

HAND COLORING B & W IMAGES

1. Open B & W image.
2. Go to “Image, Mode” and insure that “RGB Color” is selected.
3. The color needs to be painted onto a separate layer, so create a new layer using “Ctrl + Shift + N”. Set the blending mode to “Color” in the “New Layer” window. Also rename this layer to “Faces”. This mode will allow any added color to overlay the image.
4. Now choose the “Brush” tool and select a soft-edged brush from the “Brush Picker”.
5. In the “Options Bar” activate the “Airbrush” icon.
6. If the “Color Swatches” palette is not visible go to “Window” and check “Color Swatches”. This is where we will choose all of the painting colors.
7. To choose a color, pass the mouse pointer over the “Color Swatches” and click to choose the appropriate color.
8. Begin by choosing a “Dark Yellow/Orange”. Paint over all of the areas of flesh with this color. Remember, because the brush is in “Airbrush” mode, if we leave the brush in one position for too long the color will build up on the image, so we need to keep it moving at all times.
9. When finished painting the flesh color adjust the “Opacity” slider in the layers palette to soften the color to your liking.
10. Repeat step “3” and rename this layer “Hair”.
11. Choose a “Darker Warm Brown” color and paint the hair. When finished adjust the “Opacity” slider in the layers palette to soften the color to your liking.
12. Repeat step “3” and rename this layer “Dress and Tie”.
13. Repeat step “11” and choose a nice dress color.
14. Repeat step “3” and rename this layer “Suit”.

15. Repeat step "11" and chose a nice suit color.