

Use Painter Essentials — to Turn Your Photos into Paintings



Once you turn your pictures into professional-looking photos with Paint Shop Pro X, you can use Painter Essentials 3 to turn them into paintings. Painter Essentials 3 gives you more creative control over your photo-paintings and yet is incredibly easy to use. Turning your pictures into paintings is so fun, you aren't going to want to stop!

What you'll need:

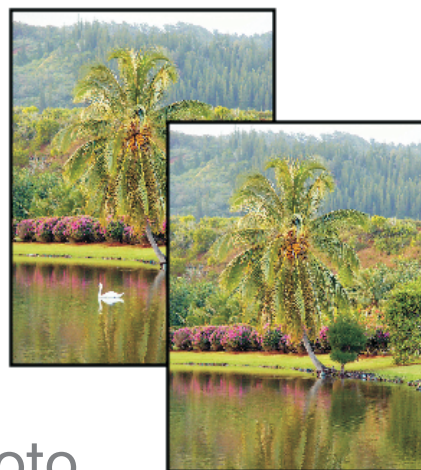
- Corel® Paint Shop Pro® X
- Corel® Painter™ Essentials 3 (Download a FREE Trial)
- Sample image object_removalbefore.jpg

When you complete this tutorial you'll be able to:

- Remove distractions from photos using Paint Shop Pro
- Open photos using Painter Essentials 3
- Quick Clone a Photo
- Use Auto-Painting to turn your photos into works of art

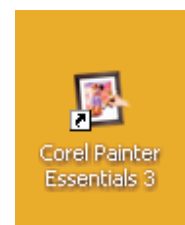
Remove Distractions from Photos

1. Before you turn your photos into stunning works of art, you'll want to make sure they're picture perfect. Follow along with the Removing Distractions in Photos tutorial to get your photo ready for painting.
2. Once you complete this tutorial, make sure to save the final photo. For this tutorial our photo has been called object_removertafter.

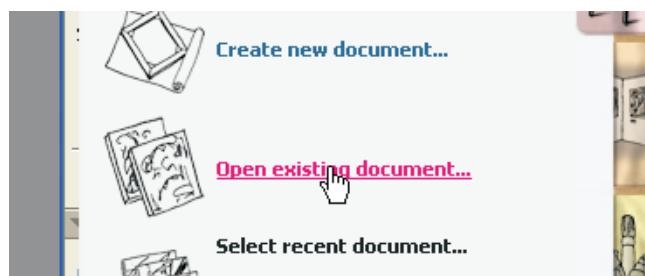


Open Painter Essentials & Your Photo

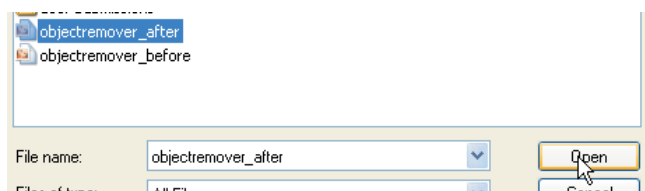
3. If you don't already have Painter Essentials 3, you can download a FREE trial on the Corel Web site, www.corel.com.
4. Choose **Start > All Programs > Corel Painter Essentials 3 > Corel Painter Essentials 3** or double click the Painter Essentials 3 on your desktop to open Painter Essentials 3.



5. Once Painter Essentials 3 opens, on the notebook that appears in the workspace, click **Open existing document**.

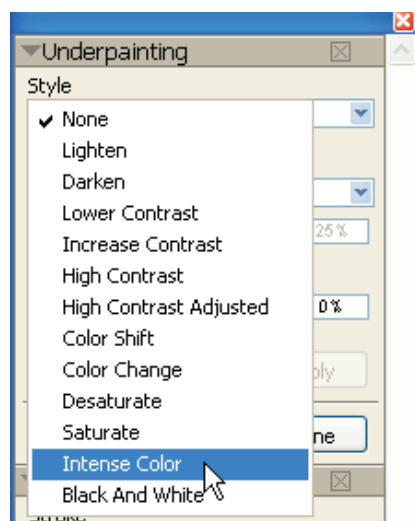


6. Now, navigate to where you saved your Object Remover photo, select it, and then click **Open**.

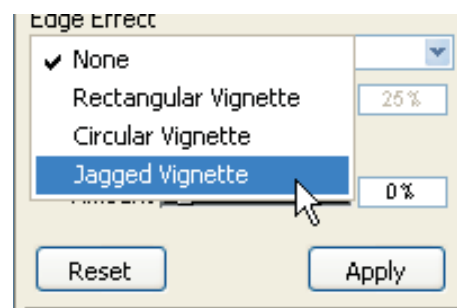


Add Underpainting

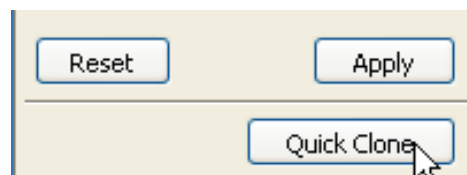
7. Once your picture opens in the Painter Essentials 3 workspace, under the **Underpainting** area on the Photo Painting Palette, click the **Style** drop-down and choose **Intense Color** (you can actually choose any style you like, but for this example we used Intense Color).



8. Then, if you like click **Edge Effect** and choose **Jagged Vignette** (or you can wait until you're all finished and use Paint Shop Pro X's photo edges and frames on your painting).

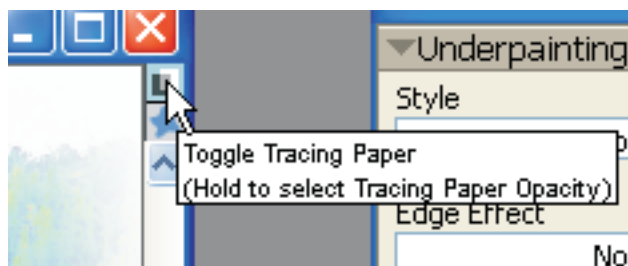


9. Now at the bottom of the Underpainting palette, click the **Quick Clone** button.



10. In the upper-right corner of the image window, click the **Toggle Tracing Paper** button.

Your image should be completely white now (so don't worry).



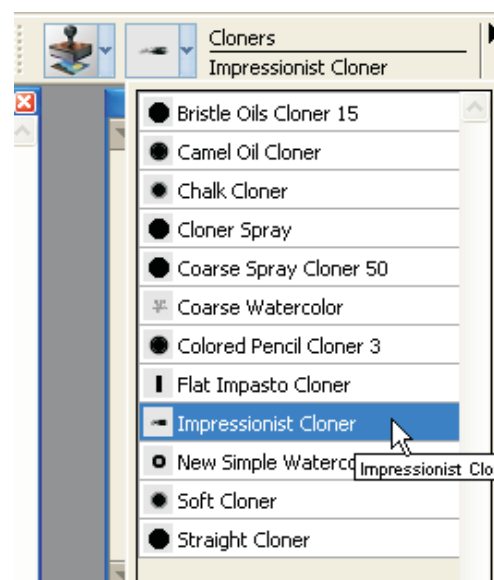
Choose Your Cloner

11. In the upper-right corner of the Painter Essentials 3 window, click the **Brush Variant** arrow, to display your brush choices.

For this example we used **Impressionist Cloner**, but you can use anyone you like.

In fact, you should try them all!

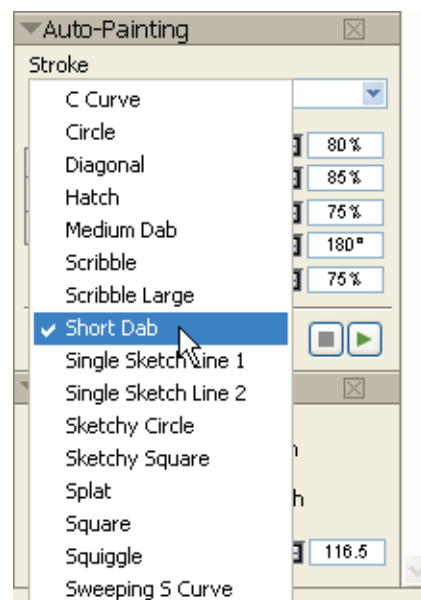
But be warned, playing with the Painter Essentials 3 cloner brushes is very addictive.



Auto-paint

12. Now, under the **Auto-painting** area on the Photo Painting Palette, click the **Stroke** menu to choose the stroke you'd like to use.

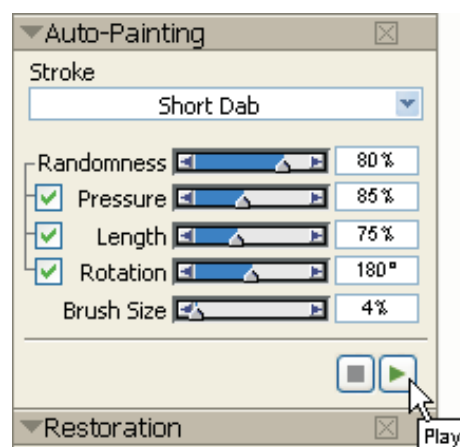
For this example we're using **Short Dab**, but you should try them all.



13. Once you choose a stroke, you can set the Randomness, Pressure, Length, Rotation, and Brush size settings.

Again, experiment with the different settings until you get just the look you like. Once, you're ready, click the **Play** button.

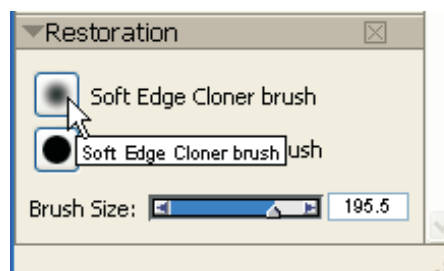
Now, you'll see your image transformed into a painting right before your eyes. You can watch Painter Essentials 3 work its magic. Once you're happy with the painting, click the **Stop** button.



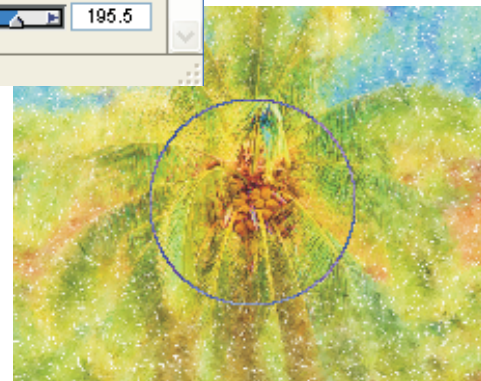
Restoration

14. If you want to bring a little more focus to areas of your painting, you use the **Restoration** area of the Photo Painting Palette.

Here you can select the **Soft Edge Cloner** brush or the **Hard Edge Cloner** brush.

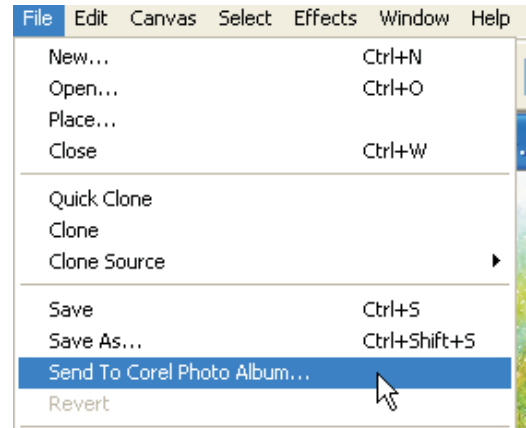


Once you select a brush, click the area you want more focus on, and then drag the mouse around until you get the look you're after.



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15. That's all there is to it! Now you've got a beautiful painting from your photos. Just click **Save** and then you can choose **File > Send to Corel Photo Album**, then you can print and drop your painting into a calendar, greeting card or album page!



Next Steps

See how easy that was? You can turn any of your photos into amazing works of art, and by using Painter Essentials 3 you get the ultimate control over your images.

Then, once you're done with your painting, you can use Paint Shop Pro X to add words or a fancy frame.