

## 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.



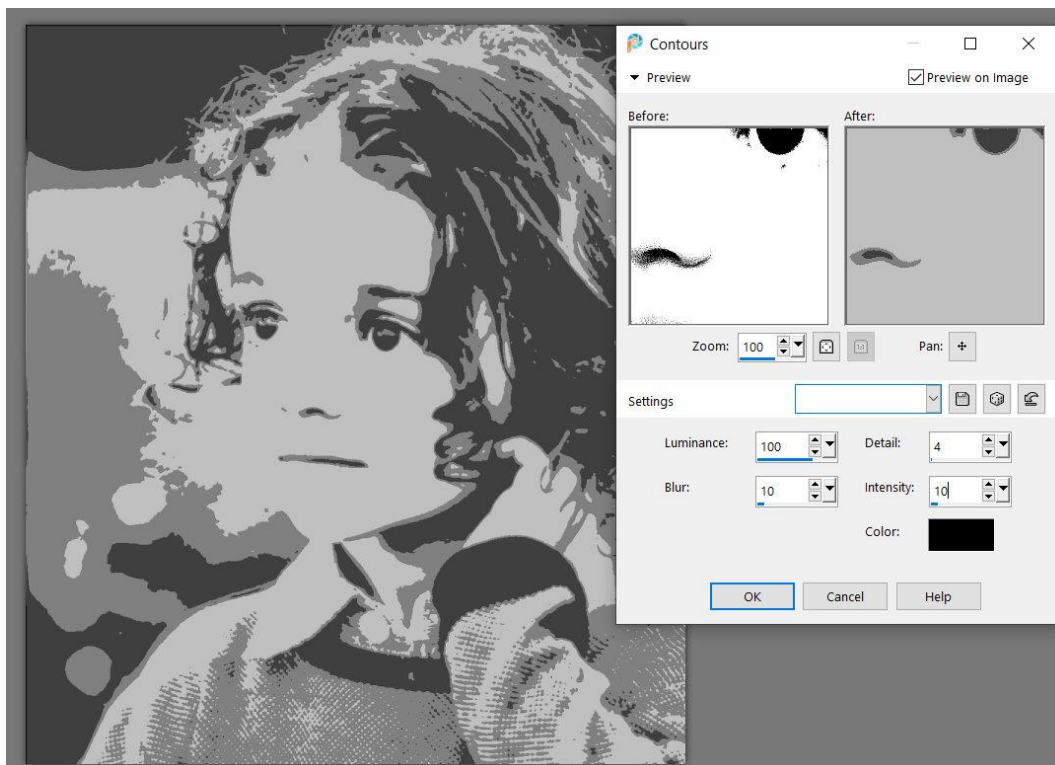
Right-click on your image in the **Layers** palette and select **Duplicate**, to make sure you don't alter your original photo. With the duplicate layer selected, turn your photo into a greyscale image using **Adjust > Hue and Saturation > Colorize** and set the **Saturation** to **0**.



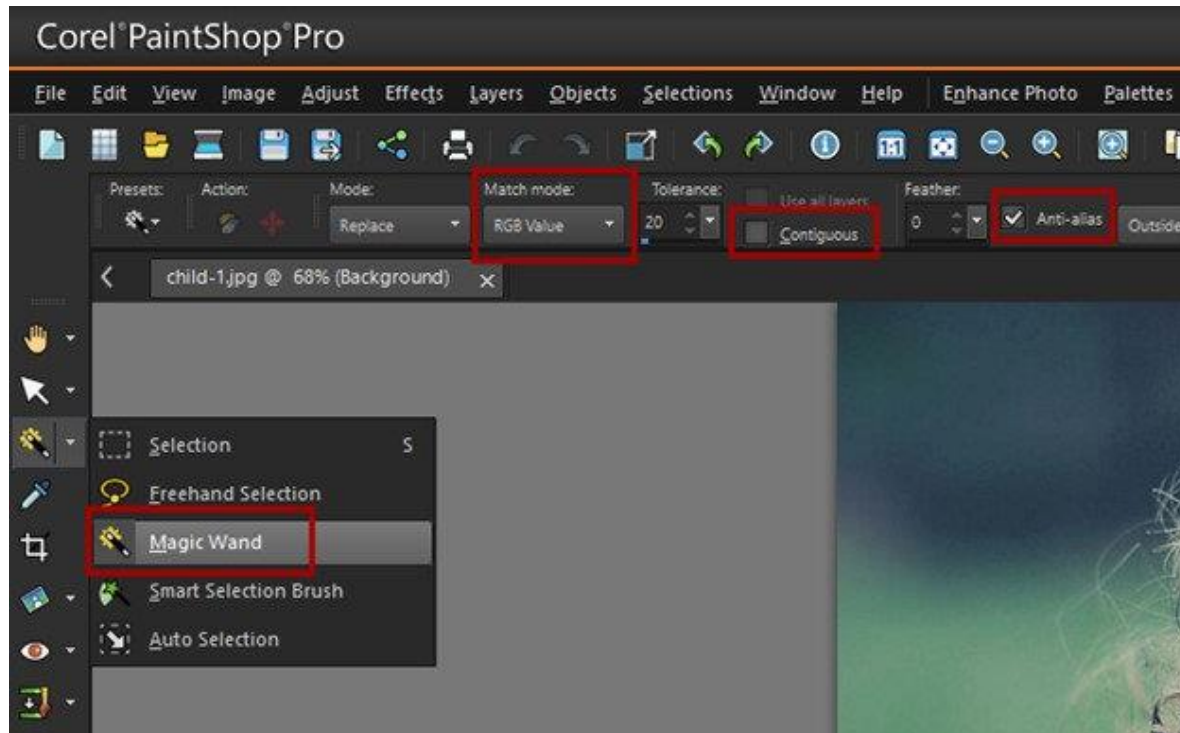
Increase the contrast with **Adjust > Brightness and Contrast > Brightness and Contrast** to a point that still shows the main details. For this particular image, we used a **Brightness** setting of **0** and a **Contrast** setting of **75**.



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:



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

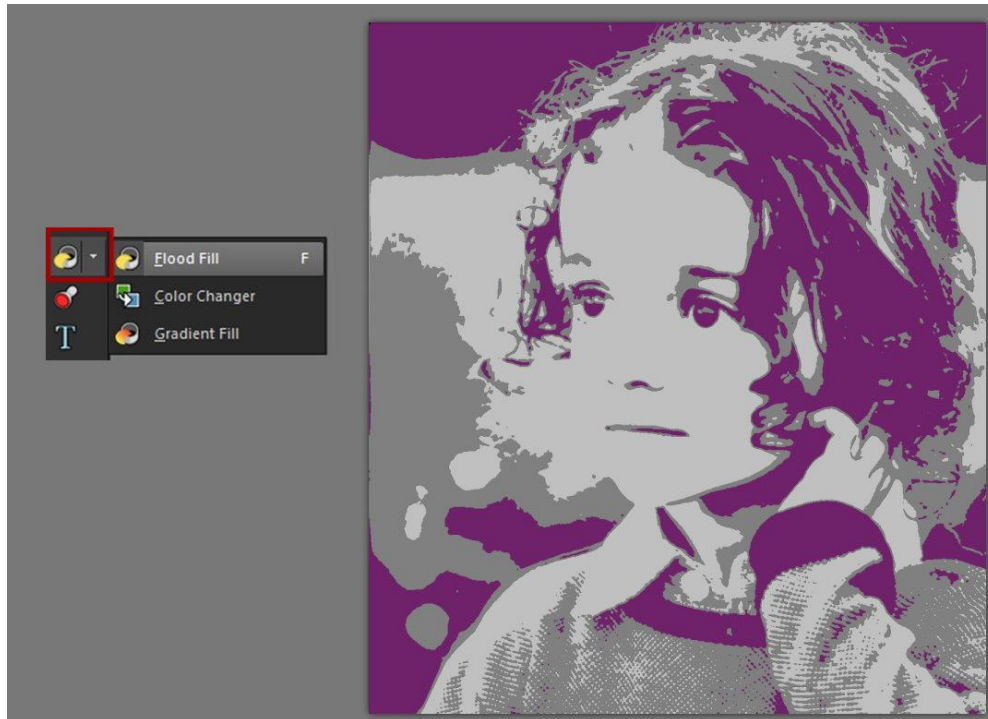


Then, select the area of the darkest grey.





Add a new **Raster Layer**. Choose a dark color in the **Materials 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 use the **Magic Wand** to 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.

