FLYPAPER TEXTURES

Why use textures?

Textures are normally used to help produce extra atmosphere and add textural interest in photography.

Texturing isn't a new concept, even the Victorians used glass texture plates to give their images a more painterly effect, they were called the Pictorialist movement, and today their antique images are highly sought by collectors.

How to use textures?

To use these texture layers you'll need a program that can utilize layers.

Almost all Adobe Photoshop versions use layers, and they can also be used in Gimp and more recently Adobe Lightroom and Aperture with added plug-ins such as OnOne's Perfect Layers.

Tutorials

There are many written and illustrated texture tutorials with our large size before and after mouse-overs on our Flypaper Texture website.

Basic Texture Instructions and hints

Thanks for using our Flypaper Textures. On the Flypaper site, you'll find more detailed instructions and tutorials on how to use these textures.

Save your textures somewhere you can find them. It's also a wise idea to back them up somewhere.

Open your photo and your texture in your editing programme.

Select the Texture and using the move tool, drag it over your image.

If your image isn't the same size as the texture you can easily drag your texture to fit by using the move handles at the corners of the texture.

Play with the blending modes and layer opacity of your texture layer until you find something you like.

The blending modes we usually use are soft light, multiply, overlay and hard light, but the other modes work well too usually at lower opacities.

Use a layer mask or the eraser to remove the textures from the parts you'd want textured.

The same texture probably wont work in the same way on all photos, so experiment.

Try duplicating the texture and using the same one at different blending modes and opacities.

Don't be put off by how a texture looks or even by the colour, results can be surprising!

Experimentation is the key with texturing.

Have fun and don't forget to visit the <u>Flypaper website</u> for more detailed recipes and tutorials

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