



Roman Sketches

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Photo above: Frutta Fresca

As a fine artist, some of my paintings would take six weeks or more to paint. With Corel® Essentials Paint 4® software I can turn my photos into painting-like images and even print them on canvas almost instantly.

There are many different effects to choose, i.e. oil paint, watercolor, pastel drawing, etc. Or, you can use a combination of effects. I like to use the pastel drawing effect overlaid with pen and ink and then use the soft clone brush to play the pastel drawing against the pen and ink. An additional favorite is the oil painting effect.

The examples illustrated are from a recent trip to Rome. I wanted a casual sketch feel for my finished effect. Images printed on canvas or paper with a little tooth (grain) produces an arty product that is a natural for home decor.

Rendering Steps:

1. Open Corel Painter Essentials 4
2. Select "Start Photo Painting"
3. Select File
4. Select Image/Open
5. Go to "Custom Settings">Select "Pastel Drawing"
6. Under "Color" go to Desaturate
7. Select "Edge">None
8. Select "Paper">Canvas
9. Select "Brush" - Square Grain
10. Select "Start." Note: Stop rendering about 1 second before completion. Use back arrow if you need to start again.
11. When rendering completes, go to Custom Settings and select "Pen & Ink" Select "Brush">Grainy & Variable Pencil. Sometimes you may want to render with "Pen & Ink" twice.
12. Use Soft Edge Cloner Brush @ 37 brush size and 23% Capacity. Select 4th Soft Edge Brush from left side icon column.

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13. Work Clone Brush circle over rendering, bringing back pastel under painting and leaving as much pen and ink as you desire. I use a rapid click on the mouse as I work the clone circle over the image.
14. When finished, Save file as JPEG.

There are numerous digital painting software offerings such as Corel Painter®, Postworkshop®, AutoDesk SketchBook Pro®, Pixarra TwistedBrush® and ArtRage Studio Pro®. Top ten



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reviews has listed Corel Painter at the top with a rating of 9.63 out of 10. Their rating system includes evaluating drawing and painting features, tool selection, file compatibility, help and support and supported configurations.

I think most artists approach their creative work the same way. They are inspired by an idea, image, or emotion. Sometimes I like to emulate my painting style (loose and impressionistic) into my photography. In my “roman sketches” portfolio, I tried to capture the Romanesque flavor with a more impressionist flair rather than realism. The loose sketchy application captures and portrays more of the airy street atmosphere I remember in Rome. ■



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