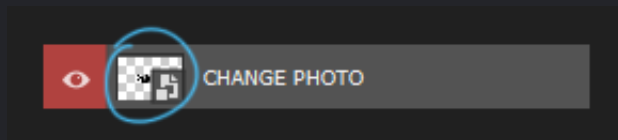


Photo to Vector Converter

Transform your photos to vectors easily using smart object layers and a few additional adjustments.

How to change the photo?

1. Unpack the zip file.
2. Open the Photo to Vector Converter.psd file.
3. Go to the **Layers** window and double click on the **red** CHANGE PHOTO smart object layer's icons to open the smart object in another file. **Note:** if you do not see the **Layers window**, go to **Window > Layers** or press **F7**.

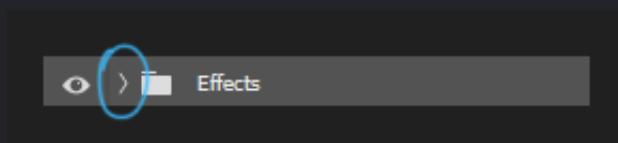


4. Place your own photo by going to **File > Place Embedded...**, then find the file on your computer and click **Place**. Position it where you want, make it bigger or smaller, center it and press **Enter**. **Note:** You can even use the pen tool to cut out a person or a car and hide the background.
5. Hide **PLACE YOUR PHOTO HERE** layer.
6. **Save** (CTRL+S) and **close** (CTRL+W) smart object file and that's it.

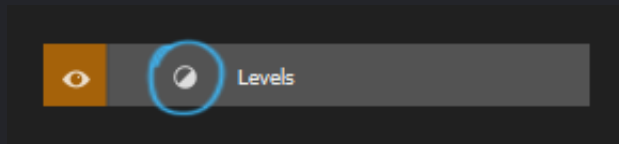
The image doesn't look good. **Don't panic!**

When you place the photo to the smart layer the end result might not look as you imagined. You need to set how much of the shadows, midtones and highlights you want to see to make it look better.

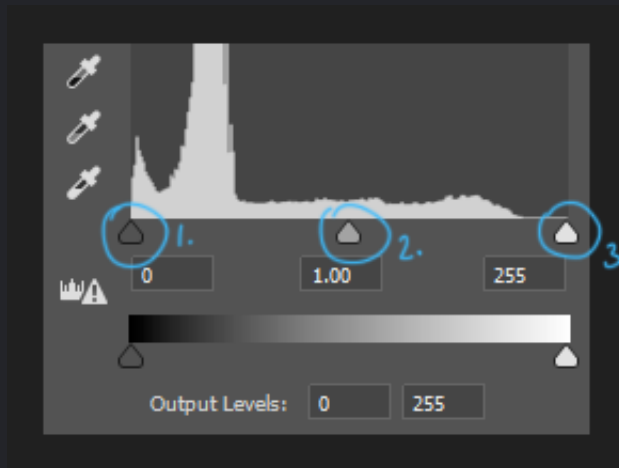
1. Go to the **Layers** window and click on the little arrow next to the **Effects** layer group to expand it.



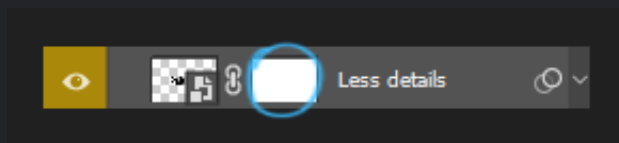
2. Then double click on the **orange** Levels adjustment layer's icon to open the Levels adjustments window.



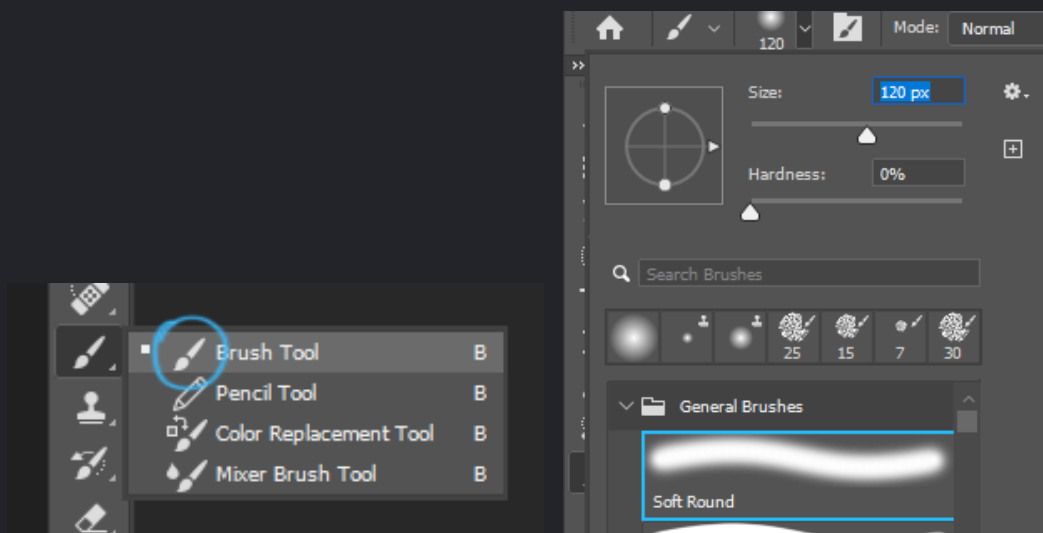
3. Move the 3 pointers (below) to achieve the results you like. Pointer number 1 is for shadows, 2 is for midtones and 3 is for highlights



4. Then click on the **yellow** layer **Less details** mask below..



5. .. pick the brush tool and set it to around 120px Soft Round and black foreground colour.



6. ..then paint over the eyes, mouth and nose if your photo is a portrait, to add more details to those areas. Basically any area you want to emphasize.

Note: You can also select **Less details** layer and create a new layer above it (CTRL + SHIFT + N), name it **Adjustments** and click OK. With the brush tool already selected, lower the opacity of the brush to around 20% (on the top bar) and paint black over the areas of the photo you want to make darker and use white colour for the areas you want to make lighter.

How to change the colour effects?

There are 8 different basic colours and 9 multi colour presets. The default one is basic blue colour.

1. To change it to a different colour click on the little arrow next to the **blue CHANGE COLOUR** layer group to expand it, then the arrow next to the **Basic colours** layer group to expand it further.
2. You will see the eye symbol next to the **Blue** layer and squares next to the other layers in that group. This means that the **Blue** colour effect is visible and the others are hidden.

Click on the eye symbol next to the **Blue** layer, then click on one of the square symbols next to other layers, for example the one next to the **Red** layer. The image will change to red..

7. Do the same with **Multi colour** layer group but first hide the **Basic colours** layer group and make the **Multi colour** visible.

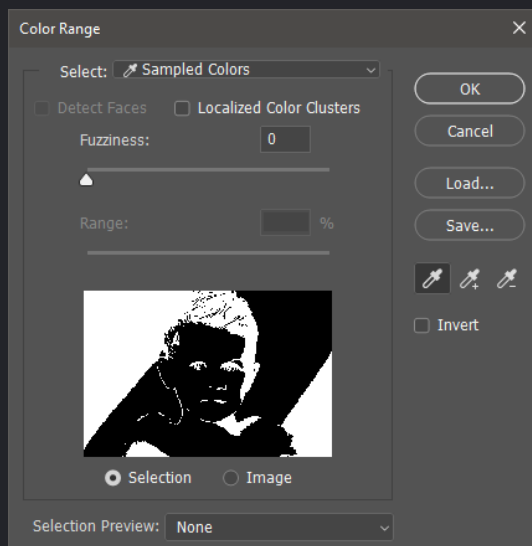
Note: There is a different way to change the colours, in fact each colour separately. Please see the section **How to change the colour of the vector?** below.

How to use the action to create vectors?

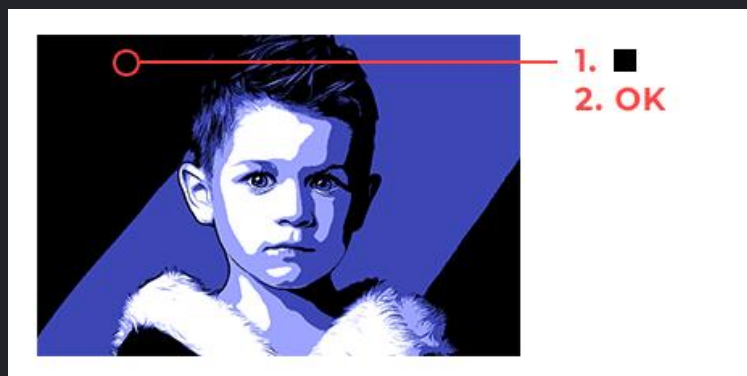
1. Go to **Window > Actions** or press **Alt + F9** to open Actions panel. Click the burger button (icon with 4 horizontal lines) in the top right corner, then **Load actions...** Locate the action file **Vectorizer.atn** on your computer and click **Load**.
2. Select the **Vectorizer** action in the Actions panel and **run** it by clicking on a little play button on the bottom of the action panel.



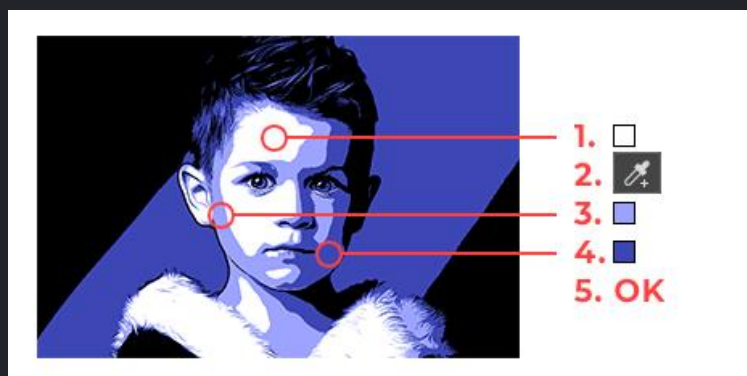
3. The Colour range window will open 4 times while the action is running.



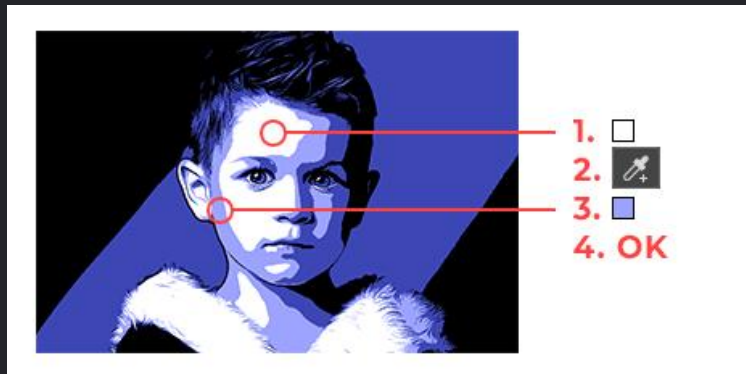
- I. The first time it opens (1.) pick the darkest colour on your photo. **Note:** For example if you are using the default blue colour effect, select the black colour. Then (2.) click OK.



- II. The second time it opens, ignore the darkest colour you picked in the previous step and now (1.) pick the lightest colour on your photo, (2.) click on Add to sample icon, (3.) pick darker colour and then (4.) another darker colour and (5.) click OK. **Note:** The darkest colour of the 3 remaining colours has to be picked last.



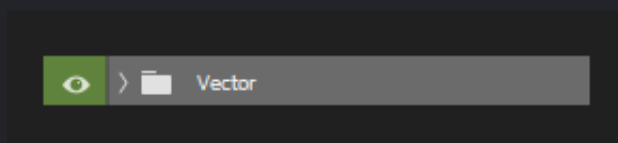
- III. The third time it opens **ignore the 2 darkest colours** and (1.) pick the lightest colour, (2.) click on **Add to sample** icon, (3.) pick darker colour and click **OK**.
Note: The darkest colour of the 2 remaining colours has to be picked last.



- IV. The fourth time it opens **ignore all of the darker colours** and (1.) pick the lightest colour and (2.) click **OK**.

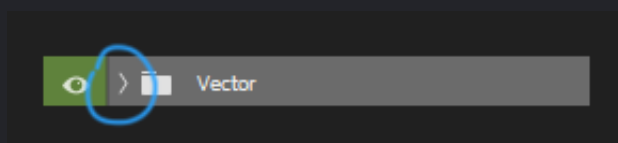


4. The action stops and you will see a new **green** layer group in the Layers Window called **Vector**.

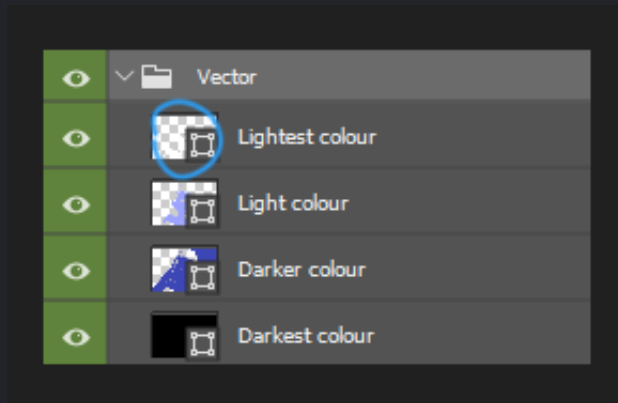


How to change the colour of the vector?

1. To change the colours separately after you created vector, expand the **Vector** layer group by clicking on the arrow next to it.



2. You'll see 4 layers: Lightest, Light, Darker, Darkest. If you want to change the colour of the **Lightest colour** layer, double click on its icon to open a **Color Picker** window, pick the colour you want and click **OK**. Do the same with other layers.



Try experimenting a little

Hide the **Vector** and **CHANGE COLOUR** layer groups, select **Effects** layer group and change its **Blending mode** to multiply and lower its **Opacity** to around 65%.

Thanks and Enjoy!

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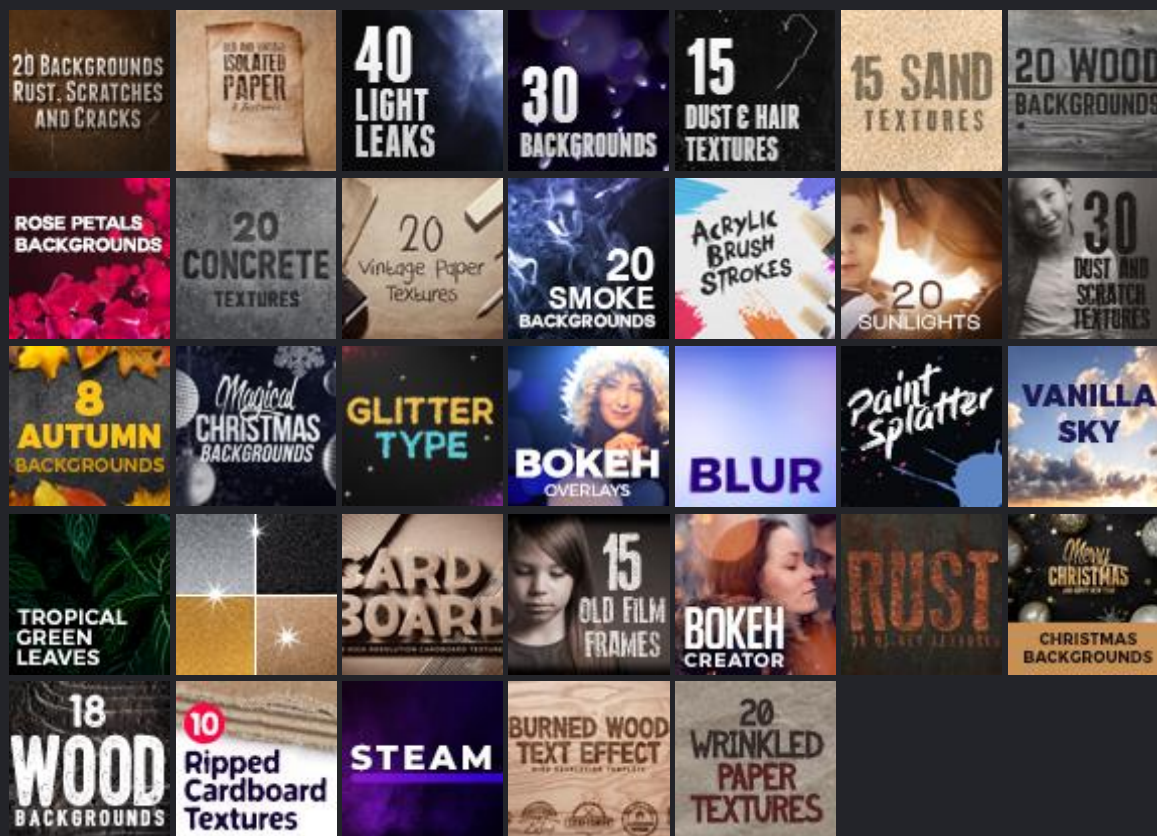
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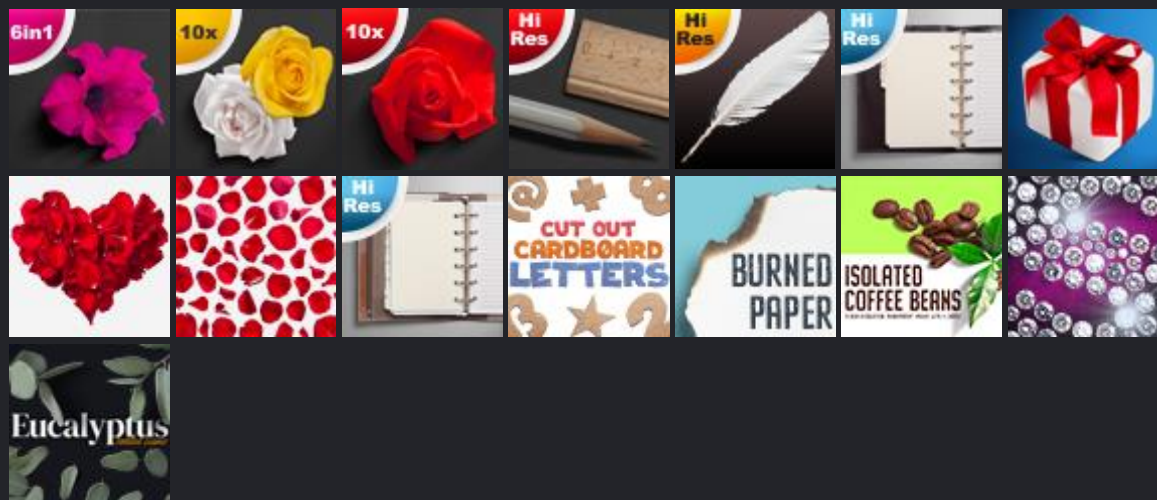
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