

Computer Design - Week 11

Project: Layers Properties and Photo Collage

This project is similar to one we did a few weeks ago where we used the selection tools with several photos from the Internet. The difference this time is that we'll be adjusting the look of each single layer. The final effect is a collage over overlapping images that have a more fluid, yet uniquely artistic blend.

- Make sure your layers are in display.. Toolbar > Window > Show Layers
- Start with a new canvas sizes 640x480
- 1. Go to File > Open > and locate your first image you want to work with. If it's a large photo, you may want to resize it smaller first.. Toolbar > Image size > change percentage smaller.. 50% or whatever > click OK.
- 2. On the image you opened, select an area you want to keep, by using the crop tool, the lasso tool or the magic wand/select/inverse. Then copy and paste onto your canvas (use the "select" option on the toolbar first if need be before copying)
- 3. The next steps are to adjust the transparency and other properties. Use your layers window to adjust these. You do that by right-clicking on the layer you are working on, and choose "layer properties". Change the opacity (transparency) and try a different "blend", then press "OK".
- Continue with steps 1-3 several times until you your canvas coverage with a collage of images in different opacity (transparency) levels and assorted blends.
- Print this out, and then do a write up on the lesson in MSWord, including the project name, what the technique does and how you used it in your art. Print that out and add these two pages to your portfolio. Art should always go in front, write-up in back of that.

Example Art

