Beyond Digital Photography: Transforming Photos into Fine Art with Photoshop and Painter by Donal Jolley

Digital cameras, advances in color printing, and software tools have changed the landscape of photography forever. The challenge now is to go beyond the basic digital photograph and print, and move toward the next level of expression. For many, this means pushing the technologies available and combining the artistic tools found in both photography and painting.

Beyond Digital Photography: Transforming Photos into Fine Art with Photoshop and Painter brings these once separate disciplines together in a beautiful and instructive book that uses time-honored design principles and basic drawing and painting skills, and applies them to digital photographs. The easy-to-follow, step-by-step format allows you to practice a variety of Photoshop and Painter techniques and gives you the confidence to achieve your own expressive goals with great results.

In this unique and inspiring book, you’ll discover how to transform your photos into works of art:

- Shoot and select photos with good composition and lighting for painting
- Emulate the look of pop art, woodcuts, and dry media texture
- Create Old Masters-style oil paintings, watercolors, contemporary paintings, and abstract art
- Add edge treatments and textured borders with
My Personal Review:
I have worked through every technique in this book and found it to be instructional and a big boost for creativity. The book is beautifully laid out with clear steps in each chapter for not only creating various genres of fine art pieces from my photos, but also the concepts behind composing a shot and preparing to paint. I was amazed at how much I could accomplish with just my digital camera and software.

Highly recommended to any photographers seeking to take their skills and photos to the next level!

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