

Selective coloring using Masking

Black reveals, white conceals



1. Open photo in photopea- File> open> select image
2. Duplicate the layer- In the layer menu (lower right side) you can click and drag the layer over the layer icon at the base of the layer menu(it looks like a piece of paper with a corner folded back.) or Layer> Duplicate layer.
3. Convert the top layer to Black and White. Image> Adjustments> Black and White. Make adjustments to create good values.
4. Click on the eye next to the black and white layer to make it disappear. You should only see the color layer now.
5. In the layer menu click on the color layer.
6. Using the selection tool - select the area of color you are going to reveal in the photograph. You could try using the magnetic lasso tool to select the edges of the object you want to reveal.
7. Once you have selected the area, turn your black and white layer back on by clicking on the eye again. You should see the selection on the black and white layer.
8. You should have the black and white (top) layer selected in the layer menu.
9. Layer> RasterMask > Add (reveal all) You will see a white rectangle next to your black and white image in you layer menu (it should have a dotted line around the rectangle)
10. On your toolbar at the bottom you should see 2 squares 1 black and 1 white. Make sure the black square is in the front.
11. Select your brush tool and adjust your brush to the correct size for the area selected.
12. Paint over the area - if done correctly you should see the color photograph revealed underneath. If you see black paint - you are not in the raster mask in the layer menu.
13. Deselect.
14. To correct any areas that you over painted (that should be black and white , not color) switch to the white square at the bottom of the toolbar and adjust your brush size (select the areas if needed) and paint - you should see the black and white photo return.