

RM Colour Magic Project

Making a Photograph look old with Sepia Toning



Introduction

Old photographs often have a brownish tinge to them. Sometimes this is due to the photograph ageing over time (the original photograph would have been black and white) and sometimes it is because the photograph was tinted brown during the original processing. This brownish colour is referred to as sepia.

The sepia look is still popular today. It can be achieved either in the dark room using special chemicals or on the computer using image editing software. The process is usually called Sepia Toning.

In this project you will take a modern digital photograph and apply sepia toning using RM Colour Magic.

Method

1. Choose and open your photograph.
2. Resize or zoom the photograph so that there are no scroll bars. See the earlier project 'Working with Photographs' for how to do this.
3. Select Image, Colour Effects, Saturation from the main menu. Move the 'Saturation Level' slider to low. Click on ok. Your image should now be monochrome (black and white).
4. Choose the brush tool, tint option.



5. Change the size and style of the brush using the 'brush designer'. Set the brush to the biggest square shape possible (100 pixels).



6. Select a pale brown colour from the paint box.

7. Paint all over the image in one continuous step (ie keep the left mouse button held down until the image is covered). This may take some practice.

Did you Know? Sepia is actually a rich brown pigment derived from the ink sac of the common cuttlefish (the word sepia is Greek for "cuttlefish").