

Turn your Photo into a Pop Art Image

You might want to display some of your favorite photos in a unique way: as a pop art poster. It is easy to do with Paintshop Pro. Make sure you have a photo that has good contrast between the main subject and the background and you will be good to go.



Duplicate your image with **Ctrl-D** to make sure you don't alter your original photo.

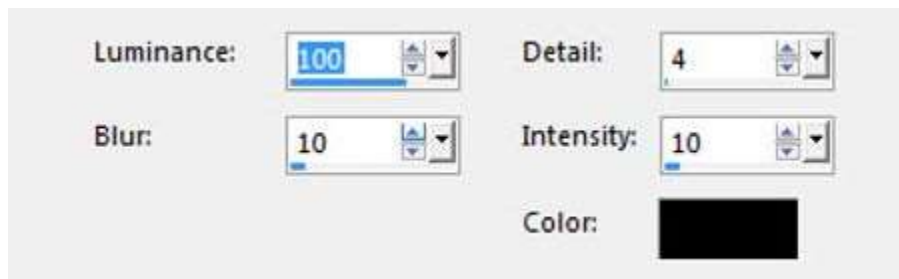
Turn your photo into a greyscale image using **Adjust > Hue and Saturation > Colorize** and set the **Saturation** to **0**.



Increase the contrast with **Adjust > Brightness and Contrast > Brightness and Contrast** to a point that still shows the main details.



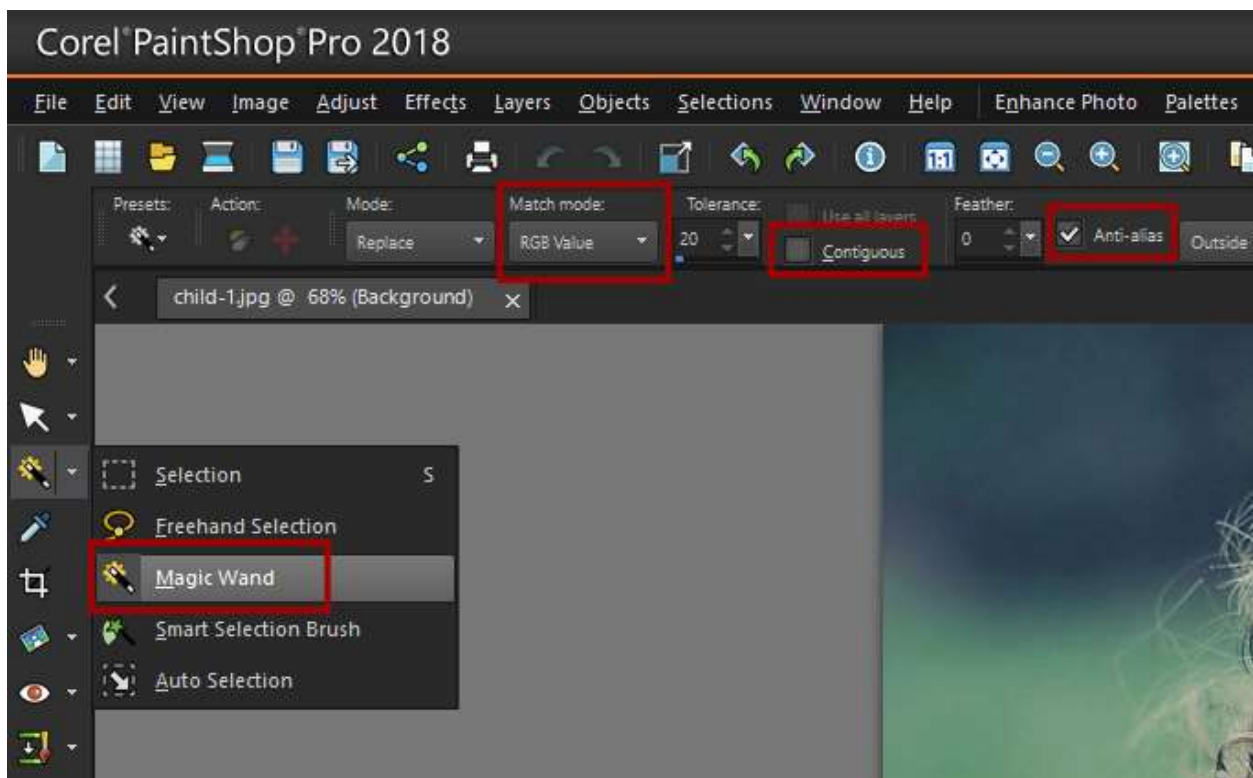
Now, you need to reduce the whole image to 3 well-defined levels of grey, which you will achieve with **Effects > Artistic Effects > Contours** with the following settings:



This will turn your photo to an image like this:



Now it is time to add some colors to make this image pop. Activate the **Magic Wand**; set the Match mode of RGB Value, Contiguous being unchecked and Anti-alias checked.



Then, select the area of the darkest grey.



Add a new **Raster Layer**. Choose a dark color in the **Material Palette**. Use the **Flood Fill** tool to fill that selection with your chosen color.



Deselect by using **Ctrl + D** or **Selections > Select None**. Reactivate the initial layer with the grey image, and select the middle grey color with the same settings as before. Add a new **Raster Layer**. Choose a medium color and flood fill the selection with it.



Finally, repeat the process with the lighter grey area. And you now have a uniquely customized pop art poster of your favorite photo.

