

Compositing – The Art of Merging Photographs Together

Here we will develop the skills necessary to create a *Collage* and a *Photomontage* (*Montage*.) You have already tried some of the techniques need to create these types of photographs. Remember the Jar, Celebrity Handshake, and Individual Portrait activities...just to name a few ☺!

Collage: This is the first type of *Compositing* photographs. This style places images together in a meaning way/theme but it is obvious that the images are from different sources. This technique is very popular in advertising today...simply check out various magazines to get some ideas!

Montage: This is the second type of *Compositing* photographs. You are trying to fool viewers into believing what they are seeing is real. The *Celebrity Handshake Activity* is a good example of a montage that is believable. UFO's, flying saucers, and unrealistic time date photos are other examples of montages.

How would you classify the photograph of Sarah Michelle Gellar and myself?

Activity: Create Five Original Collages and Five Original Montages on topics/themes agreed to by ME. Turn to page 287 in the Teach Yourself Paint Shop Pro 7 in 24 Hours (Hour 19 – Compositing.) Please read and follow the directions, hints, and tips that follow and most of all...have fun creating your works of art!!



Hints:

1. Collect all the photographs you are going to include in your Collage/Montage.
2. Select the background photograph or create your own background colors and create your own background image. Be sure to include colors from your photographs to assist in “blending” of the inserted photographic image selections.
3. Choose an image to “copy” a selection from and set the selection tool properties such as “feathering” set to 20, etc., **BEFORE** you select a portion to insert into the background photograph including the colors to blend with!
4. Experiment!!! ☺!