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Watercolor and Pencil

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD WATERCOLOR GRAPHICS

Please download the following watercolor graphics to use with this action. These are free and great quality. You can also download or make your own watercolor graphics as you wish.

The links to the right will be a great start in creating some great looking watercolor transformations of your photos

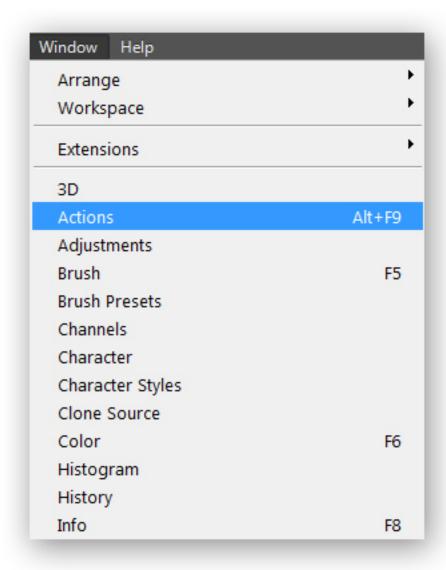http://mediamilitia.com/watercolors-pack-36-free-images/

http://mediamilitia.com/watercolors-pack-volume-2-30-free-textures/

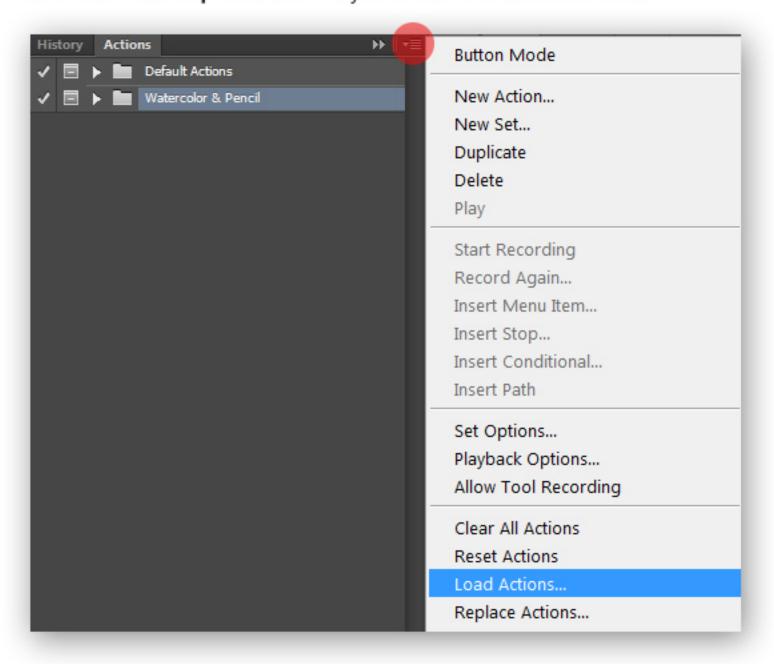http://mediamilitia.com/mixed-media-pack-29-textures/

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STEP 2: LOAD ACTION

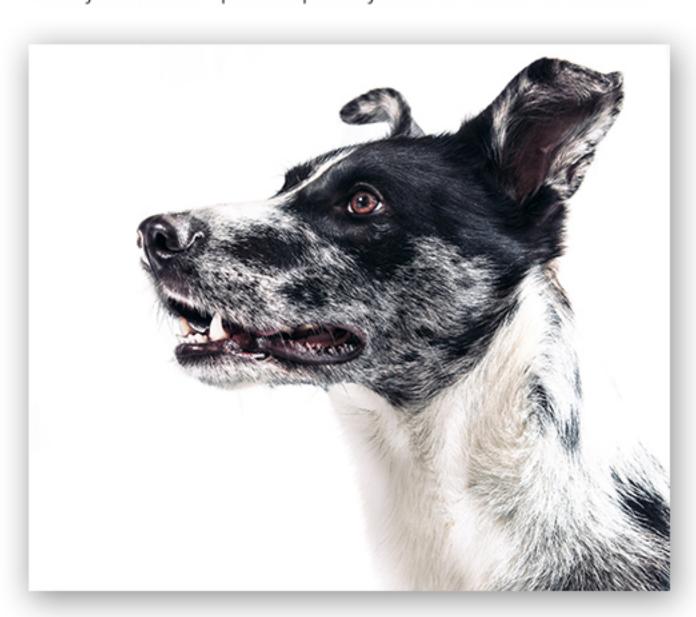Inside Photoshop, go to the '**Window**' menu and select '**Actions**' to load up the actions panel.

Click on the top right hand corner icon in the actions window and select '**Load Actions..**'. A window will now appear where you need to select the '**watercolor&pencil.atn**' file you received in the download.

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Button Mode

New Action...
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Start Recording
Record Again...
Insert Menu Item...
Insert Stop...
Insert Conditional...
Insert Path

Set Options...
Playback Options...
Allow Tool Recording

Clear All Actions
Reset Actions
Load Actions...
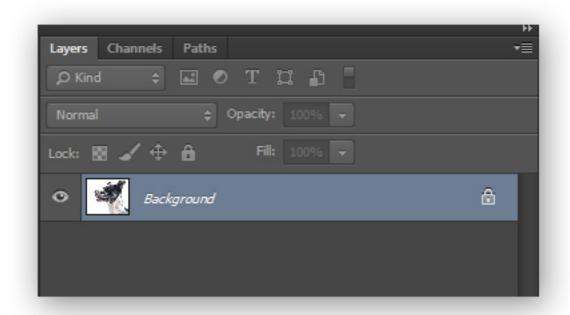Replace Actions...

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STEP 3: OPEN PHOTO

Now you need to open the photo you would like to work with.
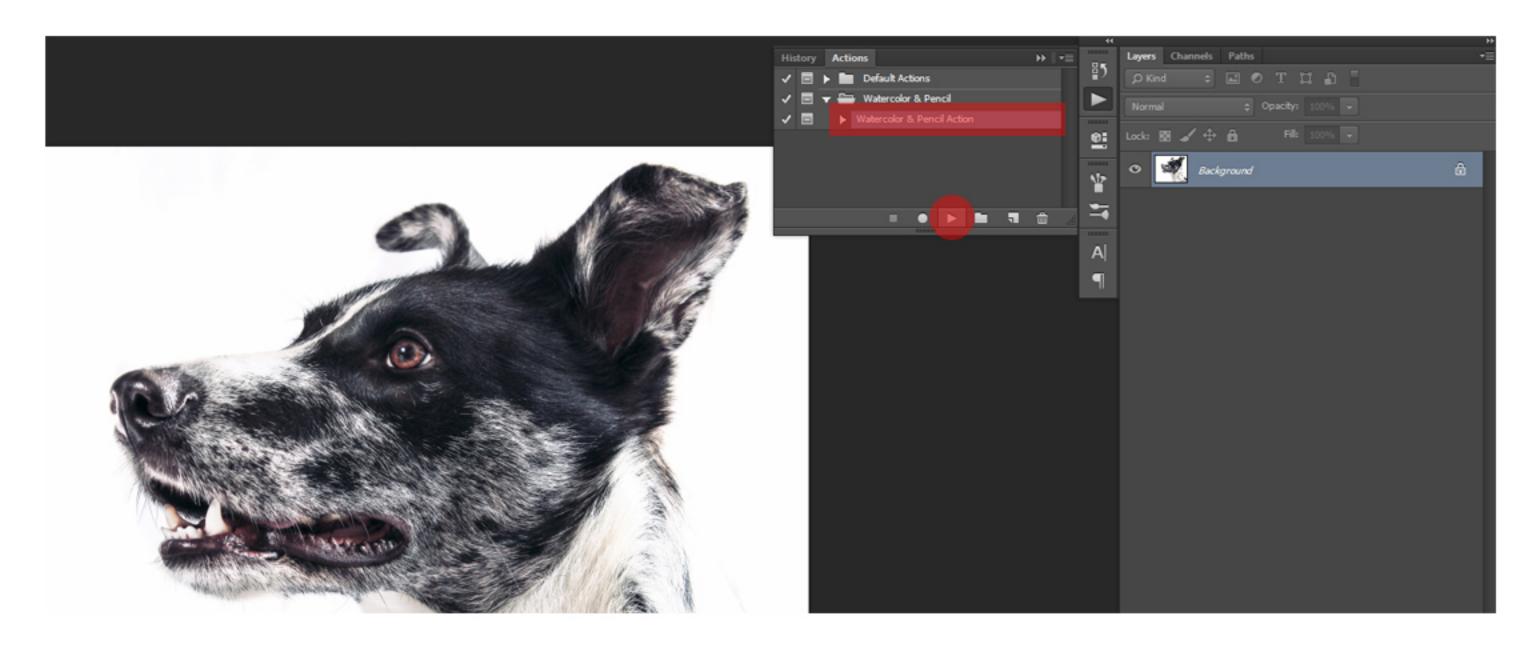
It is important that you do not rename your photo layer. Please keep your photo layer set the same way as the image below.

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STEP 4: PLAY ACTION

Now that you have downloaded your watercolor graphics, loaded your actions panel and have your photo open, you are now ready to play the action! Go into the actions panel and twirl open the **'Watercolor & Pencil'** folder to reveal the action. Now with the action selected hit play!
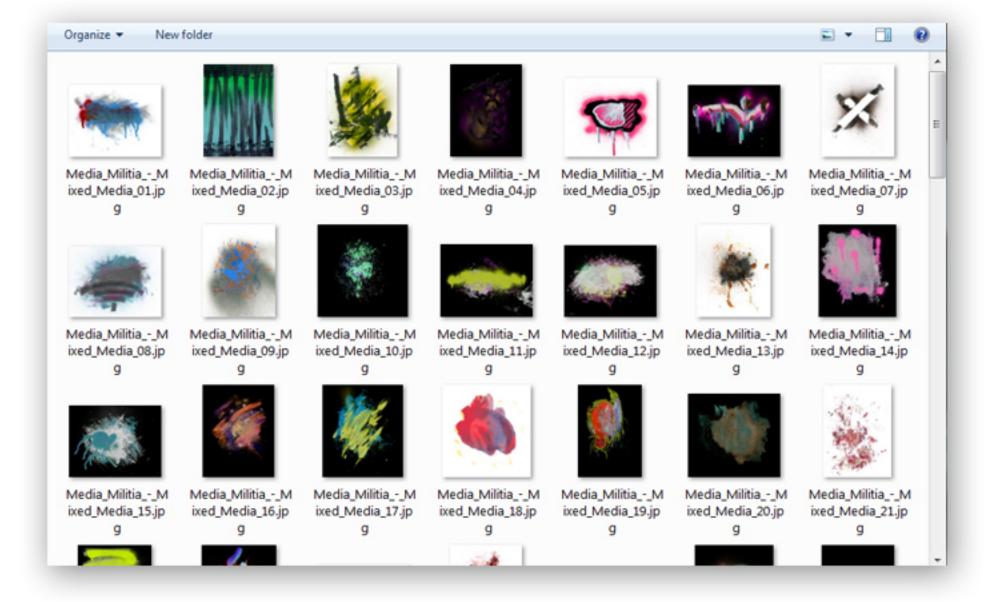
STEP 5: LOAD FIRST GRAPHIC

After you have hit play on the action, a window will pop up. This first window is asking "what watercolor graphic would you like to load" - navigate to where your watercolor graphics are and select your first graphic to import.
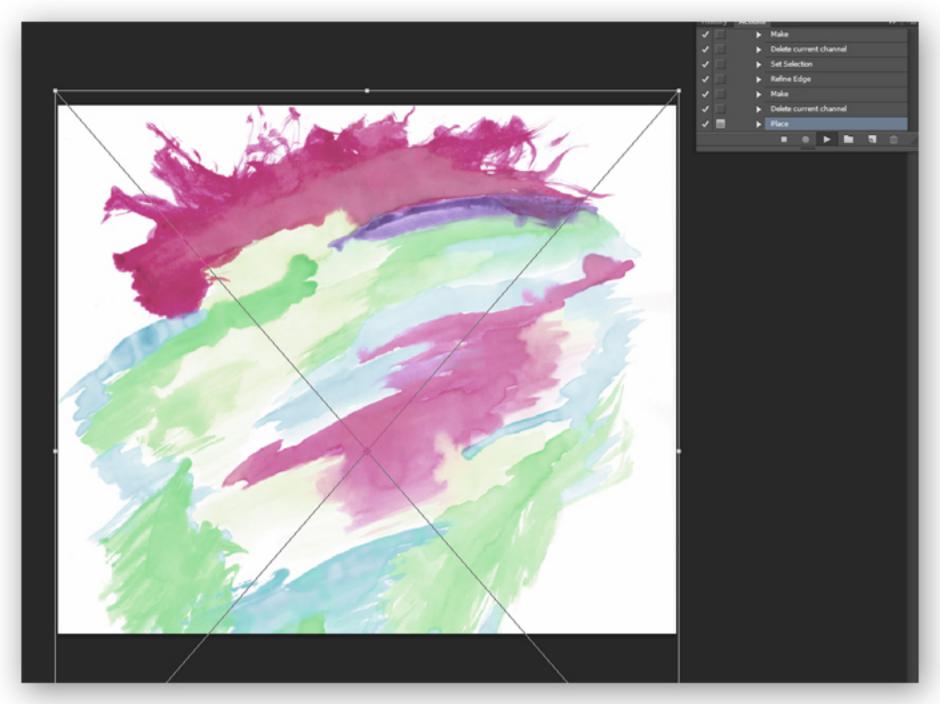
After you have selected your graphic, click 'Ok' to resume the action.

After you have selected your photo, you will notice that the action will stop with a box around your photo. This box is to scale your graphic - select the corners of the box and make sure the watercolor graphic covers your entire photo. Once you have scaled your graphic over photo, hit 'Enter' on the keyboard to confirm the scale changes. After you hit 'Enter' the action will resume.

STEP 6: REPEAT STEPS 5 AND 6

After you had confirmed the scale changes for the first graphic you imported, another window will open. This next window is asking what second graphic you would like to import. Please repeat steps 5 and 6 here.

Select your watercolor graphic to import, scale it over your photo, hit 'Enter' and the action will resume.

Now that the action has finished, you have your first look at the result. Do not worry if the result is not quite what you wanted, there is lots of flexibility over the look of your image in the layers panel. You can do things like - replacing the watercolor graphics, rotating them, changing their color, brushing more watercolor graphics into the image, changing the darkness of the pencil outlines and adding texture overlays.

All of this is covered in the below video tutorial. Please watch it for tips and tricks on what you can do after the action has stopped.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R7307lyqJk