The Art of Dean Russo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNxATDIBRLg

#### Start with your image of your pet or animal



## Extract subject from background. Use the filter Cutout to separate values on animal



Use magic wand tool to select area on base layer. Create a new layer. Select paint buck tool. Select color for the selection you just made. Fill the selection with color. You may also create a gradient in the selected area.



To surround selections with the color black, select Layer>Layer Style and then Stroke. Adjust line pixel width with the slider.





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#### Spend time working on eyes.



# Experiment with brushes and presets spacing brush textures. Remember! Create a different layer for each color you use. Lower opacity to overlay color!



### Create a new layer and add a shadow under jawline. Use your special brushes to create textures.



Once you are satisfied with your color, flatten image by merging all layers.

You are now ready to add shapes over the color areas. Think about contrast and making things stand out.

NOW FOR THE FUN PART! Using Custom Shape Tools, create patterns over color areas of image. Changing opacity levels will create lots of interest!



