



Blended Signature Banner (Photoshop)

This tutorial will show you how to make a signature banner using image optimisation and blending techniques.

This is what we'll be making:



- Load Photoshop and create a new image measuring 550x150 pixels and set the resolution to 72 pixels per Inch.

- Open up all the images you wish to use on your signature.

- First we need to enhance the images as they can look really dull in colour. To do this go on to your first image and bring up the Brightness/Contrast option. You'll find this under Image > Adjustments > Brightness/Contrast.

- Move the sliders along until you're happy with the result and click OK.

- Repeat this with all your other images.

- To add all your images on to your banner you'll need to select the area of the pictures you want by using the selection tool. For this tutorial we have used rectangular marquee.

- Once you have got the marching ants around your picture you can move it into your blank image using the move tool.
- Drag the selection over to the blank image.
- As your picture will probably be too big, you need to resize it. To do that you can drag the squares at the outside of the image. For the blending to work you need to leave some overlap.
- When your picture is the size you require click the 'commit transform' button which is easily recognised by the tick.
- Repeat for your other images.
- To blend the images you'll need to use the Eraser tool. Feel free to enlarge the size of the eraser or increase the opacity.
- Erase away the sharp edges of the picture. Repeat for all the images you've used.
- Once you're happy that the images have been blended you need to flatten all the layers. For that you need to go into Layer > Flatten Image.
- Use the Freehand Selection tool to draw a selection around the background. For this a slight feather works best. Make sure you join the line up with where you started.
- To add the blur to the background go into Filters > Blur > Gaussian Blur and adjust the radius slider until you're happy.
- Save your image.
- That's the banner finished. You're now free to add text and borders if you wish.

If you have any questions about this tutorial please do not hesitate to email us at designers@coldwatermorninggraphics.com.