

Colorizing Artwork in Photoshop

Step 1: Scan an image in grayscale mode 300 dpi.

Step 2: Clean the image up by Image>Adjustments>Levels. Increase the contrast by moving the shadows (left) slider to the right and the highlights (right) to the left in the histogram that appears. Remove any unwanted marks with the eraser, lasso or paint brush.

Step 3: Load the Selection - Click on the Channels Tab. Command click on the Gray channel. White areas will be selected

Step 4: Menu> Select> Inverse to select black areas

Step 5: Click on the Layers Tab and create a new layer

Step 6: Change the color Mode to RGB or CMYK so you can paint in color

Step 7: Set the default colors in the Tool Box by pressing the D key. Black is the default foreground color and white is the default background color.

Step 8: Fill the Selection with the foreground color (black) by pressing Option Delete and name the layer "black" or "black lines"

Step 9: Deselect by pressing Command D.

Step 10: Click on the background layer and fill it with the default background color by pressing command delete.

Step 11: Create a new layer and name it Color.

Step 12: Choose brush options and start to colorize your drawing.

Consider all of the following brush options:

color
size
hardness
opacity
fill
airbrush