

# Paint Like Me

## An implementation of Painterly Rendering with Curved Brush Strokes of Multiple Sizes (Hertzmann)

```
In [2]: 1 import os
2 import numpy as np
3 import cv2
4 import cairo
5
6 from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
7 from scipy import signal, ndimage
8 import random
```

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In [3]: 1 %matplotlib inline
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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In [4]: 1 datadir = "images/"
```

## Creating Gaussian Filter

This is from my Hybrid Images MP, here i'm using it to create different layers in my painting (for detailing)

```
In [283]: 1 # 2D GAUSSIAN FILTER
2 def createGaussianFilter(image, sigma):
3     ksize = int(np.ceil(sigma)+1)
4     fil = cv2.getGaussianKernel(ksize, sigma) # 1D kernel
5     fil = fil*np.transpose(fil) # 2D kernel by outer product
6     return cv2.filter2D(image, -1, fil)
```

## Painting

```
In [165]: 1 def paint_layer(canvas, reference_img, radius, grid_size, T, min_stroke_length, max_stroke_length):
2     # a new set of strokes, initially empty (S)
3     S = []
4
5     # create a pointwise difference image (D)
6     D = np.sqrt(np.sum((canvas - reference_img)**2, axis=-1))
7
8     canvas_height, canvas_width, _ = canvas.shape
9     grid = int(grid_size * radius) # stepsize grid
10
11     # gradient is computed from the Sobelfiltered luminance
12     luminance = 0.30*reference_img[:, :, 0] + 0.59*reference_img[:, :, 1] + 0.11*reference_img[:, :, 2]
13
14     gradient_x = ndimage.sobel(luminance, 1)
15     gradient_y = ndimage.sobel(luminance, 0)
16
17     for x in range(0, canvas_width, grid):
18         for y in range(0, canvas_height, grid):
19
20             M = D[y:y+grid, x:x+grid]
21             area_err = M.sum()/(grid**2)
22
23             if area_err > T :
24                 # Find the largest error point
25                 indices = np.argmax(M)
26                 y1, x1 = np.unravel_index(indices, M.shape)
27
28                 # make brush stroke
29                 s = make_spline_stroke(radius, x+x1, y+y1, reference_img, canvas, min_stroke_length, max_stroke_length)
30                 S.append(s)
31
32     # paint all strokes in S on the canvas (randomorder)
33     random.shuffle(S)
```

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34
35 cairo_canvas = cairo.ImageSurface(cairo.FORMAT_RGB24, canvas_width, canvas_height)
36 canvas_context = cairo.Context(cairo_canvas)
37 canvas_context.set_line_cap(cairo.LINE_CAP_ROUND)
38
39 # set the line width
40 line_width = canvas_context.device_to_user_distance(2 * radius, 2 * radius)
41 canvas_context.set_line_width(np.min(line_width))
42
43 for s in S:
44     paint_strokes(s, refference_img, canvas_context)
45
46 return cairo_canvas

```

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In [167]: 1 def paint_strokes(s, refference_img, canvas_context):
2     stroke_color = (refference_img[s[0][0],s[0][1]])
3     sy, sx = s[0]
4
5     R,G,B = tuple(stroke_color)
6     canvas_context.set_source_rgb(R, G, B)
7
8     # start stroke path
9     canvas_context.move_to(sx, sy)
10
11    # draw lines
12    for sy,sx in s:
13        canvas_context.line_to(sx, sy)
14        canvas_context.move_to(sx, sy)
15
16    # end
17    canvas_context.close_path()
18    canvas_context.stroke()

```

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In [331]: 1 def make_spline_stroke(radius, x0, y0, refference_img, canvas, min_stroke_length, max_stroke_len
2     # K = a new stroke with radius R and color strokeColor
3     K = [(y0, x0)]
4     x,y = x0, y0
5     lastDx,lastDy = (0,0)
6
7     # pointilism has a stroke len of 0, so add 1
8     max_stroke_length += 1
9
10    for i in range(1, max_stroke_length):
11        canvas_color_diff = np.linalg.norm(refference_img[y,x] - canvas[y,x])
12        stroke_color_diff = np.linalg.norm(refference_img[y,x] - refference_img[y0, x0])
13
14        if (i > min_stroke_length and (canvas_color_diff < stroke_color_diff)):
15            return K
16
17        # detect vanishing gradient
18        gx = gradient_x[y,x]
19        gy = gradient_y[y,x]
20
21        if (gx**2 + gy**2 == 0):
22            return K
23
24        # compute a normal direction
25        dx,dy = (-gy, gx)
26
27        # if necessary, reverse direction
28        if (lastDx * dx + lastDy * dy < 0):
29            dx,dy = -dx, -dy
30
31        # filter the stroke direction
32        curvature_filter = 1
33        dx, dy = curvature_filter*(dx,dy) + (1-curvature_filter)*(lastDx,lastDy)
34        dx, dy = (dx, dy) / np.sqrt(dx**2 + dy**2)
35
36        x, y = (x + radius*dx, y + radius*dy)
37
38        # round up x, y
39        x = int(round(x))
40        y = int(round(y))
41
42        if x >= refference_img.shape[1] or y >= refference_img.shape[0]:
43            return K

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44
45     lastDx, lastDy = (dx, dy)
46
47     # add the point (x,y) to K
48     K.append((y, x))
49
50     return K

```

## Pointillism

The art of putting many, many dots together to create shapes

```

In [400]: 1 im1_file = datadir + 'flower.jpg'
          2 im1 = np.float32(cv2.imread(im1_file, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE) / 255.0)
          3
          4 # for full color RGB
          5 im1_color = np.float32(cv2.imread(im1_file) / 255.0)
          6 im1_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(im1_color, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
          7
          8 im1_height, im1_width = im1.shape
          9 plt.imshow(im1_rgb)

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Out[400]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbabb6aafd0>



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In [401]: 1 source_img = im1_rgb
          2 im_height = im1_height
          3 im_width = im1_width
          4
          5 # ==== Brush Properties ====
          6 brush_sizes = [4, 2]
          7 blur_filter = 20
          8 grid_size = 0.5
          9 approx_threshold = 0.05
         10 min_stroke_length = 0
         11 max_stroke_length = 0

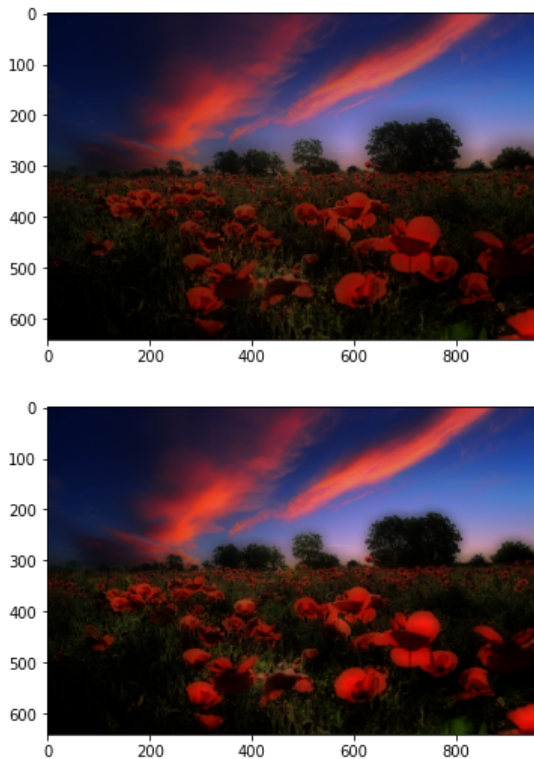
```

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In [402]: 1 # paint the canvas
2 canvas = np.zeros((im_height, im_width, 3))
3 blur_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3))
4
5 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
6     # apply Gaussian blur
7     blur = createGaussianFilter(source_img, blur_filter*radius)
8     reference_image = source_img * blur
9     blur_img[i] = reference_image
10
11
12 # display blur layers
13 plt.figure()
14 plt.imshow(blur_img[0])
15
16 plt.figure()
17 plt.imshow(blur_img[1])

```

Out[402]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbaec4b6a60>



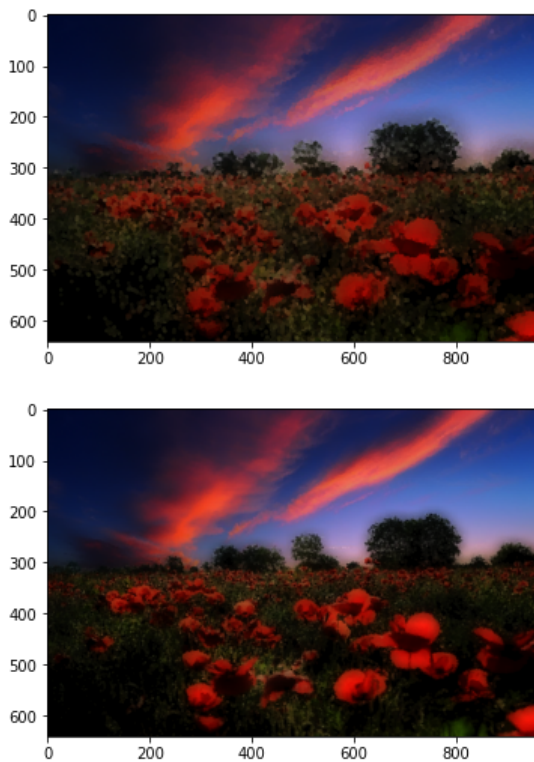
```

In [403]: 1 # paint a layer
2 layer_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
3
4 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
5     reference_image = blur_img[i]
6
7     cairo_canvas = paint_layer(canvas, reference_image, radius, grid_size, approx_threshold, min_s
8     cairo_canvas.write_to_png("Pointillism.png")
9
10    layer_img[i] = np.ndarray(shape=(im_height, im_width, 4),
11                               dtype=np.uint8,
12                               buffer=cairo_canvas.get_data())[:, :, 0:3]

```

```
In [404]: 1 # display painted layers
2 plt.figure()
3 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[0], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
4
5 plt.figure()
6 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[1], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
```

Out[404]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab4a2abe0>

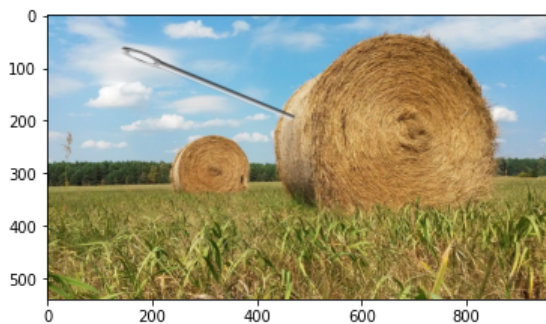


## Impressionism

An art form from the 19th century and is well known for very defined, small brush strokes

```
In [322]: 1 im2_file = datadir + 'haystack.jpg'
2 im2 = np.float32(cv2.imread(im2_file, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE) / 255.0)
3
4 # for full color RGB
5 im2_color = np.float32(cv2.imread(im2_file) / 255.0)
6 im2_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(im2_color, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
7
8 im2_height, im2_width = im2.shape
9 plt.imshow(im2_rgb)
```

Out[322]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab9f68460>



```
In [353]: 1 source_img = im2_rgb
2 im_height = im2_height
3 im_width = im2_width
```

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4
5 # ==== Brush Properties ====
6 brush_sizes = [8, 4, 2]
7 blur_filter = 10
8 grid_size = 1
9 approx_threshold = 0.05
10 min_stroke_length = 2
11 max_stroke_length = 16

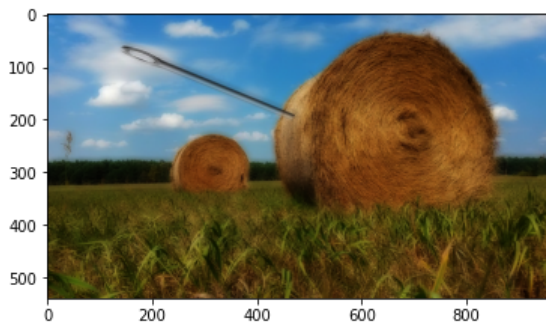
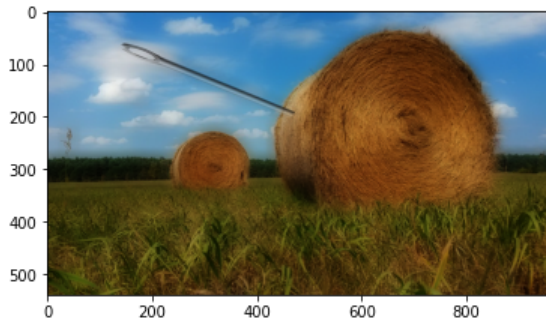
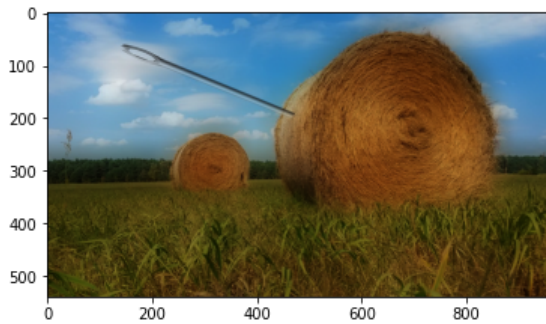
```

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In [354]: 1 # paint the canvas
2 canvas = np.ones((im_height, im_width,3)) * np.inf
3 blur_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3))
4
5 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
6     # apply Gaussian blur
7     blur = createGaussianFilter(source_img, blur_filter*radius)
8     reference_image = source_img * blur
9     blur_img[i] = reference_image
10
11
12 # display blur layers
13 plt.figure()
14 plt.imshow(blur_img[0])
15
16 plt.figure()
17 plt.imshow(blur_img[1])
18
19 plt.figure()
20 plt.imshow(blur_img[2])

```

Out[354]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab938aac0>



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In [345]: 1 # paint a layer
2 layer_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3), dtype=np.uint8)

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3
4 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
5     reference_image = blur_img[i]
6
7     cairo_canvas = paint_layer(canvas, reference_image, radius, grid_size, approx_threshold, min_s
8     cairo_canvas.write_to_png("Impressionism.png")
9
10    layer_img[i] = np.ndarray(shape=(im_height, im_width, 4),
11                               dtype=np.uint8,
12                               buffer=cairo_canvas.get_data())[:, :, 0:3]

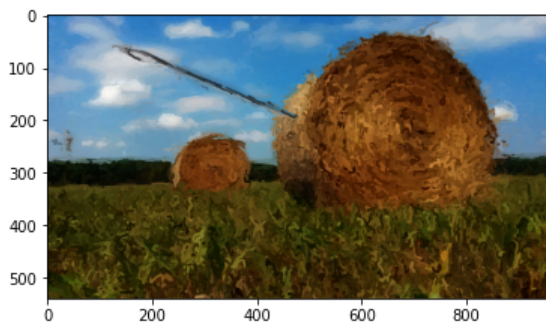
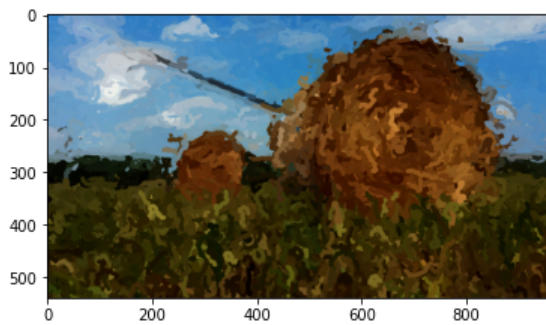
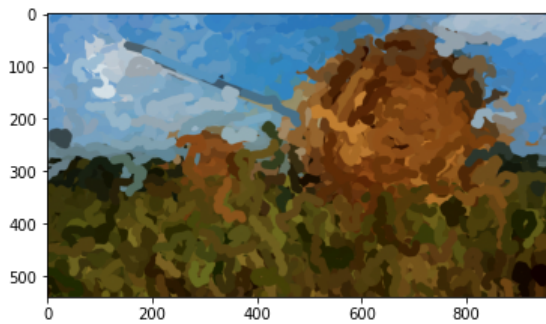
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In [359]: 1 # display painted layers
2 plt.figure()
3 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[0], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
4
5 plt.figure()
6 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[1], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
7
8 plt.figure()
9 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[2], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)

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Out[359]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbaba948c70>



## Expressionism

more modern art form known for 'expressive' brush strokes

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In [295]: 1 im3_file = datadir + 'Amsterdam.jpg'
2 im3 = np.float32(cv2.imread(im3_file, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE) / 255.0)
3
4 # for full color RGB
5 im3_color = np.float32(cv2.imread(im3_file) / 255.0)

```

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6 im3_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(im2_color, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
7
8 im3_height, im3_width = im3.shape
9 plt.imshow(im3_rgb)
```

Out[295]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab6e5ae20>



```
In [308]: 1 source_img = im3_rgb
2 im_height = im3_height
3 im_width = im3_width
4
5 # ==== Brush Properties ====
6 brush_sizes = [8, 4, 2]
7 blur_filter = 5
8 grid_size = 1
9 approx_threshold = 0.05
10 min_stroke_length = 10
11 max_stroke_length = 16
```

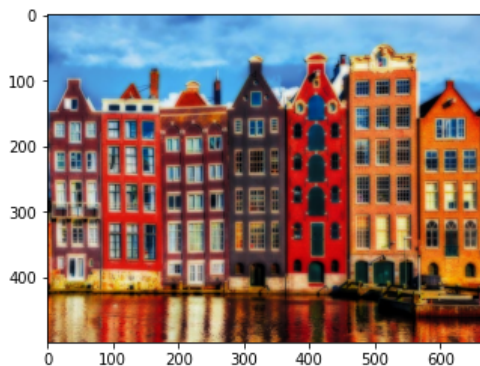
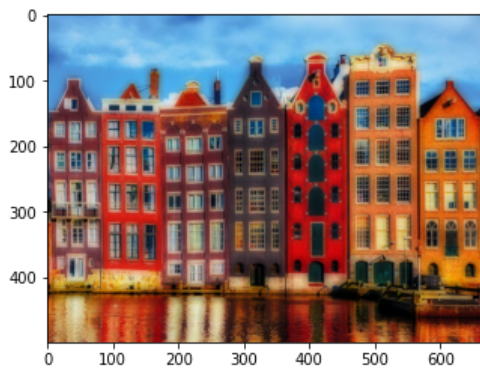
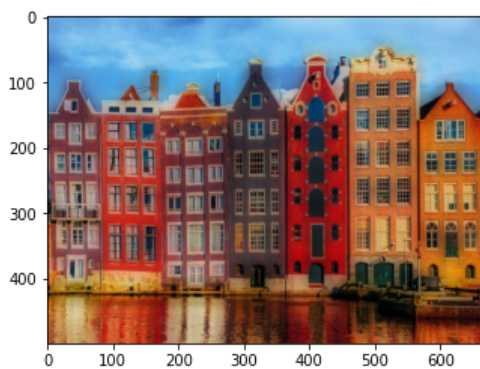


```

In [309]: 1 # paint the canvas
2 canvas = np.ones((im_height, im_width, 3)) * np.inf
3 blur_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3))
4
5 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
6     # apply Gaussian blur
7     blur = createGaussianFilter(source_img, blur_filter*radius)
8     reference_image = source_img * blur
9     blur_img[i] = reference_image
10
11
12 # display blur layers
13 plt.figure()
14 plt.imshow(blur_img[0])
15
16 plt.figure()
17 plt.imshow(blur_img[1])
18
19 plt.figure()
20 plt.imshow(blur_img[2])

```

Out[309]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab56f01c0>



```

In [310]: 1 # paint a layer
2 layer_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
3
4 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
5     reference_image = blur_img[i]

```

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6
7     cairo_canvas = paint_layer(canvas, reference_image, radius, grid_size, approx_threshold, min_s
8     cairo_canvas.write_to_png("Expressionism.png")
9
10    layer_img[i] = np.ndarray(shape=(im_height, im_width, 4),
11                               dtype=np.uint8,
12                               buffer=cairo_canvas.get_data())[:, :, 0:3]

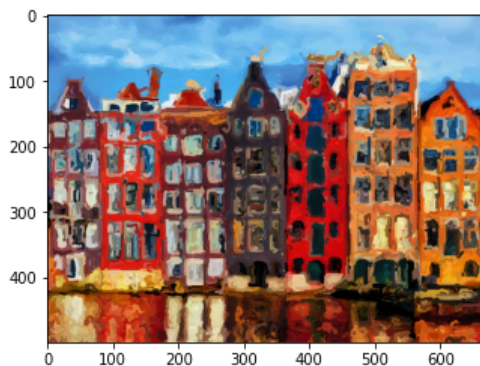
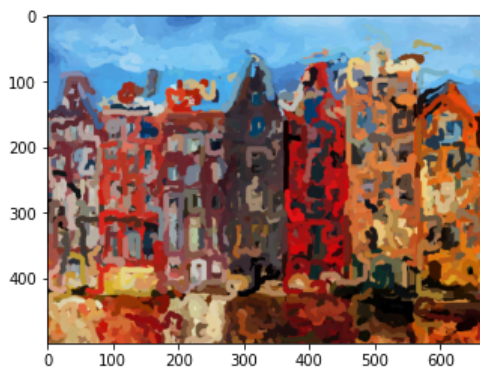
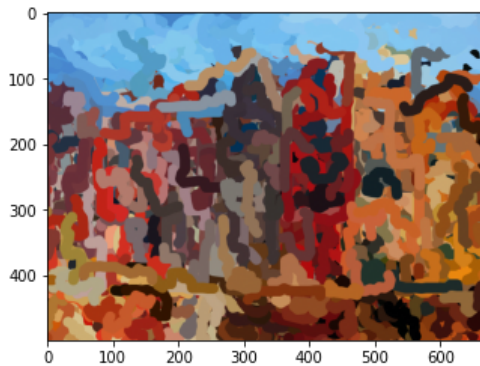
```

```

In [312]: 1 # display painted layers
          2 plt.figure()
          3 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[0], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
          4
          5 plt.figure()
          6 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[1], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
          7
          8 plt.figure()
          9 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[2], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)

```

Out[312]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbac4d06670>



## Finger Painting

Attempting to recreate something 4-year old Rima would have made

```

In [378]: 1 im4_file = datadir + 'pollock.jpg'
          2 im4 = np.float32(cv2.imread(im4_file, cv2.IMREAD_GRAYSCALE) / 255.0)

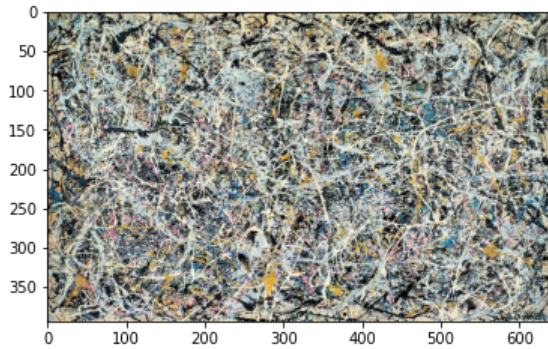
```

```

3
4 # for full color RGB
5 im4_color = np.float32(cv2.imread(im4_file) / 255.0)
6 im4_rgb = cv2.cvtColor(im4_color, cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB)
7
8 im4_height, im4_width = im4.shape

```

Out[378]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbab996be20>



```

In [397]: 1 source_img = im4_rgb
2 im_height = im4_height
3 im_width = im4_width
4
5 # ==== Brush Properties ====
6 brush_sizes = [10, 8]
7 blur_filter = 50
8 grid_size = 1
9 approx_threshold = 0.10
10 min_stroke_length = 4
11 max_stroke_length = 16

```

```

In [394]: 1 # paint the canvas
2 canvas = np.ones((im_height, im_width, 3)) * np.inf
3 blur_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3))
4
5 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
6     # apply Gaussian blur
7     blur = createGaussianFilter(source_img, blur_filter*radius)
8     reference_image = source_img * blur
9     blur_img[i] = reference_image

```

```

In [398]: 1 # paint a layer
2 layer_img = np.zeros((len(brush_sizes), im_height, im_width, 3), dtype=np.uint8)
3
4 for i, radius in enumerate(brush_sizes):
5     reference_image = blur_img[i]
6
7     cairo_canvas = paint_layer(canvas, reference_image, radius, grid_size, approx_threshold, min_s
8     cairo_canvas.write_to_png("Fingerpaint.png")
9
10    layer_img[i] = np.ndarray(shape=(im_height, im_width, 4),
11                               dtype=np.uint8,
12                               buffer=cairo_canvas.get_data())[:, :, 0:3]

```

```
In [399]: 1 # display painted layers
          2 plt.figure()
          3 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[0], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
          4
          5 plt.figure()
          6 plt.imshow(cv2.cvtColor(layer_img[1], cv2.COLOR_BGR2RGB) / 255)
```

Out[399]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fbaf6b0be80>

