

# How create a greeting-card

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The first step is to find a program what you brings a lot of filters with it. There on the market for the moment Photoshop CS5 (Adobe), Paint Shop (Corel), Photofiltre (free for private use) and the free programs as Gimp, Picasa, Paint-Net, IrfanView, FastStone Image Viewer, and many others.

Take a picture and load it in the program. With this try the filters and other possibilities.

An example:



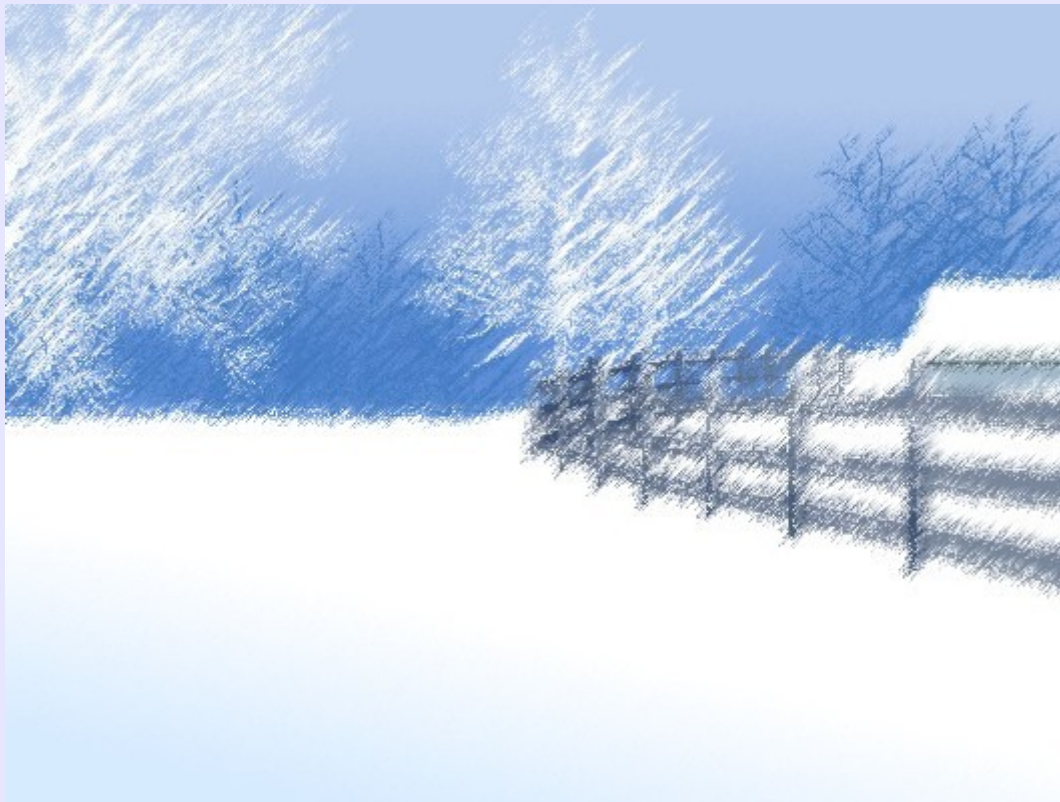
With the filters you can change the outlook with the RGB and picture-correction the contrast, color and so on. I work with both and how my emotion on this day so look my card, often a day after the creation I delete it. For a card you don't need much layers.

You have to find with the filters your taste. The variations of styles, art and deformations. It is a funny work to see how your picture look after you have insert a style.

Also Picasso was first not a celebrate artist but your photo is unique of the world and gives your card something special.

What can you do with the filters?

Example:



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The change of RGB gives also a good effect

Example:



You can also let only the bloom with color and the rest black and white

Example:



When you ready, you have choose the size of your card. It is important to do it now because later all insertions also change the size.

Now you can start to create your greeting-card. The text and fonts, the frame o photo-mask also the insertions from symbols is a taste. What you see for free on the sites, while you surf, copy and paste in your toolbox. The programs have often also tools for this. I mad a site [free gifts](#) where you can take a look for tools.

The words you can post where you want

Example:



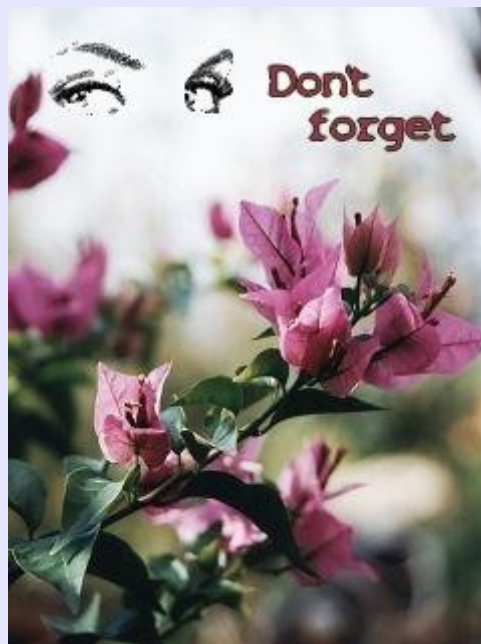
A symbol with copy and paste in a picture to insert, don't go with all free programs. You have to load your symbol, than right click on it, copy, right click on your picture, paste. If it don't go in this way, you have to mad a new layer with background transparent and to unite.

Example:



The words from you and the symbol can look so

Example:

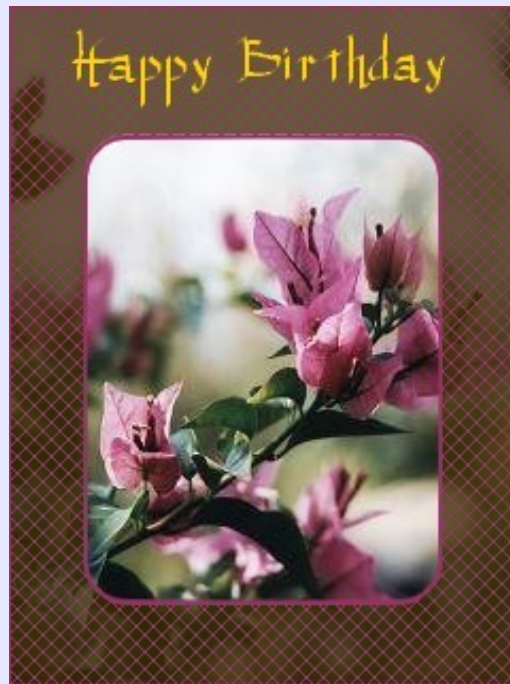


Now see, it always look a little bit as a photo from me. To transform finally in a greeting-card, I use a photo-mask or a frame, other background-layers or cut out a part. Here I have made a photo-mask, the color of the flower, the overlay transparent green and than lines in the same color as the frame.

Start with a photo-masks, this are includes in all programs

Example:





The frames make yourself, also if you buy a frame-maker, with time it is always the same and you begin to make by yourself. Sometimes into the programs are already frames, so you need only to change the colors to fit for your picture.

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The new background for your photo. You have to make your photo transparent, this don't go with all, so you can also take this as overlay and make this transparent. The textures you can find in your program or for free on sites. Make a new layer and give him the texture than paste your photo into the layer or unite. You can also take an other photo from you as background.

Example:



You can also cut your picture and insert in a new layer

Example:



A blank new layer, a little bit more pixel, that you can write your greeting, than give its color and paste your picture into. After unite both you take a filter and change the art. Give your card the greeting and place it where you have let the place.

Example:





2 Example:



This is a simple example for your cards and easy to make. If you want to spend

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a little more time and you have already a file with tools for your card on your computer, you can insert a few more effects.



You can take the filter with rain or snow effect to make it more like winter. If you don't print and send as e-card, load down Swirl Water-reflection and animate the snow.

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