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Create a Comic Book Look (Photoshop Elements)

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Here's a fabulous way to have fun with your photos and find new ways to use them on your layouts, cards and even in emails! In this tutorial, you'll amaze and delight your friends with your clever, creative skills by creating a cartoon from an ordinary image.

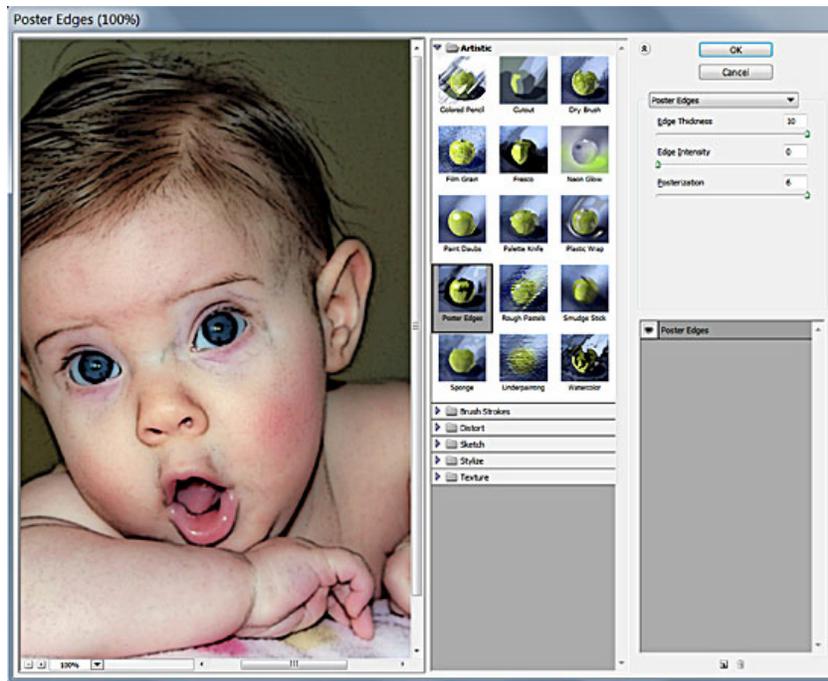


It's easier than you might think! Ready to have some fun?

Step 1: Prepare your image

Choose the image you want to work with, open it in Photoshop Elements and duplicate the original by pressing Ctrl J (Mac: Cmd J).

Step 2: Add your first filter



* In the Menu bar, go to Filter > Artistic > Poster Edges.

* For this image, I set the Edge Thickness to 10, the Edge Intensity to 0 and the Posterization to 6. You choose the settings that seem best for the photo you're working with.

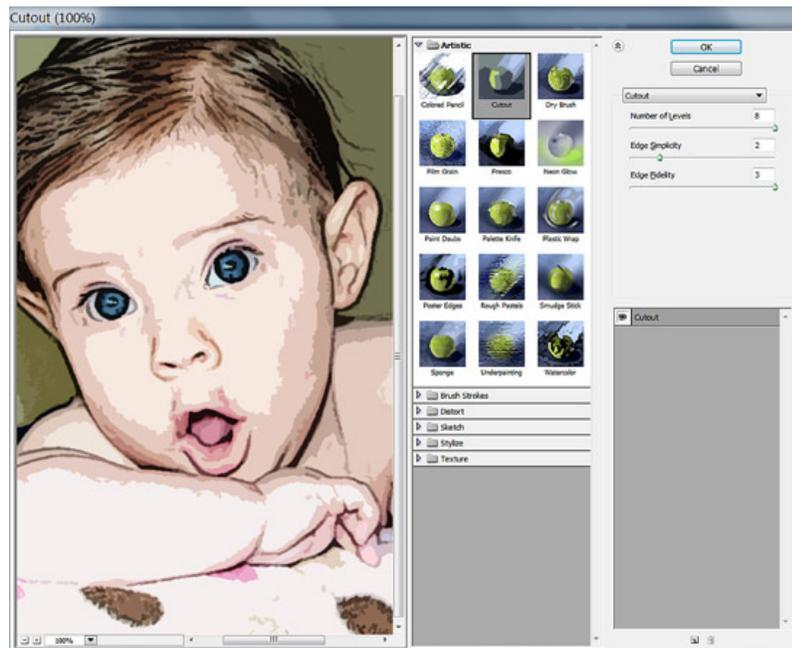
* Click OK.

Step 3: Blend and repeat



- * Duplicate the posterized layer.
- * In the Blend Modes menu at the top of the Layers panel, set the blend mode to Screen.
- * Go back to the Filter menu and choose Artistic > Poster Edges again. Keep the same settings as last time.
- * Click Okay.
- * With the top layer selected, press Ctrl E (Mac: Cmd E) to merge the two top layers.

Step 4: Add another filter



- * Go back to the menu bar and click on Filter > Artistic > Cutout.
- * For this image, I set the Number of Levels to 8, the Edge Simplicity to 2 and the Edge Fidelity to 3.
- * You choose the settings that seem best for the photo you're working with.

* Once you're satisfied with the look of your cartoon, click OK.



Of course, every photo is different and your results may vary, but experiment with the filter settings and blend modes to achieve the look you like best. When you're done, you can add a simple frame, as I did, or leave yours as is.

And that's one way to create a quick and easy comic book look with your photo!

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