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Generate Image Effects and Reference Image Examples

In this document, you'll find fun examples showcasing the application of different Image Effects and Reference Images when using the Generate Image command in Photoshop. Each example starts with the same prompt, "Yellow Labrador," and the Content Type set to "Art." By applying different Effects and Reference Images, you'll see just how diverse the results can be. And remember, your results will differ as Generate Image never returns the exact same results twice. Enjoy exploring the possibilities and be sure to try combining multiple effects together!

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Note: The definitions/descriptions for the Image Effects on the following pages were created by ChatGPT.

COMPOSITION REFERENCE IMAGE

Abstract
Photography
Line Drawing

MOVEMENTS

Art Deco

Art Nouveau

Baroque

Bauhaus

 $A\,German\,art\,and\,design\,movement$ (1919-1933) that emphasized simplicity, functionality, and the unity of art, craft, and technology. It shaped modern design and architecture.

A dramatic and ornate style of art and architecture from 17th-century Europe, characterized by grandeur, intense emotions, rich color, and $strong\,contrasts\,of\,light\,and\,shadow.$

A late 19th-century style known for its organic forms, flowing lines, and floral motifs. It aimed to unify fine arts and applied arts in architecture, furniture, and illustration.

A decorative art and design style from the 1920s-40s characterized by geometric shapes, bold colors, symmetry, and lavish ornamentation, often seen in architecture, fashion, and product design.

































Constructivism

An abstract art movement from An abstract art movement from post-revolutionary Russia (1910s–30s) focusing on geometric forms, industrial materials, and art with social or political purpose.



Cubism

An early 20th-century avant-garde movement pioneered by Picasso and Braque, featuring fragmented, abstracted objects and multiple perspectives within a single image.











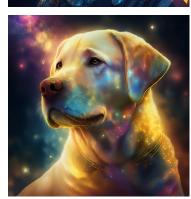












Fauvism Anearly 20th-century movement led by Henri Matisse, marked by bold, unnatural colors and expressive brushwork, prioritizing emotional

resonance over realism.







Film Noire
A cinematic style from the 1940s–
50s characterized by moody lighting, deep shadows, urban settings,
moral ambiguity, and themes of
crime, betrayal, and fatalism.







Glitch Art

A digital art style that embraces visual errors or "glitches"—unexpected distortions or corruptions of digital files—as a form of aesthetic expression.









A 19th-century painting style focused on capturing fleeting effects of light and atmosphere using quick, visible brushstrokes and a lighter color palette.





Industrial

A design aesthetic inspired by factories and machinery—featuring exposed materials (metal, brick, wood), raw textures, and functional forms.







Maximalism

An aesthetic embracing excess, abundance, and layered visual richness. It contrasts with minimalism by celebrating complexity, bold colors, and ornate details.







Minimalism

A movement across art, design, and architecture that favors simplicity, clean lines, and limited color palettes. It emphasizes "less is more."







Modern Art

A broad term for art created roughly between the 1860s–1970s, breaking with tradition and exploring new ideas, abstraction, and experimentation in form and subject.









A cultural movement rooted in the late 19th–20th centuries, emphasizing innovation, rationality, and a break from historical styles in favor of progress and abstraction.









Alate-20th-century revival of expressive painting, often raw, emotional, and figurative, reacting against conceptual and minimalist art.







Pointillism

A painting technique developed by Georges Seurat, using tiny dots of color applied in patterns to form an image, based on optical color mixing.







Psychedelic

An art style linked to the 1960s counterculture, characterized by bright, saturated colors, swirling patterns, surreal imagery, and visual distortions inspired by altered states.







Science Fiction

A genre centered around speculative, futuristic, or extraterrestrial themes. Visually, it often features advanced tech, space travel, and imagined scientific possibilities.









Steampunk A retro-futuristic style combining Vic-torian-era aesthetics with speculative $steam\text{-}powered\,technology-\!\!-\!often$ involving gears, goggles, and brass machinery.









Surrealism A 20th-century movement exploring dreams, the unconscious, and irrational juxtapositions, often with bizarre, fantastical imagery.







Syntheism A philosophical and artistic idea proposing a secular, man-made spirituality or collective creativity, sometimes linked to post-religious catechos utpoint heaver in art or techno-utopian themes in art.







Synthwave

A music and visual style inspired by 1980s culture—featuring neon colors, retro-futuristic grids, chrome text, and nostalgic digital aes-thetics.







Vaporwave

An internet-born aesthetic and music style marked by glitchy visuals, nostalgic consumer culture, retro tech, lo-fi music, and surreal, ironic reinterpretations of 80s/90s media.







THEMES

3D

Art or design that appears three-dimensional, often created using modeling software to simulate depth, lighting, and perspective.









A Japanese animation style characterized by vibrant characters, dramatic expressions, and stylized storytelling. Often features exaggerated eyes and emotional themes.







Cartoon

A simplified, exaggerated visual style used in animation, comics, or illustrations—often humorous or whimsical in tone.







Cinematic

A style inspired by film, emphasizing dramatic lighting, wide aspect ratios, and storytelling through visual composition and atmosphere.







Comic book

A bold, high-contrast style often featuring ink outlines, halftone shading, dramatic action, and speech bubbles—used in graphic novels and superhero media.























Digital Art
Artwork created primarily using digital tools like tablets, software, or Al—spanning many styles including painting, illustration, 3D, and generative art.







Flat Design A minimalist visual style that uses simple shapes, bold colors, and no depth or texture—commonly used in icons, interfaces, and infographics.







Geometric

Designs that rely on clean, mathematical shapes like circles, triangles, and polygons—often used in abstract compositions or modern design.









frosted-glass effects—translucent elements layered over colorful or blurred backgrounds.







Glitch Graphic

A visual style that mimics digital corruption or error—featuring pixelation, color shifts, and distorted elements for a techy or rebellious aesthetic.







Graffiti

Street-art inspired visuals, often involving spray paint textures, bold lettering, and expressive, urban themes.







Graphic Ageneral term for bold, visually strik-ing designs that emphasize shapes, contrast, typography, or icons— often vector-based or stylized.







Hyper Realistic

Extremely detailed art that closely mimics real life—often created through digital painting or advanced 3D rendering.







Interior Design
Visuals focused on architectural or

room design—emphasizing layout, furniture, color palettes, and mood.







Line Gradient

A design style using smooth, linear $color\ transitions-popular\ in$ modern UI, branding, and illustrations for dynamic, clean effects.







Low Poly
A 3D style made with a minimal number of polygons—creating a blocky, faceted look often used for stylized visuals or game art.







Newspaper Collage A mixed-media aesthetic combin-ing cutouts of text, headlines, and photos—used to create layered, often chaotic compositions.







Optical Illusion

Designs that deceive the eye—often using geometry, perspective, or contrast to create visual trickery or depth.









Designs that use tiny, repeatable pixel-based patterns—often retro $in \it feel, similar \it to \it textiles \it or \it sprite \it art.$







Pixel Art

A digital art style that mimics the blocky look of early video games built from small, square pixels with limited color palettes.







Pop Art
Amid-20th-century style using imagery from popular culture—featuring bright colors, comic techniques, and bold visuals (e.g., Warhol, Lichtenstein).







Product Photo

A clean, often minimal visual style focused on showcasing products—emphasizes lighting, background control, and visual clarity.







Psychedelic Background

Glotfiu, swirling, and surreal pat-terns often inspired by the 1960s counterculture—used as visual texture or mood-setting.























bursts of paint, color, or liquid to create high-energy visuals—often layered with photos or text.









Stamp
A style that mimics ink or rubber stamps—using textured edges, solid fill shapes, or postal/military design cues.







Trompe l'oei

A painting or design technique that "tricks the eye" into seeing three-dimensional realism on a flat surface—used for illusionistic effects.

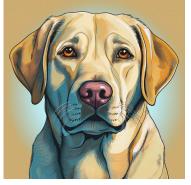








Art created with vector graphics—clean, scalable shapes and lines often with flat colors, used in icons, infographics, and branding.







Wireframe

A visual representation of a 3D object or web layout using only lines and points—often used in modeling, prototyping, or tech visuals.







TECHNIQUES

Acrylic Paint

A fast-drying paint made of pigment suspended in acrylic polymer. It can mimic both watercolor and oil techniques and is known for its vibrant color and versatility.







Bold Lines

Thick, strong outlines used to define forms clearly and dramatically—commonly found in graphic art, cartoons, and illustrative styles.







Chiaroscuro

A technique that uses strong contrasts between light and dark to give the illusion of depth and volume used famously by Caravaggio and Rembrandt.









Artwork that changes appearance based on lighting or angle—often using iridescent or holographic colors to shift hues dynamically.







Daguerreotype

 ${\it An early photographic process from}$ the 1830s, using a polished silver surface to create highly detailed, monochrome images.







Digital Fractal Artwork generated using mathe-matical formulas to create infinite, self-repeating patterns—often complex, abstract, and colorful.







Doodle Drawing

Casual, spontaneous line art that often features repetitive patterns, whimsical shapes, and freeform expression.







Double Exposure

A photographic (or digital) technique where two images are combined into one—often creating surreal, dreamlike compositions.









A mural painting method where $pigment \, is \, applied \, to \, freshly \, laid \, wet$ plaster, allowing the paint to become part of the wall surface.







Geometric Pen Drawing technique that uses clean, $precise \, pen \, lines \, to \, create \, geometric$ shapes, often in abstract or architec-

tural compositions.







Halftone

A print technique that uses dots of varying sizes and spacing to simulate shades of gray or color—common in comic books and retro prints.









A fluid medium used for drawing or calligraphy—can be applied with pens, brushes, or dip tools for detailed or expressive line work.







Light Painting

A photographic technique using long exposure to capture trails of light drawn or moved through a scene—often abstract and dynamic.









Line Drawing

Artwork created primarily with lines—minimal or detailed, often lacking shading or color, used for structure and clarity.







Linocut

A printmaking technique where designs are carved into linoleum, inked, and pressed onto paper—similar to woodcut but softer in texture.







Oil Paint

A slow-drying paint made with pigments suspended in oil (often lin-seed). Known for rich colors, smooth blending, and luminous depth.







Paint Splattering
A dynamic technique where paint is thrown, flicked, or dripped onto a surface for expressive, chaotic effects (e.g., Jackson Pollock).







Painting

The act of applying pigment to a surface—includes a wide range of mediums (oil, acrylic, watercolor) and techniques (realism, abstract, etc.).







Palette Knife

A flat, flexible tool used to apply thick paint to a surface—often creating textured, expressive strokes in oil or acrylic paintings.







Photo Manipulation
Digital editing of photographs to
alter reality—ranging from subtle
retouching to surreal or fantastical compositing.







Scribble Texture

A drawing method that builds form or texture with random, overlapping scribbled lines—used for shading or expressive design.







Sketch

A rough or unfinished drawing used to explore ideas or plan compositions—often done quickly and loosely in pencil or ink.







Splattering

Similar to paint splattering—flicking pigment onto a surface to create texture, randomness, or energy in a composition.









Stippling A shading technique using thou-sands of small dots—closer dots create darker areas, while spaced dots create lighter ones.







Watercolor

A transparent painting medium where pigment is mixed with water known for its soft, fluid appearance and layering potential







EFFECTS

Antique Photo
Aneffectthat mimics the appearance
of old photographs—typically
featuring sepia or black-and-white tones, faded contrast, vignetting, scratches, or paper texture to create a nostalgic, vintage look.







Bioluminescent

A glowing visual effect inspired by natural organisms that emit light (e.g., jellyfish, fungi, fireflies). Often rendered in deep blues, teals, or purples with luminous highlights to evoke a magical or underwater atmosphere.







Bokeh Effect

A shallow depth-of-field photography technique where out-of-focus light sources in the background form soft, circular or hexagonal light shapes. Used to emphasize a sharp subject and create a dreamy or romantic mood.















Dark A moody, low-exposure aesthetic with heavy shadows, deep tones, and minimal highlights. Used to create drama, mystery, intensity, or a cinematic atmosphere.





Faded Image An effect where the image appears desaturated or washed out, with lowered contrast. Often evokes nostalgia, softness, or a vintage/ retro feeling.







Fisheye A visual distortion effect created by ultra-wide-angle lenses that bend the image into a convex, bubble-like appearance. Straight lines near the edge appear curved, making scenes look spherical or surreal.





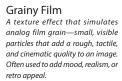


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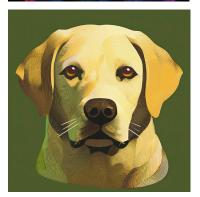
Iridescent
A shimmering, color-shifting effect
where surfaces appear to change hue
depending on angle and light—mimicking bubbles, oil slicks, or butterfly
wings. Creates a futuristic, dreamy, or
magical visual.





Isometric
A graphical effect where 3D objects are presented without perspective distortion—common in diagrams and game design. Lines are parallel and angles consistent, resulting in clean, structured compositions.







Misty
A soft-focus effect that mimics the presence of fog or mist. Reduces contrast and sharpness to produce a tranquil, ethereal, or mysterious atmosphere.







Neon

A glowing, electrified look inspired by neon signage—features bold, saturated colors (often pink, blue, green) with glowing edges on dark backgrounds. Popular in cyberpunk, retro-futuristic, and nightlife









Otherworldly A surreal, fantastical visual effect that feels alien or dreamlike. May include unnatural landscapes, exaggerated colors, or floating elements that defy physical laws—used to evoke wonder or the supernatural.









An effect that simulates the look of $black light \, or \, UV \, fluorescence -- dark$ scenes with glowing purples, blues, $and \, {\it fluorescent \, accents.} \, Often \, {\it used} \,$ for high-contrast, psychedelic, or forensic visuals.









A visual effect that mimics submersion in water—characterized by blue/ green color casts, soft focus, refracted light patterns, and floating particles. Evokes calm, immersion, or aquatic environments.







MATERIALS

3D Patterns

Visual designs that simulate three-dimensional depth—often including shadows, highlights, and perspective to give the illusion of raised, embossed, or recessed patterns on a surface.

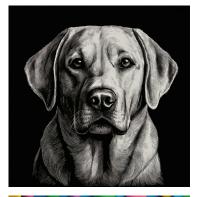






Charcoal

A rough, sketch-like texture or effect that mimics drawings made with charcoal sticks—featuring bold, grainy strokes, smudging, and a monochromatic (typically black or gray) palette.









Claymation
An aesthetic that resembles stop-motion animation made with clay figures—featuring soft, malleable textures and handcrafted imperfections.







Fabric

An effect or texture that mimics woven, knitted, or textile surfaces—like cotton, denim, silk, or burlap. Often used to give designs a tactile or cozy feel.



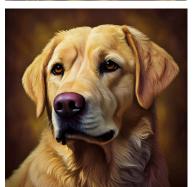




Fur A soft, fine-textured effect resembling animal fur—characterized by short, layered, directional strands.







Layered Paper
An effect that simulates cut or stacked sheets of paper arranged in layers to create depth.







Made of Metal

A visual treatment that gives an object a metallic look—featuring shine, reflections, brushed textures, or rust. Often used to evoke strength, industrial design, or sci-fi aesthetics.









A stone-like texture with swirls or veins of contrasting color. Often associated with luxury or classical design, the marble effect adds elegance, solidity, and a natural polish to surfaces.







Origami A folded-paper aesthetic that sim-ulates the look of complex, angular shapes made from a single sheet used to create stylized animals, geometric forms, or abstract shapes.



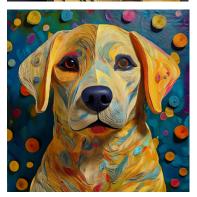




Paper Mâché A texture mimicking hand-crafted objects made from paper pulp or strips—typically rough, uneven, and layered. It suggests a tactile, sculptural, and homemade quality.







Polka-dot Pattern

A design featuring evenly spaced, repetitive circular dots—often playful or retro in feel, used in fashion, graphic design, and decorative art.



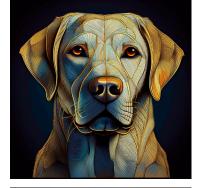




Guilloché Patterns

Intricate, repetitive engraved or drawn patterns, often made with spirals or interwoven lines. Common in banknotes, fine jewelry, and luxury watch design for a refined, ornamental appearance.









A deliberately irregular or surreal design that defies conventional symmetry, repetition, or structure—used to create an uncanny, unexpected, or abstract visual effect.







Wood Carving

A texture or visual effect resembling carved wood—featuring grooves, grain, and relief surfaces. Often used in folk art or digital simulations of engraved surfaces.







Yarn

A texture made of twisted fiber strands, often thick and cozy—used in visual design to evoke warmth, craft, or handmade qualities. Common in textile illustration or soft material renderings.







CONCEPTS

Beautiful

An image aesthetic that emphasizes visual harmony, pleasing composition, and emotional resonance—often featuring balanced colors, smooth textures, and subjects that evoke admiration, serenity, or elegance.







Bohemian

A style that blends artistic freedom, eclectic patterns, natural textures, and vintage elements. Often earthy and layered, Bohemian imagery uses warm tones, soft light, and handcrafted or folk-inspired motifs.









An intense, unstructured visual style where elements feel scattered, disordered, or overwhelming. It often includes clashing colors, dense layering, or dynamic movement to evoke energy, confusion, or unrest.









I had never heard of this concept so I'm guessing that it's Días (Spanish for "days") – potentially poetic, nostalgic, or temporal visuals.







Divine

A visual style that evokes spirituality, holiness, or transcendence—often using radiant light, halos, soft glow effects, and symmetrical or elevated compositions. Colors like gold, white, and blue are common.







Eclectic

A mix-and-match aesthetic combining multiple styles, eras, or influences in one image. It embraces visual contrast, layered textures, and bold juxtapositions to express creativity and personality.

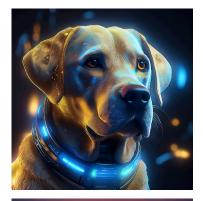






Futuristic

A style inspired by imagined futures—often featuring sleek surfaces, neon glows, metallic textures, minimal interfaces, or advanced technology. Common in sci-fi, cyberpunk, and Al-generated imagery.









Kitchy A deliberately gaudy, overly sentimental, or tacky visual style—often using exaggerated colors, retro objects, or campy motifs. Kitschy imagery can be playful or ironic.









An effect that evokes memory or $longing \ for \ the \ past-commonly$ using vintage color palettes, film grain, soft focus, or objects from a specific era. It conveys emotion, warmth, or melancholy.







Simple

A clean, minimal aesthetic focused on clarity and restraint—using limited color palettes, minimal detail, and ample negative space. It emphasizes form, composition, and essential elements without distraction.







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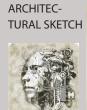






























































































































































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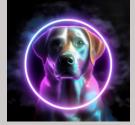
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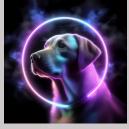










































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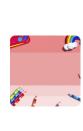






























































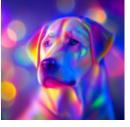








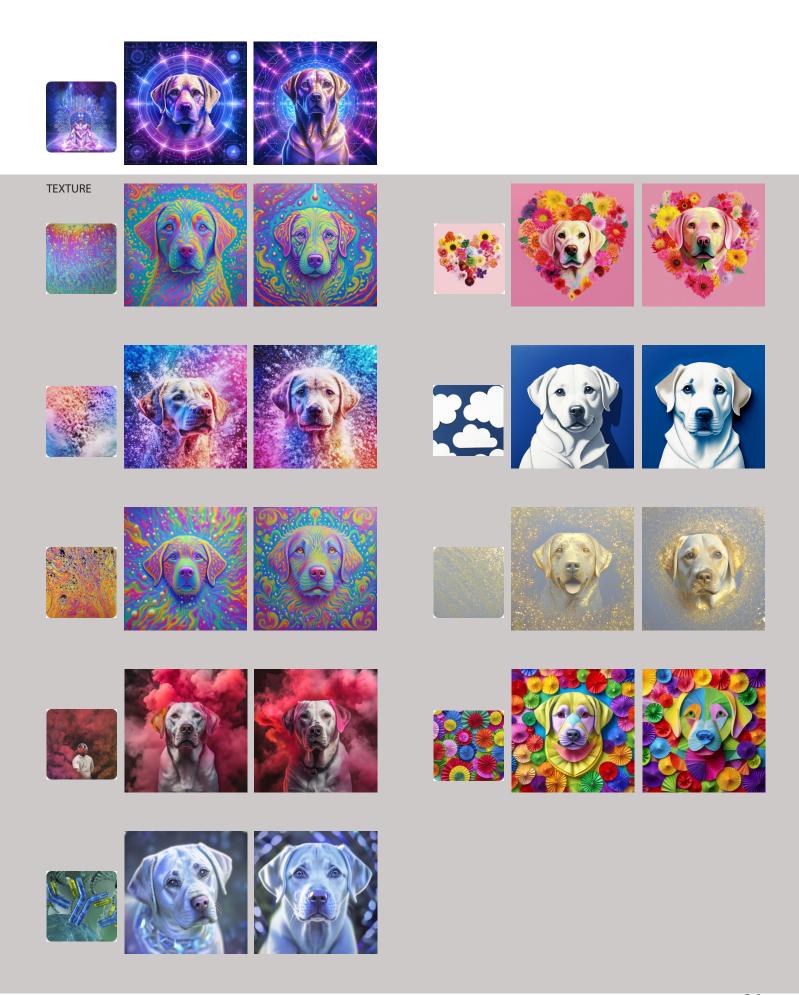












COLOR & LIGHTING











































GEOMETRIC









































































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ABSTRACT



































PHOTOGRAPHY

















































LINE DRAWING









































