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Thread: [How to make semi-realistic fire!](#)

Raf Simons - July 12, 2011, 1:47 pm

In this tutorial, I will be teaching YOU how to make realistic fire in Photoshop. I will be using CS5 Extended. If you are using a later version, just look for the tools.

First make a new document in Photoshop, preferably 500 x 500 in pixels, for this example. Now, using the fill tool, make the background black.

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/black-background_1.jpg[/img]

Now, select the Elliptical Marquee Tool and make a thin oval and fill it with white.

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/thin-oval_1.jpg[/img]

Now, deselect the circle using Ctrl+D. Switch to your smudge tool now and set it at 50 pixels and 50 opacity. Change the brush size from 50 or lower depending on the size of your oval and the size you want the flames.

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/smudge-tool_1.jpg[/img]

Using the smudge tool, sweep from the black over the oval at medium speed.

Now, smudge over the rest, but not in sweeps.

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/after-the-smudging_1.jpg[/img]

Make sure when you smudge the rest, you re-smudge the flames, so they stick out.

Now, we actually make it look like fire!

Go to Layer — New Adjustment Layer — Color Balance

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/getting-to-color-balance_1.jpg[/img]

After clicking color balance, a new window will pop up. Where it says color, change it to red.

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/color-balance_1.jpg[/img]

Now, change the color balance settings to these:

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/color-balance-settings_1.jpg[/img]

For alternate colored fire, mess around with the color balance.

The Final result should look like this:

[img]http://s3.amazonaws.com/readers/2011/07/12/final-result_1.jpg[/img]

If it does not look like that, keep trying! Eventually, you will get it!

Tutorial by Camilo543, please do not leech it.

I know this is not a good tutorial, but it helps beginners, like me.

wowisfun - July 12, 2011, 1:48 pm

Looks cool mate, keep up the good work! :D

Raf Simons - July 12, 2011, 2:13 pm

(Jul 12, 2011 01:48 PM)wowisfun Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks cool mate, keep up the good work! :D

Thanks for the input! I appreciate it.

Fevgaros - July 12, 2011, 2:35 pm

Indeed this is a nice one my friend. I made it look blue but my PS crashed :'(.

Raf Simons - July 12, 2011, 2:51 pm

(Jul 12, 2011 02:35 PM)Fevgaros Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Indeed this is a nice one my friend. I made it look blue but my PS crashed :'(.

Blue fire looks nice. I am glad you like the tutorial.

Pinqo - July 13, 2011, 1:51 pm

Thanks, this was useful:~)

Makaveli The Don - July 13, 2011, 3:28 pm

That's very cool!! Thanks for this awesome tutorial!! :D.

Raf Simons - July 14, 2011, 5:36 pm

(Jul 13, 2011 03:28 PM)Craw Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's very cool!! Thanks for thsi awesome tutorial!! :D.

(Jul 13, 2011 01:51 PM)Pinqo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks, this was useful:~)

No problem. I am always glad to help.

Compiz - July 15, 2011, 4:09 am

look nice dude , thank :~))

Raf Simons - July 15, 2011, 3:44 pm

(Jul 15, 2011 04:09 AM)Compiz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) look nice dude , thank :~))

No problem. I hope it helps you.

Mr Kewl - July 16, 2011, 4:13 pm

That's a really great tutorial.

Raf Simons - July 16, 2011, 10:34 pm

(Jul 16, 2011 04:13 PM)Mr.Kewl Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's a really great tutorial.

Thanks for the post, Mr.Kewl!

Red Acid - July 17, 2011, 8:38 am

Nice tut bro.

keep it up.

Raf Simons - July 17, 2011, 11:00 am

(Jul 17, 2011 08:38 AM)Red Acid Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice tut bro.

keep it up.

Thanks. When I get more into GFX, I will post more tutorials.

SIM-73089 - July 17, 2011, 3:53 pm

WTF? You just made fake fire look like hell! (Pun intended)

Awesome Tutorial. :)

Raf Simons - July 18, 2011, 2:13 am

(Jul 17, 2011 03:53 PM)sylverttech Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) WTF? You just made fake fire look like hell! (Pun intended)

Awesome Tutorial. :)

I am glad you all like it.

anonymous - July 18, 2011, 9:56 am

Looks cool, thanks for the tutorial dude

MrNubcake - July 18, 2011, 2:48 pm

Looks really nice man, good tutorial :)

Raf Simons - July 18, 2011, 9:26 pm

(Jul 18, 2011 02:48 PM)MrNubcake Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks really nice man, good tutorial :)

(Jul 18, 2011 09:56 AM)anonymous Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks cool, thanks for the tutorial dudeNo problem. I am glad to help you guys.

Abe Washington - July 19, 2011, 11:20 pm

This is SOOOO cool, thanks so much bro.

Raf Simons - July 20, 2011, 12:07 am

(Jul 19, 2011 11:20 PM)-Dreams Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is SOOOO cool, thanks so much bro.

No problem. I appreciate the post.