

Make your map into an oil painting with Photoshop CS5

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This tutorial will show you how to make your map look more like an oil painting. I've used this technique while creating my map of Littlebridge

(<http://www.cartographersguild.com/showthread.php?15633-Littlebridge-CD3-town>)

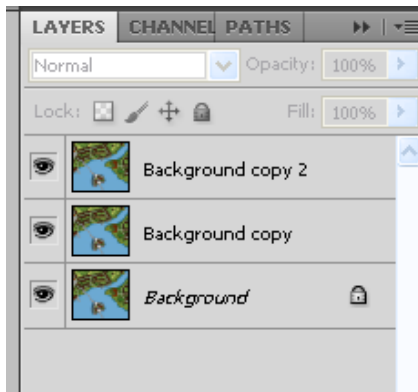
First of all you need to download and install the pixel bender plug in for Photoshop CS5. You can find it here <http://labs.adobe.com/technologies/pixelbenderplugin/>.

After having installed the plug in follow the steps below.

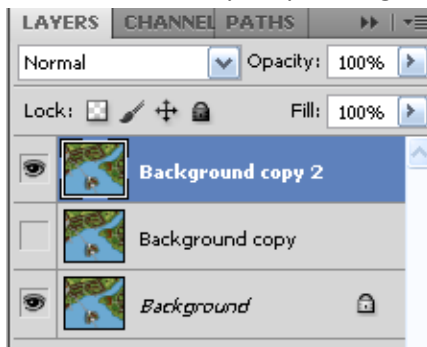
1. Open the map you want to use (I use a part of my Littlebridge map as an example)



2. Make sure you only have one layer in the picture, if not flatten the image. Make two copies of the layer.

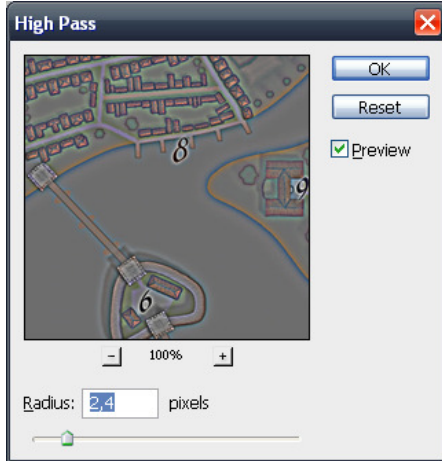


3. Hide the middle layer by clicking on the eye and mark the top layer.

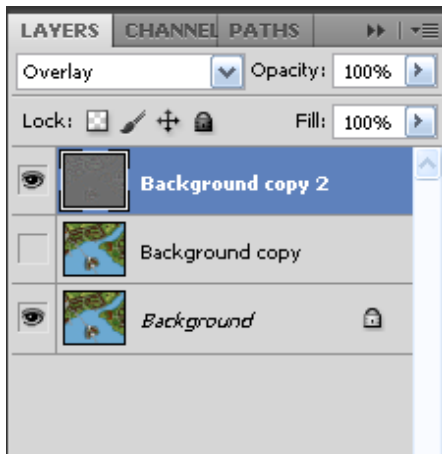


4. Click Filter/Other/High Pass...

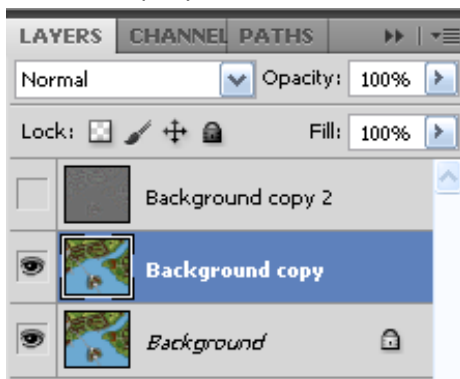
Try to get the effect to look something like the picture below. We want houses and details to look like they glow a bit. Press OK.



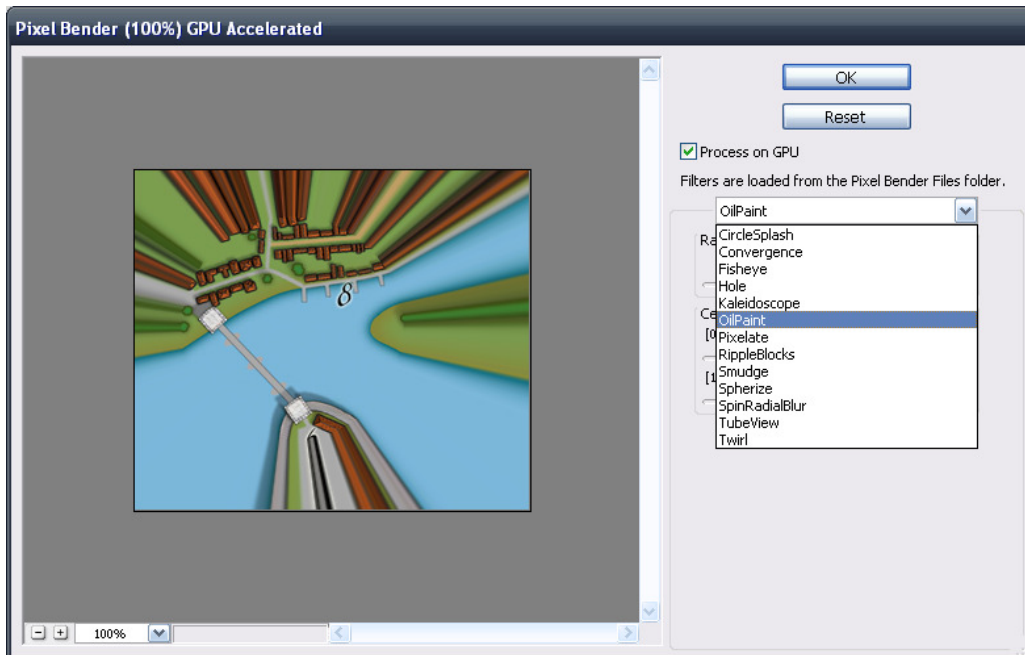
Change the setting of the layer to overlay. This should make your map look sharper and brighter.



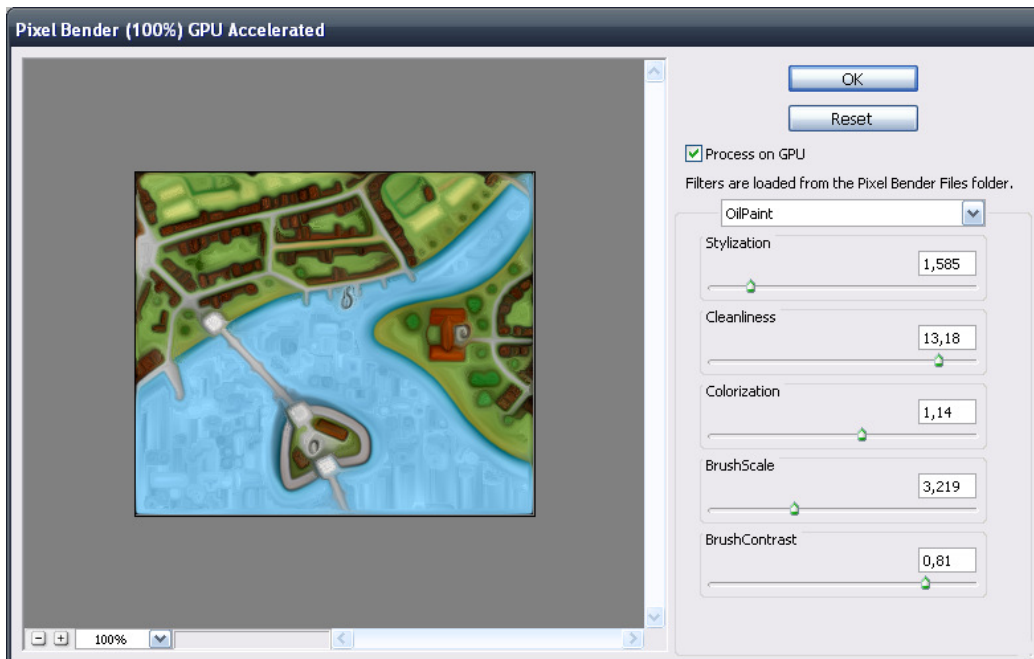
5. Hide the top layer and make the second layer visible again and mark it.



6. Click Filter/Pixel Bender/Pixel Bender gallery. Select OliPaint from the drop down menu.



Use the different choices you have to get an effect that you're satisfied with. Don't worry if you're losing some details in the picture. Click OK when you're done.



7. Back in Photoshop make the top layer visible again and voila you get all your details back.



Congratulations you are now done and your map will look more like an oil painting!