

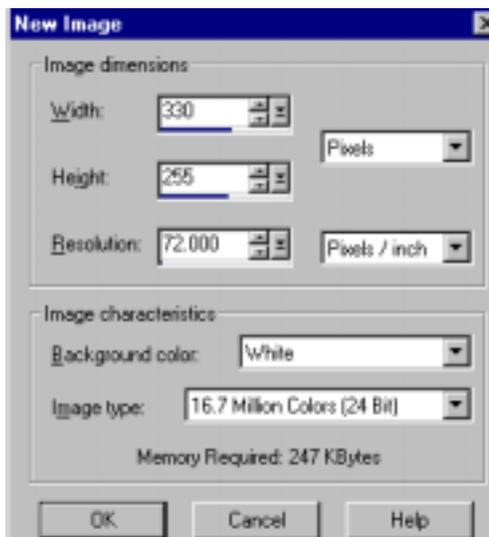
Fading the Edges of a Photo or Image



The Final Product



**If you need a sample photo,
right click on this one to copy
it to your computer.
(300 pixels by 225 pixels)**



**STEP 1 – Open a New Image
that has a canvas size larger
than your photo.**

**Click File then New
On the New Image Window:**

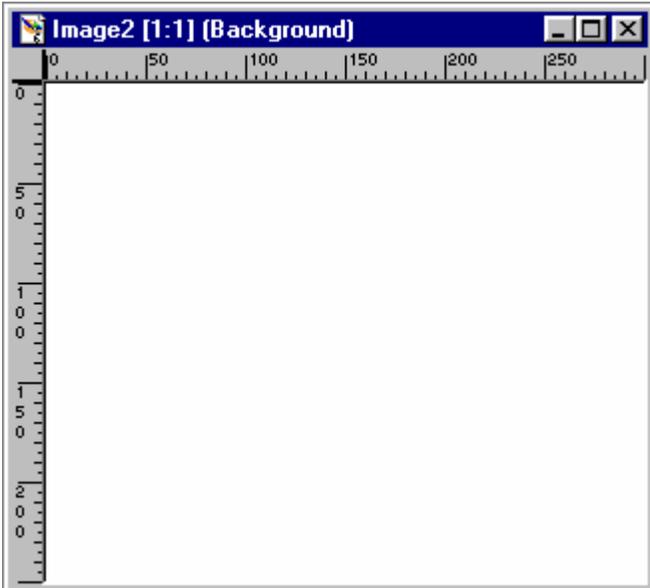
Width = 330 Pixels

Height = 255 Pixels

Resolution = 72 Pixels/Inch

Background Color = white

**Image Type = 16.7 Million
Colors (24 Bit)**



Step 1 Results:

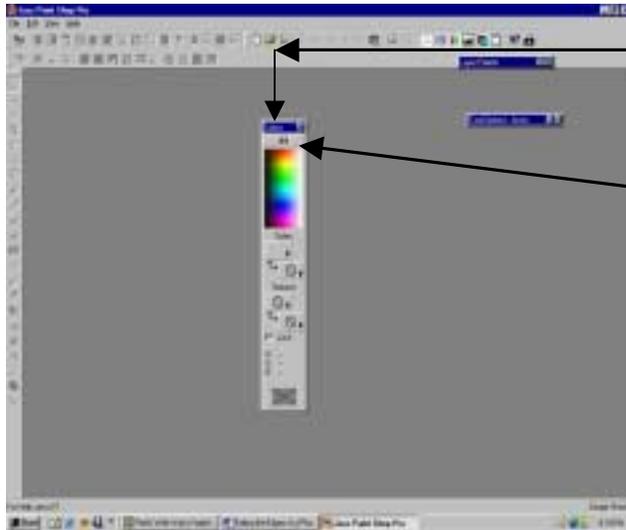
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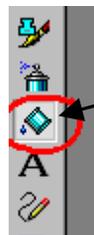
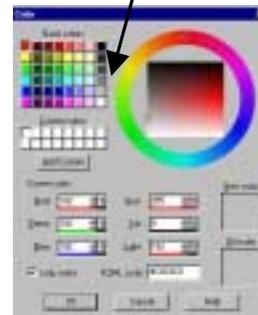
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STEP 2 - Set the Active colors

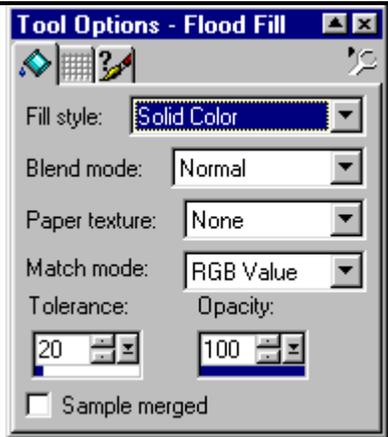
- Click on the foreground color box and Select the Second Grey box in the lower right hand corner.

- Click on the background color box and do the same.



Step 3 – Flood fill the background color with your background color.

- Click on the Flood Fill tool to activate it.



- Set the flood fill tool to:

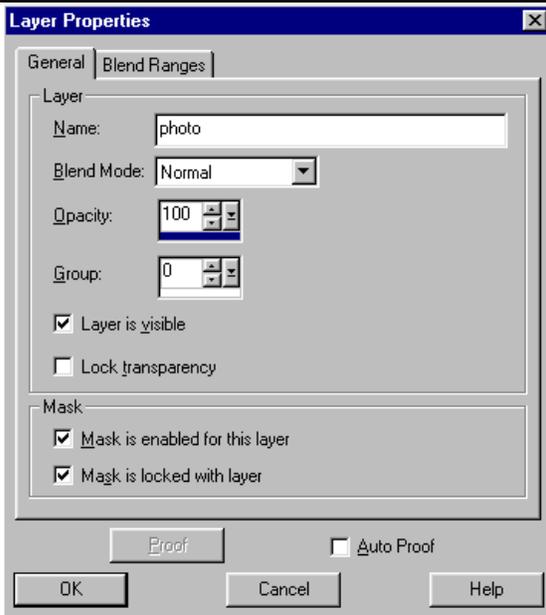
Fill Style = Solid color
Blend Mode = Normal
Paper Texture = None

Match Mode = RGB

Tolerance = 20

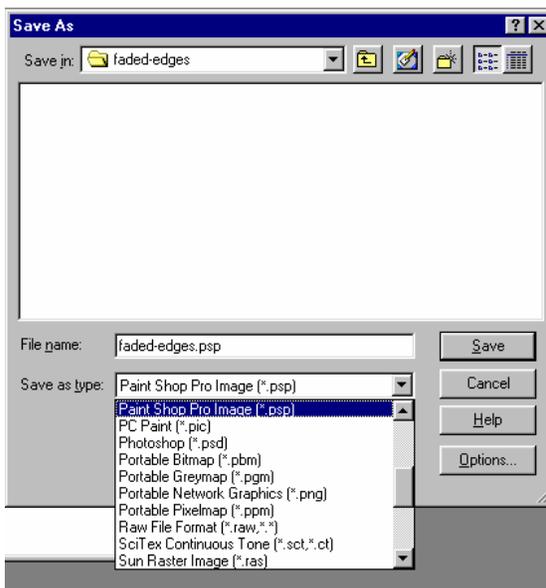
Opacity = 100

Sample Merged = Not checked



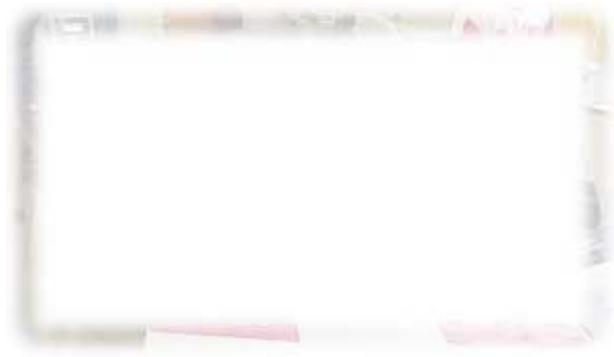
Step 4 – Add a new Layer

- Open the Layers Palette
- Click on the add new layers icon
- Fill in the layers properties as shown in the Layers Properties dialogue box



Step 5 – Save your new image in the psp format!

- Click on File → Save.
- A new window will open that allows you to specify the file format.
- Call the file “faded.edges”.



Step 6 - - Copy the photo into your new image.

How to do it:

- **Keep the file called faded-edges.psp open.**
- **Open the photo from this tutorial**
- **Click in the title bar of the photo to make sure it is the active image.**
- **In the menu choose Edit | Copy A copy of the photo has now been placed on your computer's clipboard.**
- **Click on the title bar of the image called faded-edges to make it the active image.**
- **In the menu choose Edit | Paste | As a new selection. The photo will be copied to exactly the center of your new image. Do not move the mouse (it will move the position of the image). Click once to anchor the photo on the new image. The photo will be copied as a floating selection.**
- **Defloat it by choosing from the menu Selections Defloat.**

***Step 7 – Choose area to keep sharp.**

- **From the menu choose Selections | Modify | Contract.**
- **A window will open asking how much to contract by. Choose 10. The marquee will move inside the photo.**

***Step 8 – Choose the area to fade out.**

- **From the menu choose Selections | Modify | Feather.**
- **A window will open asking how much to feather by. Choose 10. The marquee will grow by 10 pixels.**
- **From the menu choose Selections | Invert. The marquee will change to form a frame around your photo. Inside the frame will stay sharp. In the border will be the fade.**



Step 9 – Make it fade!

- **Press the delete key. The edges will fade. To get more of a faded edge, press the delete key several times.**