

4. How to change your style to match your mood 3

This project will: show you how to make a series of experimental portraits from the same original photograph. One of these can be selected to develop in another medium such as paper collage or painting.
(including Art ATs)

Researching and developing ideas: Art 1A

Art context: helping to locate resources and interpretations of contemporary art practice which can be adapted for use in the classroom Art1J

Suggested Artists/Movements:

- Chuck Close
- Andy Warhol
- Richard Hamilton

Technical content: Using filters to achieve special effects

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Browse to the file named *Little girl.jpg* for use in this tutorial.



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Crop the image as desired.

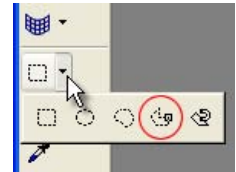


Crop tool

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Now use the polygonal lasso tool to draw an outline around the girl.

You may find it easier to zoom in first – click on the zoom icon at the top of the screen. Now left click to zoom in or right click to zoom out.



Polygonal Lasso tool



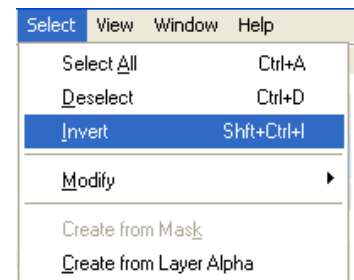
- Position the pointer where you want the first segment to begin, and click. Continue clicking to set endpoints for subsequent segments.
- To close the selection border you must double-click the mouse before clicking the start point again. This will join up the shape for you.



Remember to click off the lasso tool as soon as you have finished to avoid further accidental selections. Any “neutral” tool will act as a temporary alternative e.g. the Move Tool.

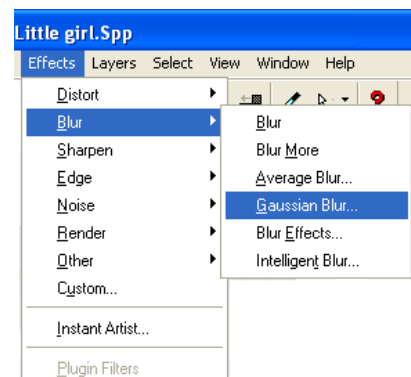
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Next, go to Select, Invert. This will select the entire image except the girl. Now we can make changes to the background and leave the girl unchanged.



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Now go to Effects, Blur, Gaussian Blur. Choose a radius of 3.5 pixels.



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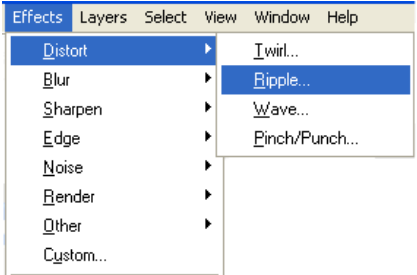
Save the image as *A world of her own.spp*.



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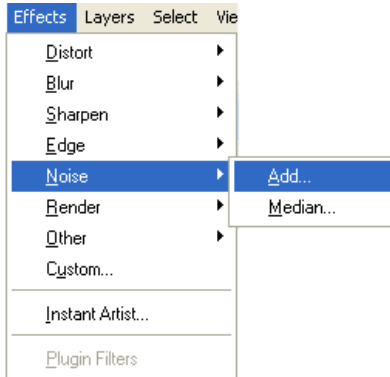
To add other effects whilst the background is selected simply add your chosen filter.

If you are starting a new session, follow Steps 3 - 6 and then add your chosen filter. Here, we have used Ripple from Distort, within the Effects menu.



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This image was created in the same way as in Steps 1 – 5 above, using Add, from Noise in the Effects Menu.



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Now crop the image to suit and then go to File, Save As and give the image an appropriate file name.



To return to the main menu, close this window by selecting **File > Close** from the menu bar.