

Creating Watercolor Effect Using Photo Shop Elements

Step 1

1. Open photo and duplicate.
2. Change name of new layer to Smart Blur. Filter>Blur>Smart Blur. Settings: Radius 14/Threshold 68/Quality High/Mode Normal
3. Duplicate this layer
4. Name this layer Glowing Edges. Filter>Stylize>Glowing Edges. Settings: Width 3/Brightness 9/Smoothness 10
5. Invert this layer (ctrl I)
6. Remove color/desaturate (ctrl + shift U)
7. Blending mode to Multiply and Opacity to 41%

Step 2

1. Open photo and duplicate making sure the default colors (b/w) are selected
2. Invert this layer (ctrl + I)
3. Blending Mode Color Dodge (this will turn white, which is what you want)
4. Select a Brush – I used ‘dry brush’ type, but experiment & also experiment with diameter and opacity.
5. Paint on the top layer leaving room around the outside edges until you achieve the looking you want.



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