

Improve Old Photos



Step 1

If you're like me, you probably have a box full of old photos. This photo, and how to improve it, is courtesy of Wacom's own Bill Lindsay. (The young lady in the middle, by the way, is Bill's mother).



Step 4

You won't notice any change--the neutral color doesn't affect anything. But paint in the layer with black, and watch the over-exposed city buildings come out of the haze...



Step 2

We want to change the look of the pixels without actually changing the pixels until we're ready. Start by creating a new layer from the triangle in the Layers palette.



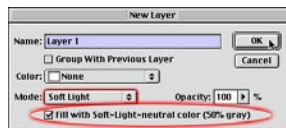
Step 5

...and then paint in the under-exposed brickwork with white, and watch the hidden details come out. This is one of my favorite things to show off a tablet with, as it's so cool to watch this happen live.



Step 3

Here's the tricky part--make your new layer with Soft Light mode, and fill it with Soft Light neutral color (50%gray).



Step 6

And there you go...and thanks again to Bill and, most importantly, Bill's mom!

