



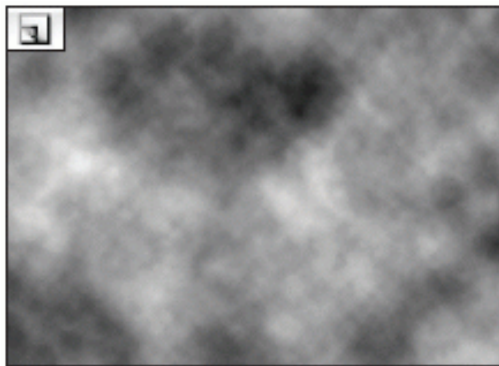
## INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHICS

# Making a Fiery Dragon in Photoshop

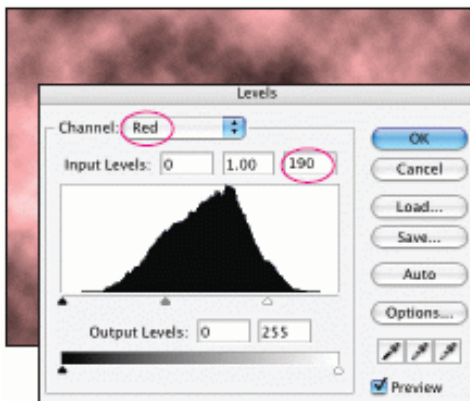
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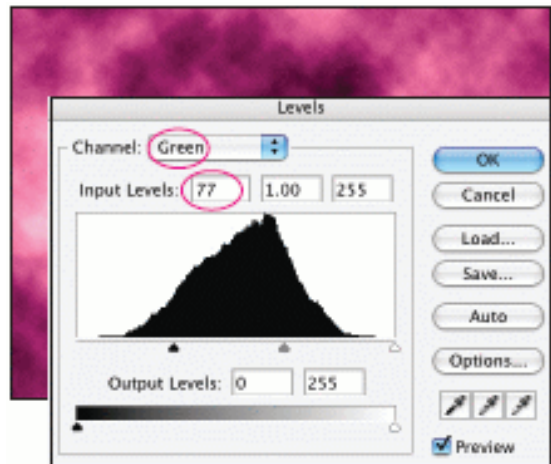
The Levels adjustment layer in Photoshop allows you to alter an image's color balance and its tonal range. After you choose Clouds from the filter options, you'll make it a layer selection. Then, any kind of Levels adjustment you apply, will only affect the selected area. For this 'fiery' background, you'll adjust levels in the red, green and blue channels. In the last two steps, you'll change the Layer modes to Linear Burn and Hard Light to complete the effect. With Photoshop's Levels, you have the control to increase light or dark values or contrast of a layer or selection. More control might increase your creative level as well.



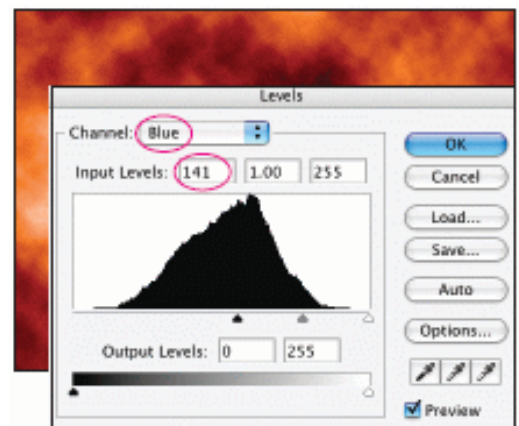
Launch Photoshop. Download and open file dragon.psd. Press D to set Default colors (black foreground, white background). Press F7 to show the Layers palette. Click the Create New Layer button. Choose Filter > Render > Clouds.



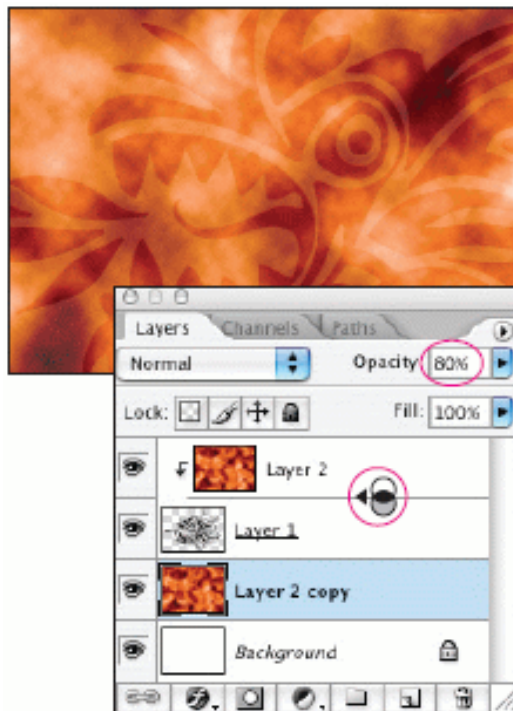
Choose > Image > Adjustments > Levels (Command + L). In the resulting Levels dialog box, select the Red Channel and use the options shown. Do not click OK.



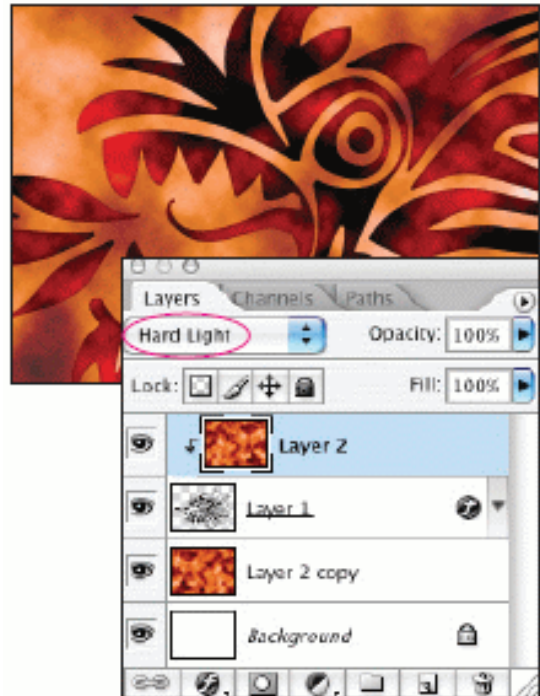
Select the Green channel and use the options shown. Do not click OK.



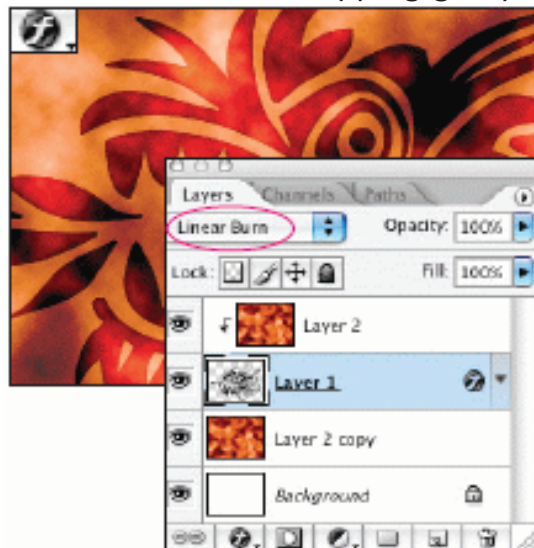
Select the Blue channel, use the options shown and click OK.



Select Layer 1 and set the Layer Mode to Linear Burn. Click the Add Layer Style button and select Inner Shadow from the drop-down menu. Use the options in the resulting Inner Shadow dialog box and click OK.



Drag Layer 2 to the Create New Layer button to duplicate it. Position Layer 2 copy below Layer 1. Set the Opacity to 80%. Hold <Alt> and place your cursor over the line between Layer 2 and Layer 1. When an interlocking circle appears, click to create a clipping group.



Select Layer 2 and set the Layer Mode to Hard Light. Choose Edit > Transform > Flip Horizontal.



You're done.

