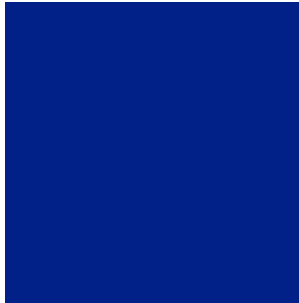




Andy's Photoshop Tip #33 - Cutout Technique

This cutout tip can be done very easy with one of the Alien Skin (Eye Candy) filters, but they are expensive for some people. This tip shows how to create the same effect without an expensive plugin. Many people have been requesting this tip, so here you go.



Start with a solid color or a texture.



Click on your channels palette tab and create a new channel



. Now draw your image or type the text that you want to be "cutout". The area in white will be the "cutout" area.



Now click on the RGB tab in your channels palette and then click on the layers tab to get back to the drawing area. Make a new layer and load your selection (CTRL+ALT+4) and fill it with a color or texture. This will be the texture that is "underneath" your main color.



Now feather your selection (SHIFT+CTRL+D) by 3 or so and then invert it (CTRL+SHIFT+I). Now move the selection down 4 pixels and to the left 4 pixels with your arrow keys. This should not move your texture, just the selection. Now fill the selection with 80% black.



Now just load your first selection again, invert it again, but this time hit the delete key. This will get rid of the extra black area and leave you with a clean image with a "cutout" of your selection.



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