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Chapter 1: Getting Started

Welcome to Snap Art

Snap Art is a Photoshop-compatible plug-in that easily turns photos into works of art. The ten Snap Art filters show up in Photoshop's **Filter** menu. Each filter is named after the natural media it simulates. To see the range of effects Snap Art can create, simply browse the **Factory Settings** for each filter.

Using this Quick Start Guide

This chapter provides some helpful hints on how to use Snap Art. For information on requirements, installation, and registration, see the next chapter, **Installation**. To learn about our in-product messaging system, consult the **UpToDate System** chapter. And lastly, for info on secret alien handshakes, consult the list of **Keyboard Shortcuts** on the back cover of this guide.

We designed Snap Art to be easy to use. If you need more complete documentation, simply press **F1** (Windows) or **Help** (Macintosh). Just print out the help documents if you prefer a handy paper copy.

Choosing a Filter for Your Image

Any Snap Art filter will work on any photo, but the following guidelines may help you narrow in on the look you want.

Turning a portrait into a traditional work of art is probably the most common use of Snap Art. If you want to make the subject realistic, your best bet is **Oil Paint**, **Pastel**, or **Impasto** with a small **Brush Size**.

For a traditional but more abstract look, try **Color Pencil**, **Pencil Sketch**, **Pointillism**, or **Watercolor**. The result will look like traditional hand drawn media, but be less detailed.

If you want a really funky modern look, try **Comics**, **Stylize**, or **Pen and Ink**. **Comics** can keep the subject recognizable while turning it into something Andy Warhol might have done. For a more abstract look, **Stylize** or **Pen and Ink** can dramatically simplify the photo.

Experimenting is Easy

The filters in Snap Art have a lot of parameters, knobs to turn, sliders to move, and options to enable. This gives you a lot of control over an effect. So don't be scared to fiddle with the sliders to make your own settings. We promise that you can't break a filter. You can't get it stuck in a weird state because we've given you some escape mechanisms.

Snap Art lets you undo and redo all your slider changes. To undo a change, press **Control+Z** (Windows) or **Command+Z** (Macintosh). To redo a change, press **Control+Y** (Windows) or **Command+Y** (Macintosh).

Every filter has a **Factory Default** setting. Clicking this setting resets the current filter to a reasonable state. You can also press **F5** (Windows) or **Command+R** (Macintosh) to reset the filter.

Getting Help

As you move the cursor over the Snap Art window, help text appears at the bottom of the window explaining each control. For more extensive help, press **F1** (Windows) or **Help** (Macintosh).

Chapter 2: Installation

This chapter provides information on installing and registering Snap Art, as well as host and system requirements. If you cannot get Snap Art to install, this is the place for you.

Host Requirements

Snap Art is a plug-in. That means that you must already have installed one of the following host programs:

- Adobe Photoshop CS or later
- Adobe Photoshop Elements 4 or later
- Corel Paint Shop Pro Photo XI or later

System Requirements

Macintosh Systems

- 512 MB RAM
- 1024 x 768 or greater monitor resolution
- Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later
- PowerPC G4 or G5 processor

Windows Systems

- 512 MB RAM
- 1024 x 768 or greater monitor resolution
- Windows XP or later
- Pentium 4 (or compatible) processor

Macintosh Installation

Use the following instructions to install Snap Art:

1 Shut down your graphics host program.

Note: To install Snap Art, your OS X user account must have administrator privileges. For information on configuring your user account for administrator privileges, talk to your IT guy or consult your OS X user manual.

2 Insert the Snap Art CD into your computer. Or, if you purchased an electronic version of Snap Art, locate the installation program that you downloaded from the online store.

3 Double-click the **Snap Art** icon.

4 Click **Continue**.

5 Read the License Agreement.

6 Click **Continue**.

7 Click **Agree**.

8 Enter your name, company name (optional) and your registration code.

Note: The registration code is a 12-letter sequence inside the front cover of your manual. If you purchased an electronic version of Snap Art, you will find the 12-letter code in the e-mail invoice, sent with your downloaded software. Store this e-mail in a safe place for future installations.

9 Click **Register**. Our installer will search for all compatible graphics programs on your computer and display them in a list.

10 Highlight one program and click **OK**. You can only install into one graphics program at a time. So rerun the installer if you wish to install Snap Art into another graphics program.

Windows Installation

Use the following instructions to install Snap Art:

1 Shut down your graphics host program.

Note: *To install Snap Art, your Windows 2000 or XP user account must have administrator privileges. For information on configuring your user account for administrator privileges, talk to your IT gal or consult your user manual.*

2 Insert the Snap Art CD into your computer. Or, if you purchased an electronic version of Snap Art, locate the installation program that you downloaded from the online store.

3 Double-click the **Setup.exe** icon.

4 Click **Next**.

5 Read the License Agreement.

6 Click **Accept**.

7 Enter your name, company name (optional) and your registration code.

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Registration

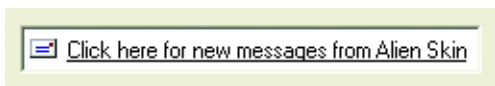
You must register your software to receive technical support and critical product updates. Registration also qualifies you for product discounts and upgrade pricing on future versions of Snap Art. If you purchased Snap Art directly from Alien Skin Software, you are automatically registered with us. You need to register only if you purchased Snap Art elsewhere.

Register online at <http://www.alienskin.com/register>. If you do not have access to the World Wide Web, please mail in the registration card included with your software.

Chapter 3: UpToDate System

The **UpToDate** messaging system informs you about the latest Alien Skin Software products, special offers, software updates and other news.

When **UpToDate** is enabled, an unobtrusive visual cue announces, "Click here for new messages from Alien Skin Software." Click this link to read your new messages. See the interface example below:



Customizing UpToDate Preferences

Receiving messages is optional. You can specify the intervals at which your **UpToDate** system checks for messages. To customize your **UpToDate** message preferences, follow these instructions:

- 1 Click **Edit>Preferences**.
- 2 Select the frequency at which you would like the **UpToDate** system to check for new messages. If you do not want to receive messages, select **Never**.

Windows users: if you have a dial-up Internet connection, you should select the **Ask me before making an Internet connection** option. If not, your computer will make unexpected phone calls.

Macintosh users: if you have a dial-up Internet connection, clear the **Ask me before making an Internet connection** option. You must establish an Internet connection before receiving **UpToDate** messages.

Enjoy the Filters!

That's it for this Quick Start Guide. If you want more complete documentation, simply press **F1** (Windows) or **Help** (Macintosh).