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Thread: [\[GUIDE\] How to use Brushes aka Vectors! \[GUIDE\]](#)

Warbiest - November 6, 2010, 1:49 pm

Code Brushes are not ever vectors. Vector refers to curves and shapes created by complex mathematical algorithms. Not individual pixels!
Sometimes vectors are transformed into brushes. But you can never have "a vector" in PhotoShop. A vector tag is often the result of using Brushes in PhotoShop.
Most beginners don't know where to download brushes, and how to use them.
With this tutorial I'm going to change that :)

First make sure you close PhotoShop.

Next thing you need to do is: download some brushes.
Go to <http://www.brushking.eu/> or any other site that offers free burshes.
Download the files, and unzip them using WinRar ([Download WinRar](#))

Once you've done that you need to place the .ABR files in your brush presents.
Find you PhotoShop Program File folder, and go to APP > PS CS5 > PRESETS > BRUSHES. Here place you .ABR file.

[img]<http://min.us/icF9GO.png>[/img]

Now you need to get them working in PhotoShop.
Open Photoshop, and go to EDIT > PRESET MANAGER.

[img]<http://min.us/icAPBa.png>[/img]

In the window that pops up, look at the top part and behind "Preset Type" select "Burshes".
Now click on the little arrow on the far right, and choose the bursh you wan to open. After you clicked the name, click on "Append".

[img]<http://min.us/icFDXe.png>[/img]

Now just choose the brush tool (the short-cut is B).

[img]<http://min.us/icBxHe.png>[/img]

And now you're ready to use your sexy, new brushes!

Voller - November 6, 2010, 4:55 pm

Thanks man, now I can get awesome brushes. Good and easy to follow guide :)

Twicks - November 7, 2010, 3:34 am

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Can you help?

emma-chan - November 7, 2010, 3:41 am

thank you, from here i learned a lot of things about photoshop :) :) :)

Warbiest - November 8, 2010, 12:34 am

Twicks, I have no idea.

You somehow copied a bunch of brushes.

pseud0 - November 8, 2010, 2:26 am

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Well lets set them straight right now so they don't look feel dumb thinking that a brush is a vector :)

Good post by the way you were + repped.

Defz - November 8, 2010, 9:34 am

nice post, surely it's easier to go onto the brush menu, then on the little arrow on the right then click load brushes?

Warbiest - November 8, 2010, 9:48 am

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Defz - November 8, 2010, 10:31 am

(Nov 8, 2010 10:48 AM)C4Vendetta Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Actually I found out it could be done that way too, just after making this.
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fair enough :P i only knew that way so thanks for showing me a new way, always room for learning i guess :)

Thermal™ - November 8, 2010, 12:37 pm

Great tutorial man.
I read it for the hell of it.
Very well written :)

CoNsEqUeNcE - November 8, 2010, 2:50 pm

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Twicks - November 9, 2010, 5:56 am

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I have everything organised in my Presets>Brushes folder, but I have a ton buttload of extra ones in PS.

Trojan - November 9, 2010, 8:29 am

Thanks a lot man. Will be using some of these when I get back into GFX.

SIM-299095 - November 11, 2010, 3:59 am

Thanks mate ..

I already know this .. but I loved the BrushKing.eu site .. so thanks ..

=)

ODB - November 11, 2010, 10:16 am

great guide for beginners!

Warbiest - January 5, 2011, 10:01 pm

Thanks for the feedback peoples. Glad ya'll like it.

SavageBoys - January 7, 2011, 10:13 am

There is an even easier way than what Defz mentioned, just highlight them and open, they will automatically be added to your brush list.

Good job never the less.

ibot3 - January 7, 2011, 1:09 pm

Loving the brushes you provided, the brushes will come in handy, good job :D

Arete - January 10, 2011, 10:44 am

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If they are all not in your folder maybe you loaded them from another place.

Or when you downloaded them you selected "Open With" instead of download.

xxchrisxx owns - January 17, 2011, 4:33 am

thanks, I learned alot from this, good guide :D

'HK. - January 17, 2011, 6:16 am

Nice tutorial, I hope this help some of the Photoshop 'noobs'.

ImbaPlayers - September 30, 2012, 4:56 am

really great guide, finally i came to know how to add brushes to your photoshop, thanks.