **OK**.



6. In the **Layer Manager** change the **Merge Mode** to **Hard Light**.



7. **Duplicate** this layer to emphasise the lines a bit more. Move the **Transparency** slider til you are happy with the look of your image.
8. **Object / Merge All**. My end result:



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