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In my last tutorial I showed you how to turn a photo into a sketch drawing. As promised, today I am going to show you how to take that sketchy photo to the next level and turn it into a pastel drawing.

I love the soft effect this technique gives, and you will not believe how easy it is to achieve!

Step One: Open the Saved Sketch

- Open (File > Open) the saved sketch file you created from my previous tutorial.

Step Two: Colorize the Sketch

- In the Layers panel, activate the bottom color photo.
- Press Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J) to duplicate the color photo.
- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Arrange > Bring to Front.
- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode to Color and lower the Opacity to

around 60%.

Step Three: Add Some Texture

- Click on the image below to download the nd-Watercolor-Papers.zip file. Inside the folder, you will find five different water color papers.

- In the Layers panel, make sure that the top layer is activated.

- Open the watercolor paper that matches the color tones in the photo. I used ND-Watercolor-05.

- Get the Move tool.

- On the document, while holding down the Shift key, click on the paper and drag it onto the sketch photo document.

- Press Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T) to get the Transform options.

- On the document, click on one of the corner handles of the Bounding Box and drag outward to resize the paper as needed to cover the photo. (Photoshop: Press and hold the Shift key while resizing to maintain proportion). Double click inside the Bounding Box to commit the transformation.

- In the Layers panel, change the Blend Mode to Multiply.
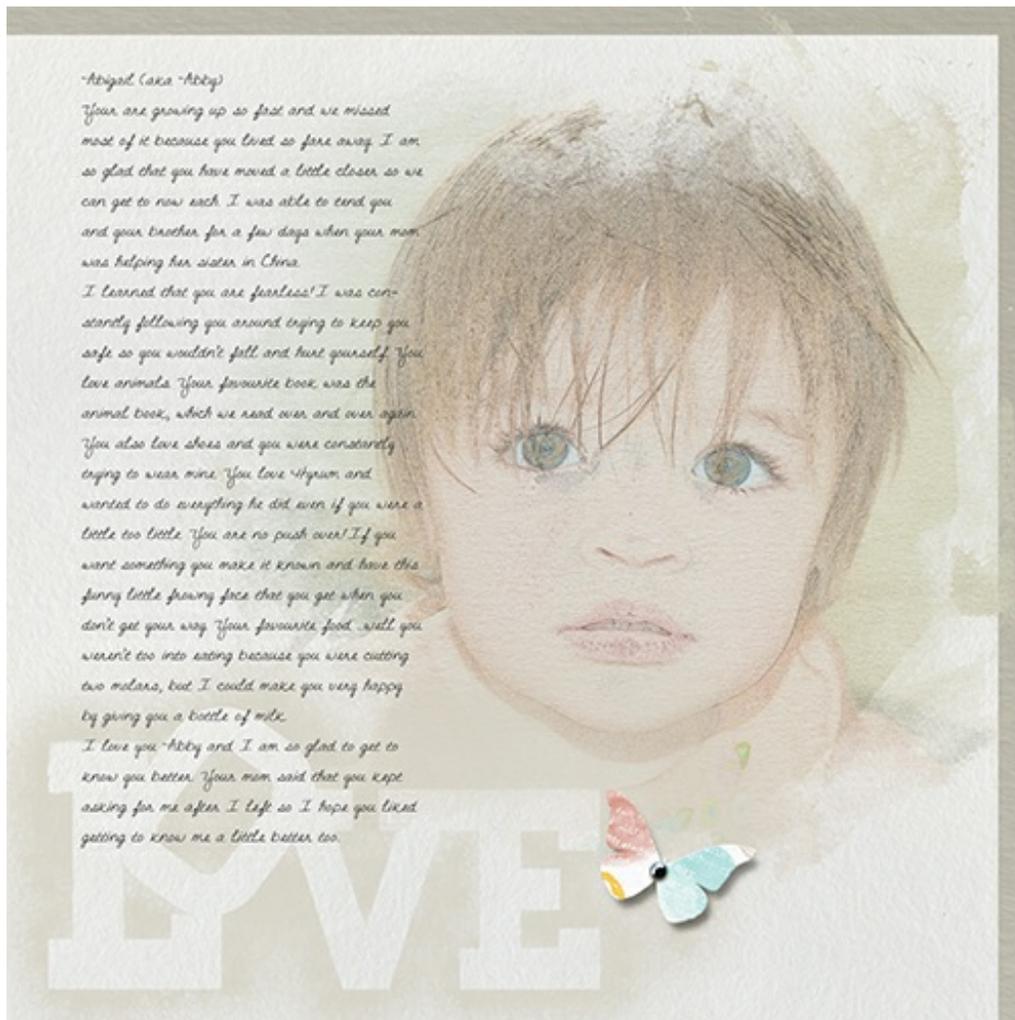
Step Four: Save the Flattened Image

- In the Menu Bar, choose Layer > Flatten Image.

- Choose File > Save As.

- In the dialog box, choose a name and location for the new colorized sketchy photo, set the Format to JPEG, and click Save.

There you go. I told you it was quick and easy. Here is the same layout that I did in my last tutorial, this time using the colored version of the sketch.

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