



INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS

Making Santa from Anyone

Information
Sheet No.

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Step 1:

In the folder there's a great picture of Santa, and you have a nice shot of yourself which was taken in class. This Info Sheet uses a model, but you need to use Photoshop to put your face on the provided Santa. Better get started before the reindeer start another game . . .



Step 2:

Start by selecting your face with the Lasso tool. Go a little outside the face-- you're going to layer mask out what we don't want. Copy the face and . . .



Step 3:

. . . paste your face on top of Santa. As you can see, your face is bigger, and at a slightly different angle. To adjust these problems, in the Layers Palette lower the opacity to about 65% so you can see Santa.



Step 4:

Hit Ctrl-t to transform the face. Hold the shift key down to keep yourself proportional, and click outside the corners to turn yourself so your eyes match up with Santa's eyes.



Step 5:

Turn your face back to 100% opacity, and tap on the Layer Mask icon to add a layer mask.



Step 6:

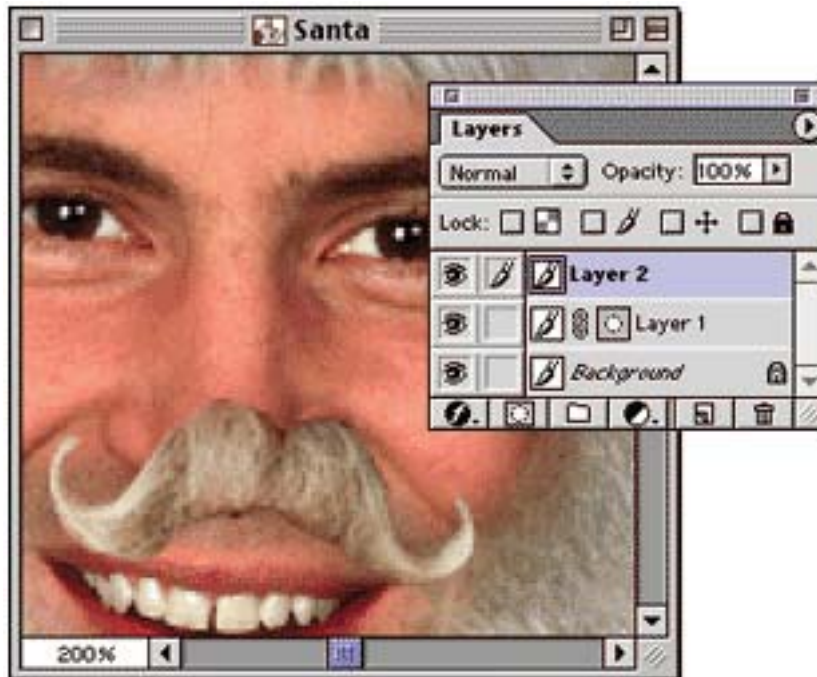
Now's the fun part! Set your Airbrush Brush Dynamics to Opacity only, and paint with black to erase. Press softly to feather the beard in, harder to erase it all. And if you should over-erase, just paint with white to bring it back.





Step 7:

If you try this with another Santa, one who wears glasses, you may notice that a little of Santa's glasses frame are still showing up, so clone it out with the pressure sensitive Rubber Stamp tool.



Step 8:

Hmmm . . . Santa's mustache might look pretty good on you. Select it with the Lasso tool, and hit Cntrl-j to jump it to a new layer and put above your face layer.



Step 9:

Transform the mustache the same way you did your face -- in this case, making it a little longer seems to balance it nicely. Feel free to use a quick layer mask if you need to erase a few stray hairs.



Step 10:

And there you go-- all set to have children sit on your lap and tell you what they want for Christmas . . .