

# Creating a Drawing from any Image

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The following procedure can be used to change any image into a pencil or charcoal like drawing. It can later be modified to include some color, giving it a pastel look.

- 1- Do the best you can to create a good color image. It should be sharp and have good color edges.
- 2- Flatten your image
- 3- Copy the background layer (ctl+j)
- 4- On the copied layer go to filter>stylize>find edges
- 5- Change the image to B&W.
  - a. Click the B&W cookie at the bottom of the layers pallet and select “Black and White”.
- 6- Create a “curves” adjustment layer
  - a. Slide the left most curve point at the bottom (dark end) toward the right to darken the edges.
  - b. Slide the bright end of the curve point down to darken the whites to obtain more mid-tones.
- 7- Create a “brightness/Contrast layer”
  - a. Increase the contrast to enhance the edges
  - b. Adjust the brightness to balance the image.
- 8- Done
  
- 9- To add back some color to create a more water color look:
  - a. Copy the background (original color layer)
  - b. Move it to the top of the stack
  - c. Change the blending mode to “overlay” or “soft light”.
  - d. Adjust the opacity to reduce the amount of color in the image to provide a hint of color for the water color appearance.