Scan Lines

Welcome to the *Scan Lines tutorial* . This tutorial was designed to teach you one of the many methods for creating scanlines in Photoshop. Scanlines are used to make images appear as if they are on TV, scanlines are also used in most wallpapers around. If you have any questions just contact me, the information is below.
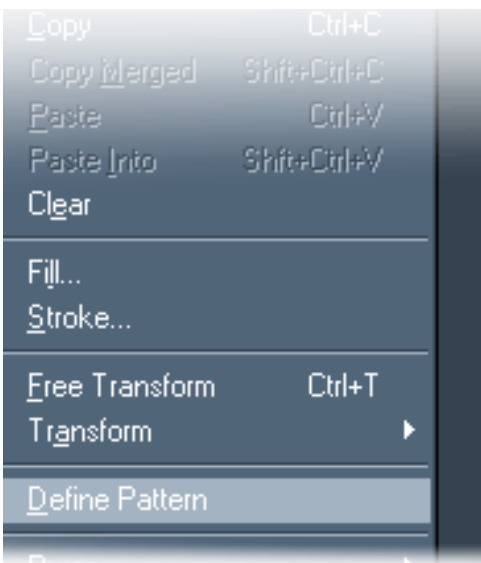
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First grab a picture or other graphic of your own that you wish to apply this effect to. Create a new file with the following properties:
   Width: 10
Height: 3 Fill the first row of pixels with either black or white, and the other two with the opposite. Then select the whole thing by clicking **Select>All** (Ctrl +A). It doesn't really matter if you have 3 rows, it's not a big deal, I find that scanlines look better this way, you can experiment with different amounts.
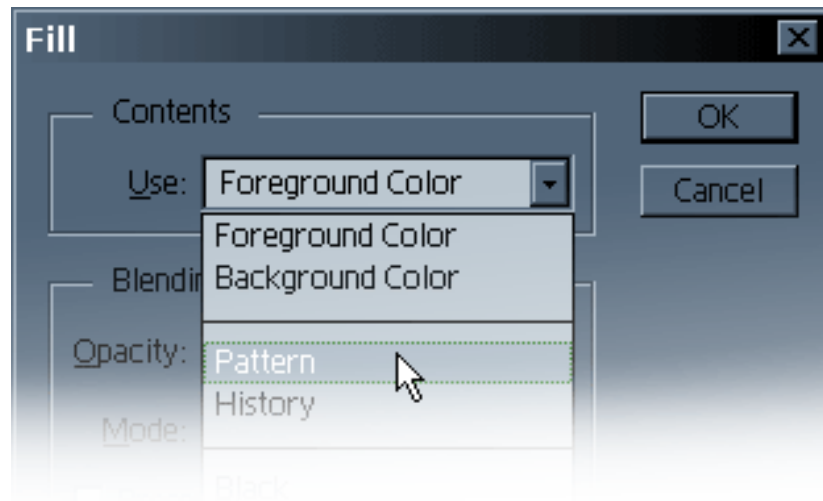
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With the entire canvas selected, from the menu choose **Edit>Define Pattern** . What you have just done is defined the lines you made before as the pattern, this pattern can now be filled anywhere without having to draw each line.

3 Now from the menu choose **Edit> Fill** . From the Fill dialog box choose Pattern as seen in the movie to the right. What you have just done is temporarily changed the fill properties dialog box, you've set it to Patten, so that it will fill the image with the pattern you stored in step two.

4   Change the transparency of the layer to whatever you desire, I recommend somewhere between 5-15%. It all depends on the brightness of your image You cando this by changing the amount in the input box in the top right-hand corner of the layers stack

Examples:

Discussion

If you have any questions, or there are any steps that I can further elaborate on, don't hesitate to e-mail me using the information below. Due to the amount of e-mail I get, you'll get a quicker response if you use the discussion forum. Post your question in the tutorials forum. Click here to go to the discussion forum.

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