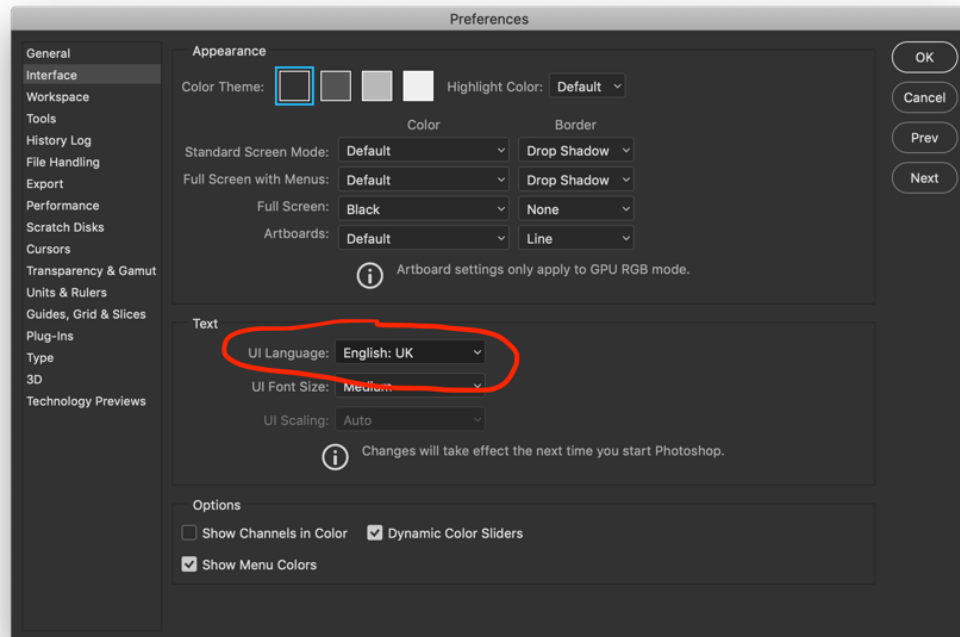


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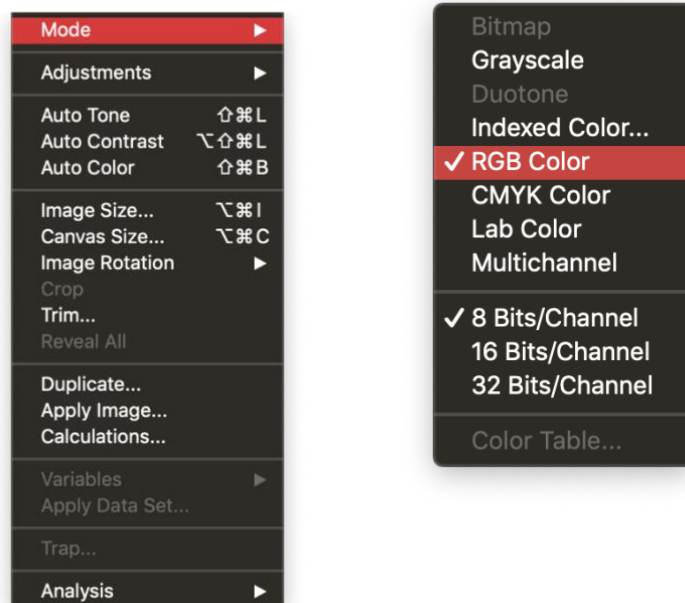
Below is a quick User Manual to prepare, launching and fine adjusting of the **Grunge Art Photoshop Action**.
Here we go!

BACKGROUND

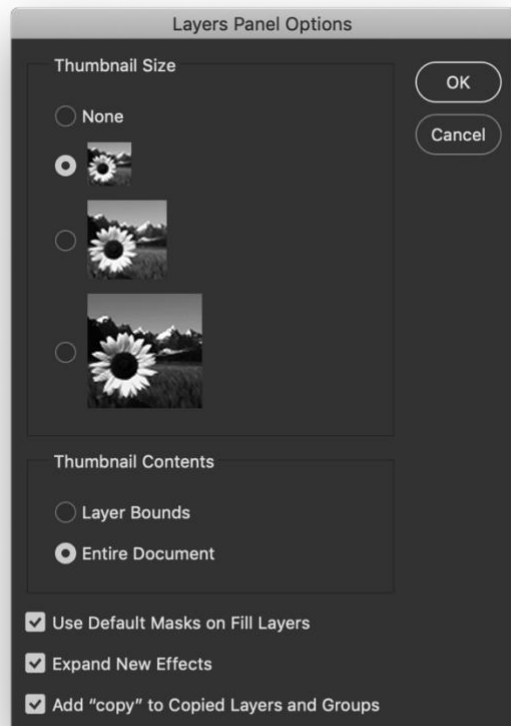
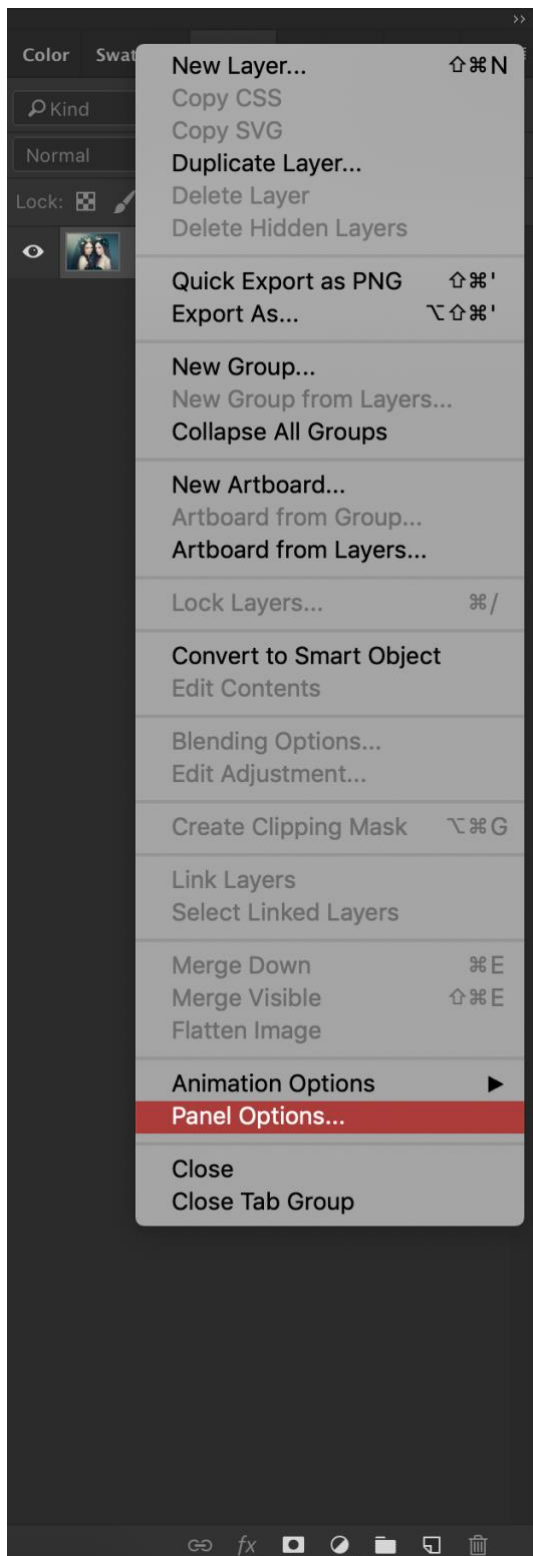
First, please make sure that you are using the English version of Photoshop. Please go to **Edit – Preferences – Interface**:



Secondly, set brush opacity and flow to 100%. Better to use original photos in 2000-4000 pixels. Now make sure that your image has an RGB format of 8 Bits/Channel.

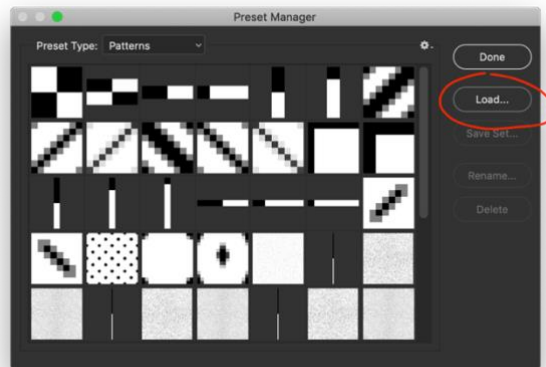
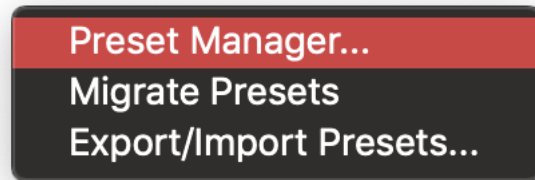
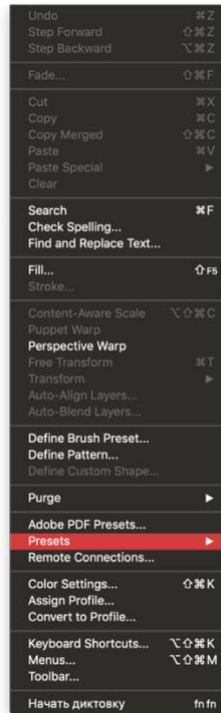


Thirdly, for the next step please go to the **Layers tab - Panel Options**, to make sure that you have all of 3 marks/ticks as pictured on the window in the bottom:

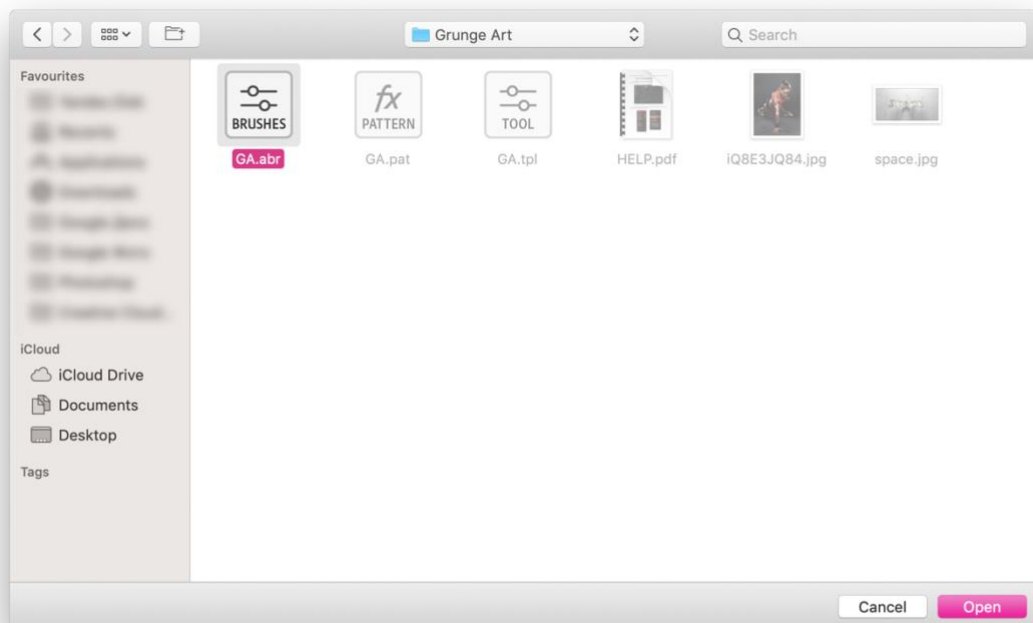


PREPARATION

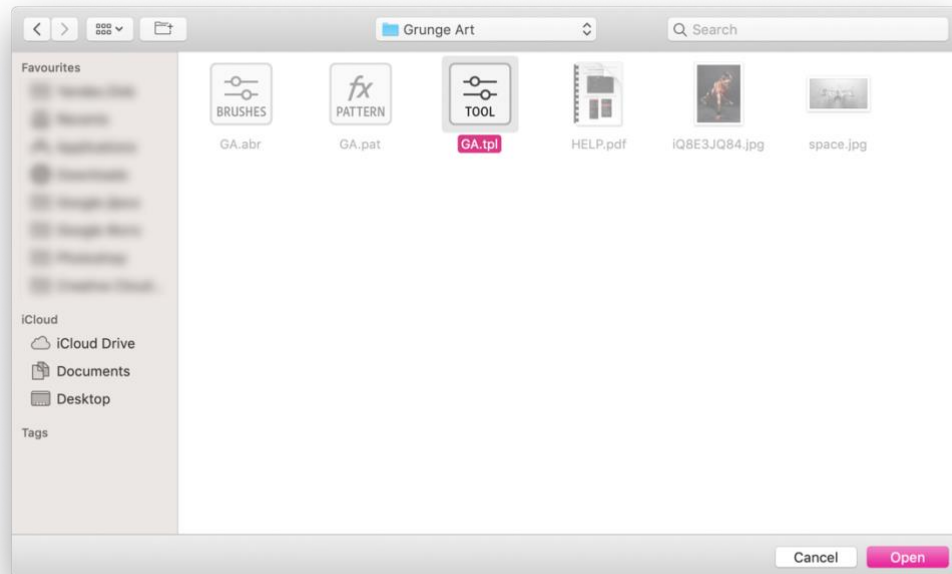
Please note: before using the action file, you need to upload the compulsory Patterns, Brushes and Tools presets into **Photoshop Preset Manager**. To do this, please go to the **Edit - Presets - Preset Manager** menu section. Please select **Preset Type – Patterns**. Press **Load** and select **GA.pat** file to upload:



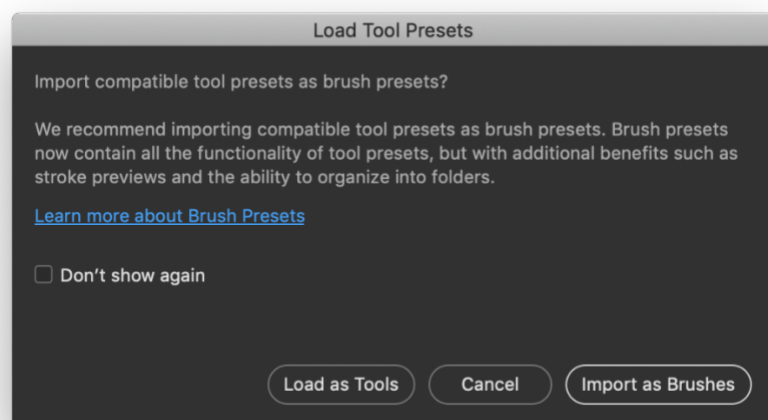
Then, please select **Preset Type – Brushes** and upload **GA.abr** file:



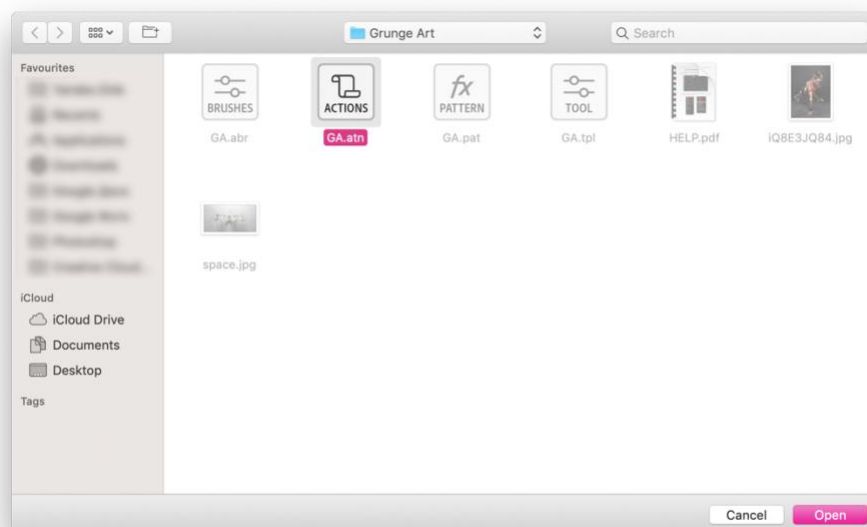
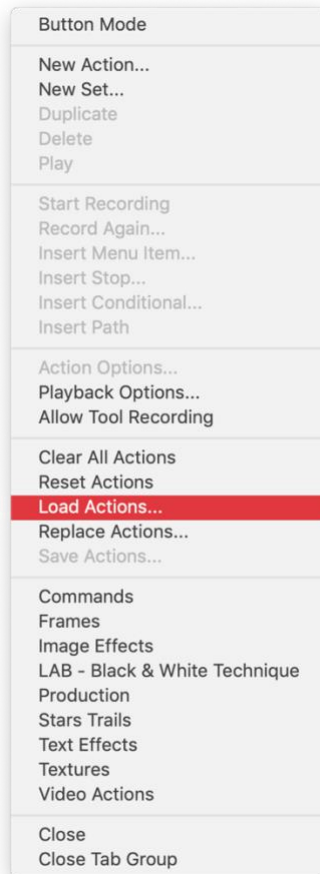
After that, please select **Preset Type – Tool preset**, press **Load** and select **GA.tpl** file to upload:



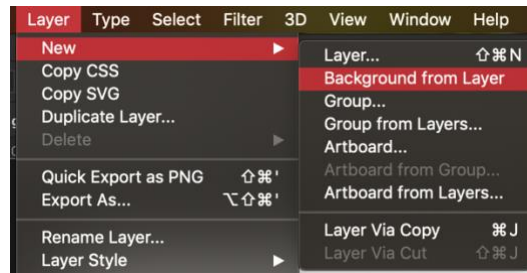
Please be aware, it is important: in Photoshop CC 2018 and above such window as follow can be appear:



In this case, please choose '**Load as Tools**' option as a correct and upload the **GA.tpl** file. At the final, please go to the **Window – Actions**, click the three-line icon in the upper-right corner of the **Actions** panel, select **Load Actions** to upload the last **GA.atn** action-file.



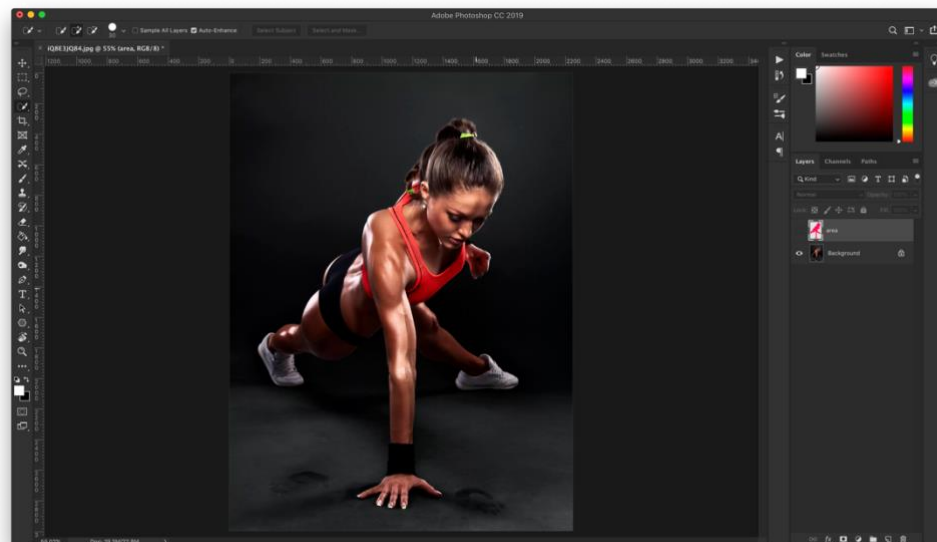
Firstly, please make sure, that there is one of locked **'Background'** layer in the **Layers panel**. Please note: If you are using PNG image, you may have **'Layer 0'** instead of required **'Background'** layer. To fix this issue please go to the **Layer menu** and select **'New – Background from layer'** as pictured below.

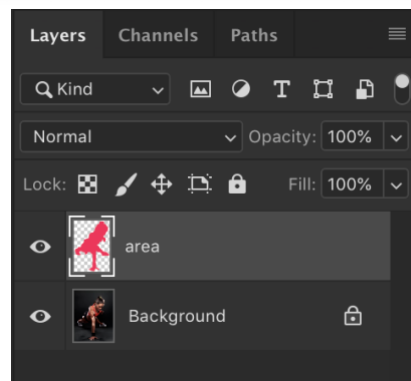
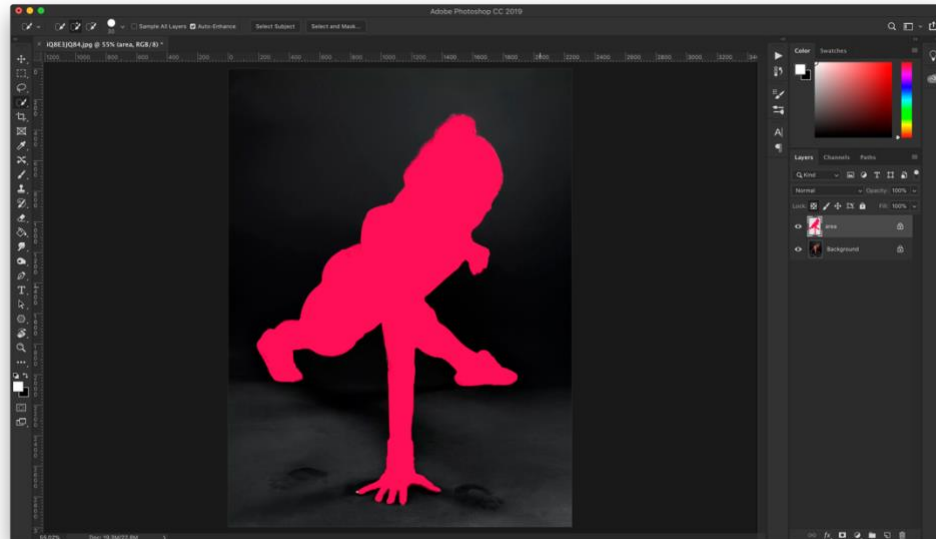


Please note that the product works correctly only with original images that have not been edited in the current working session. If you need to pre-edit the image, for example, resize it, please do it, save the result, close the file and then reopen it. Then start the action.

The product contains 2 types of actions: **Precise** and **Washed out**. The first one will suit you if you want to completely extract an object from the current background. The second one works in a similar way, but captures part of the original background. In our example, we consider the **Precise** action.

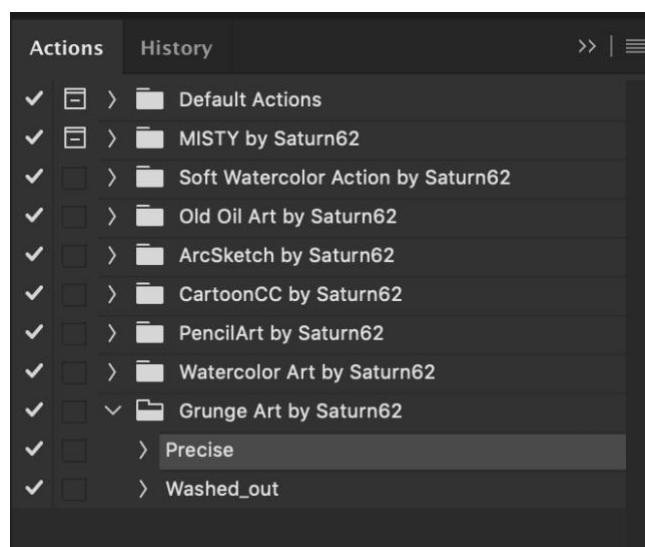
For the next step, please go to the Layers panel to create a new layer with 'area' named layer. Thirdly, please paint/highlight the particular area that you want to emphasize. This can be done by using the **Quick Selection Tool** (W key) and **Select and Mask** menu section. Please note: that the 'area' layer should be active.



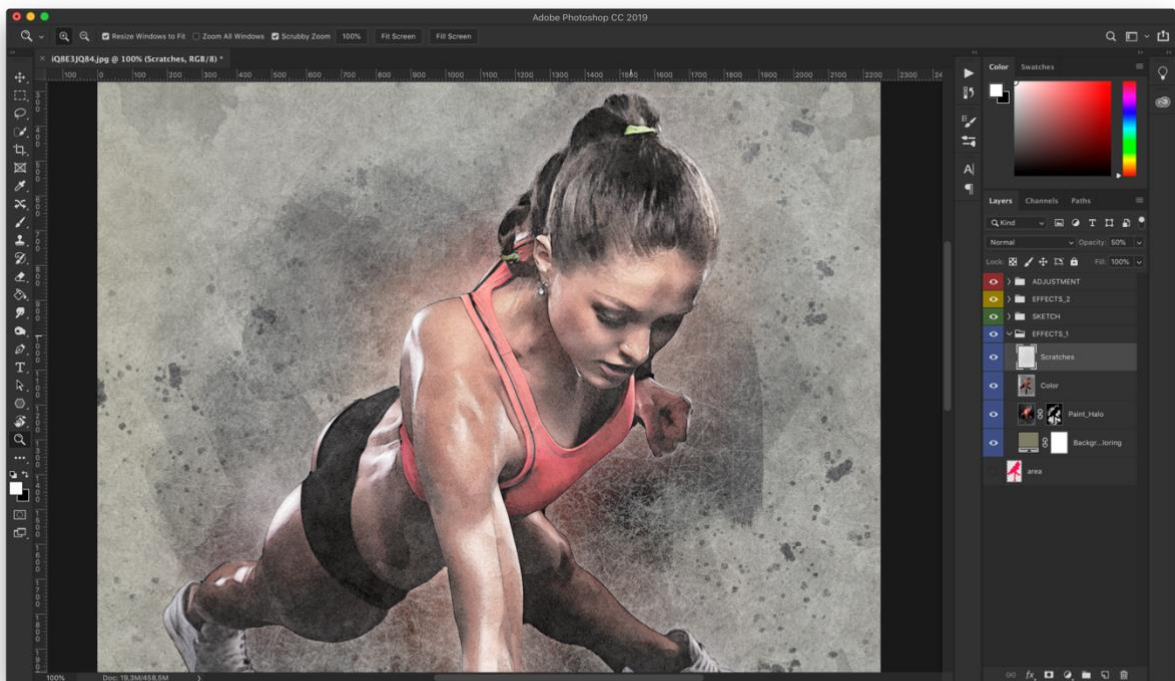
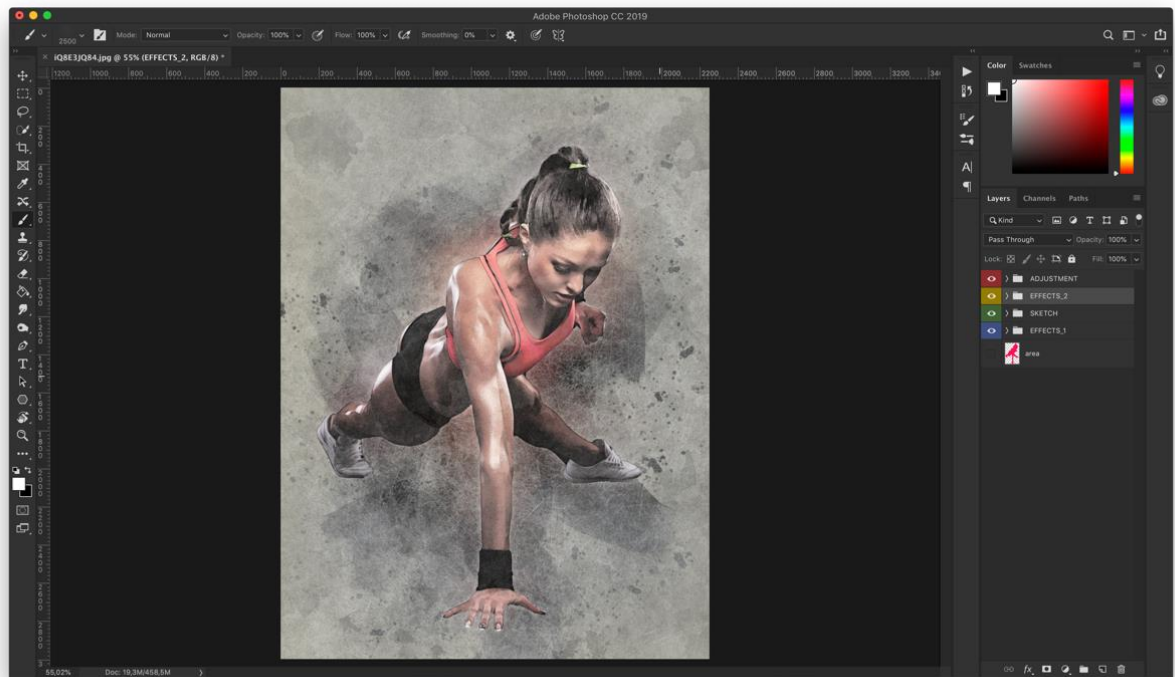


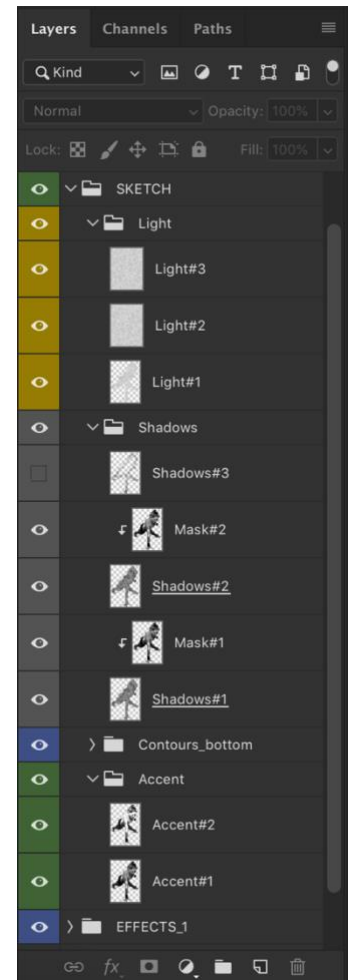
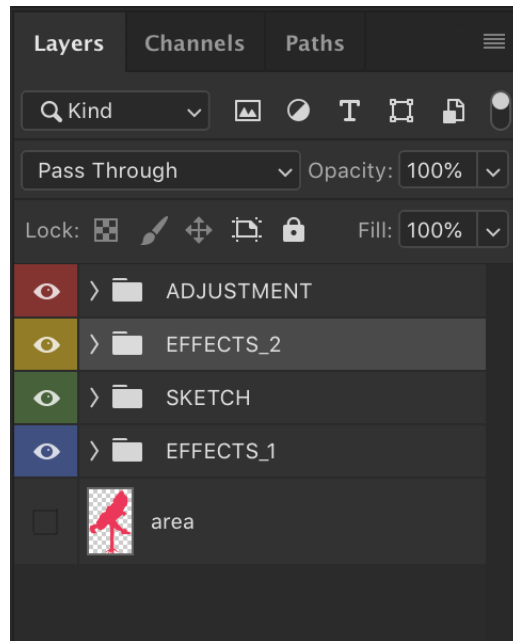
NOW PLAY THE ACTION (PRECISE MODE)

1. Please select 'Precise' and push **Play selection** button in the **Actions** section.

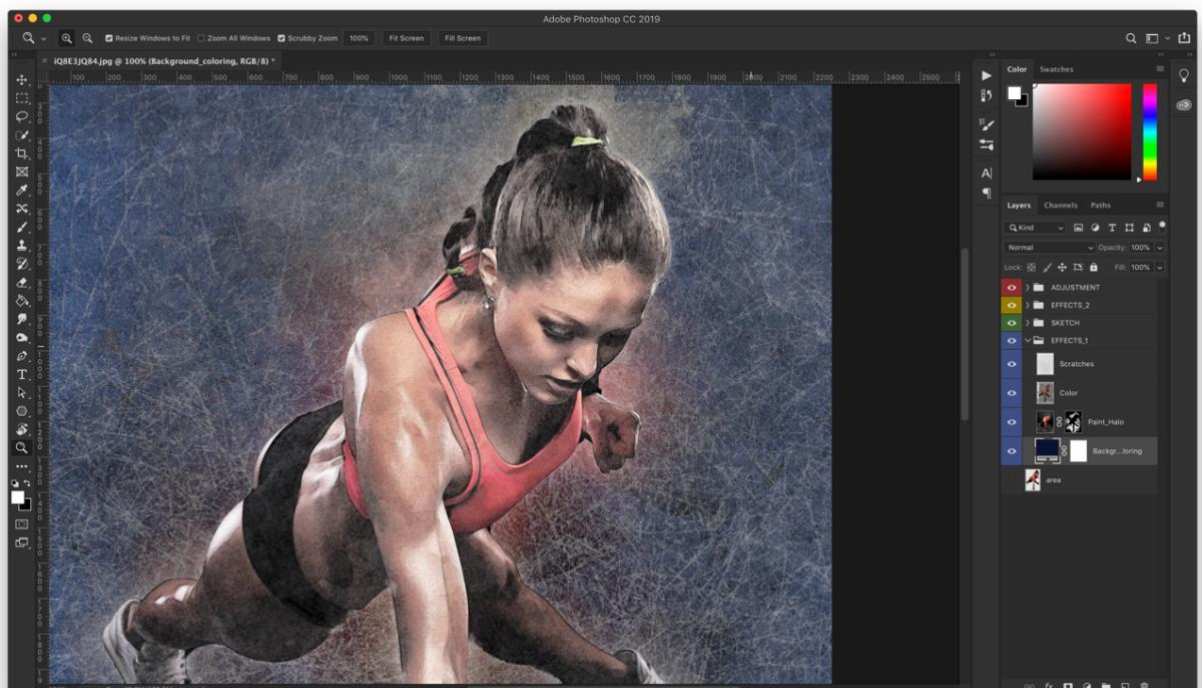


2. Wait about 30-50 seconds during the Action script processing.

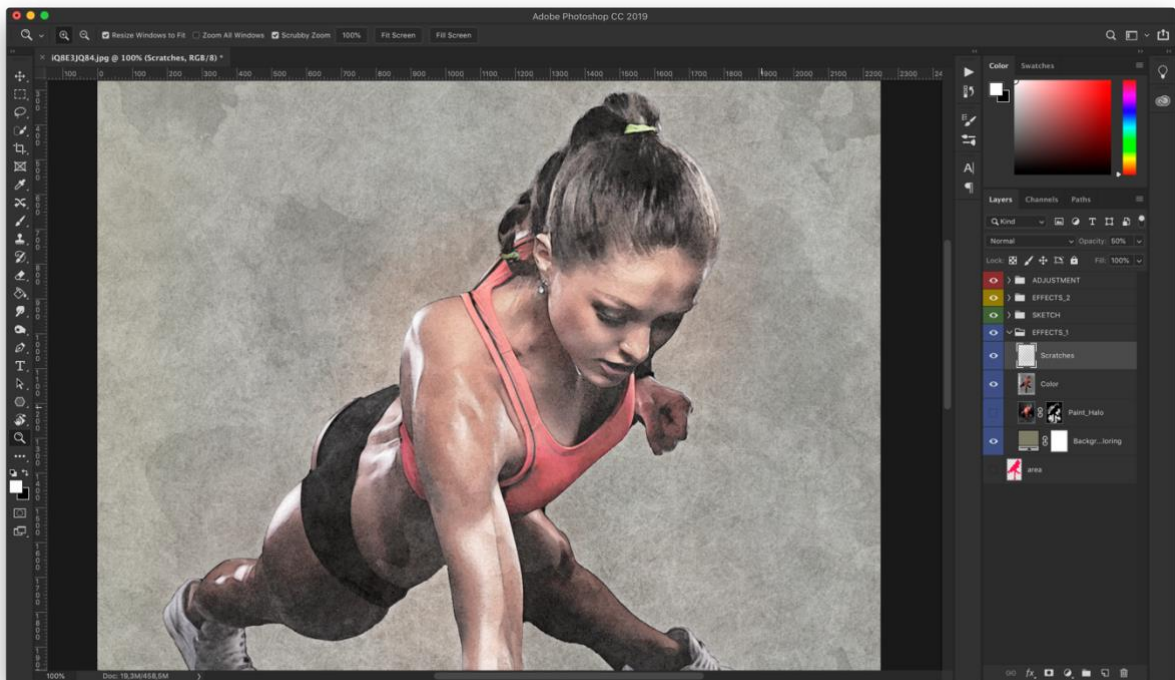




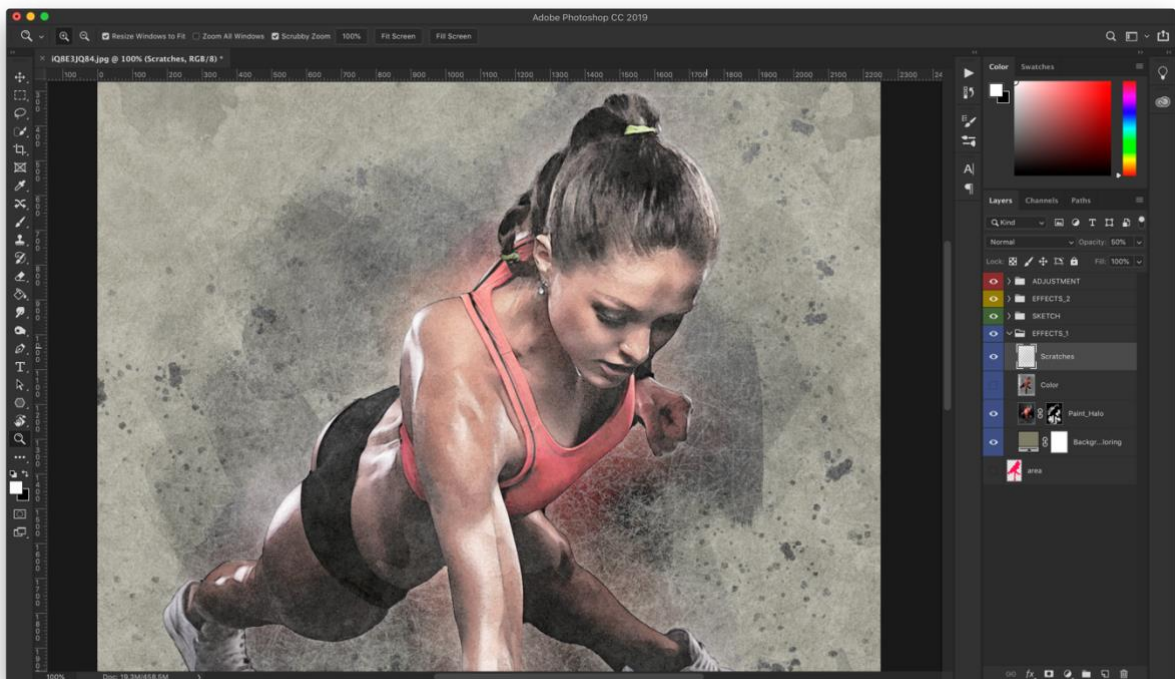
In the **Layers panel** there are 4 groups of layers. The 'EFFECTS_1' group contains scratches, coloring, paint halo and main background color layer. 'Background_coloring' sets the basic color tone of the image background. You can change it to any other.



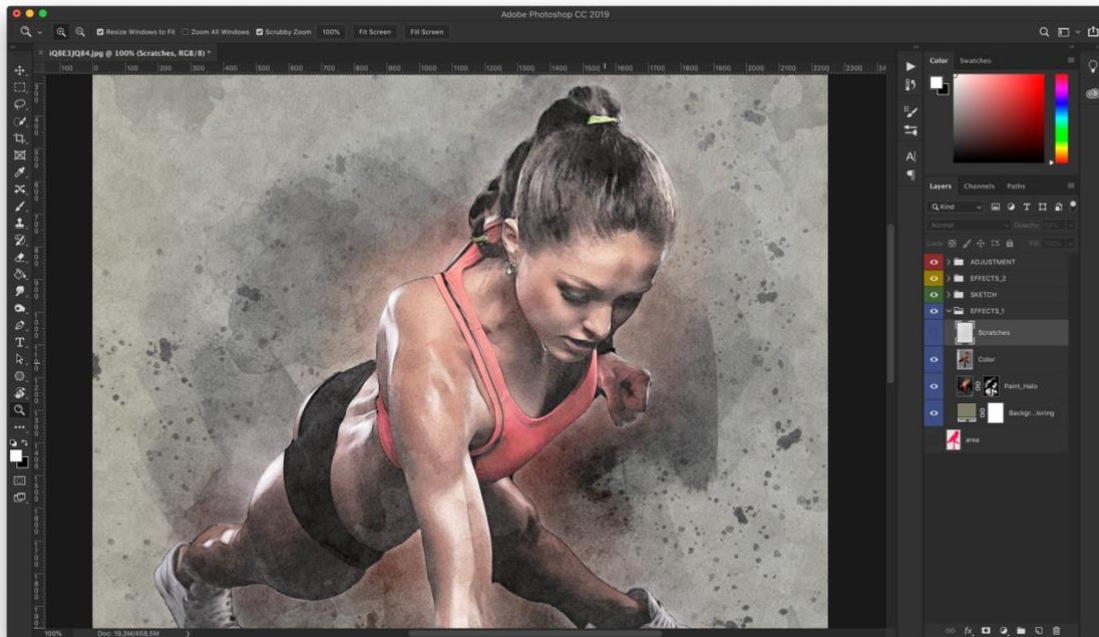
'Paint_halo' layer is a paint stains around our subject, one of the most important layers for a stunning grunge effect. Without it:



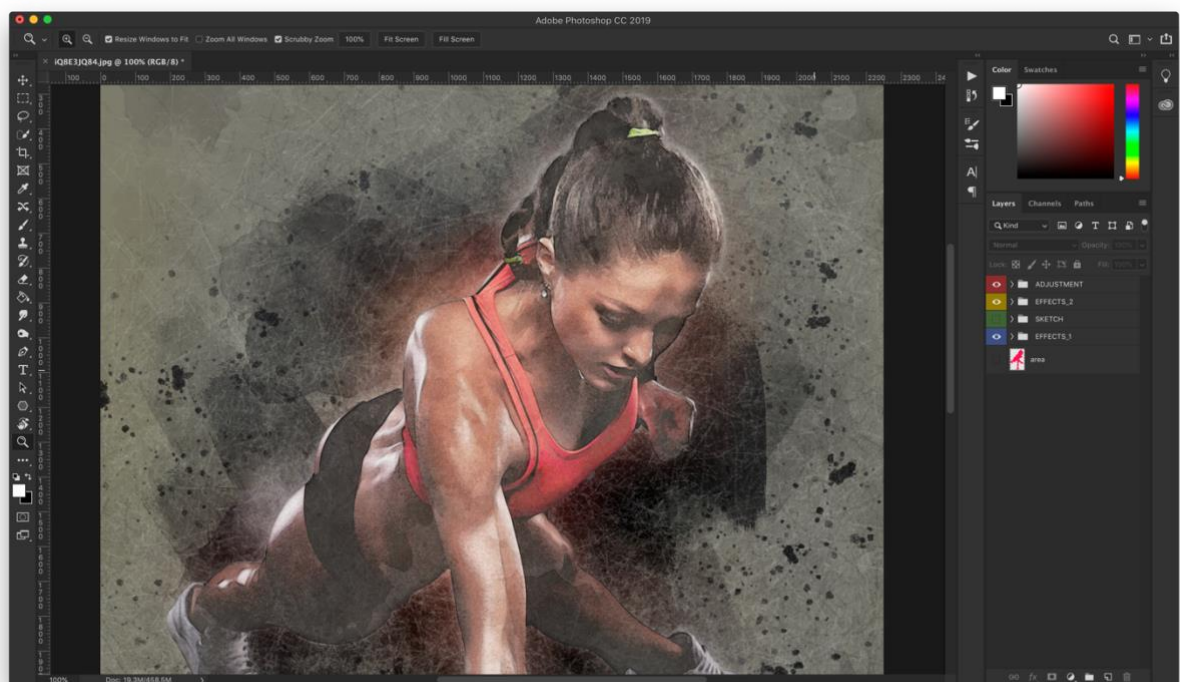
'Color' layer tints the main background of the image a bit to reduce the possible color imbalance, just a bit. Without it:



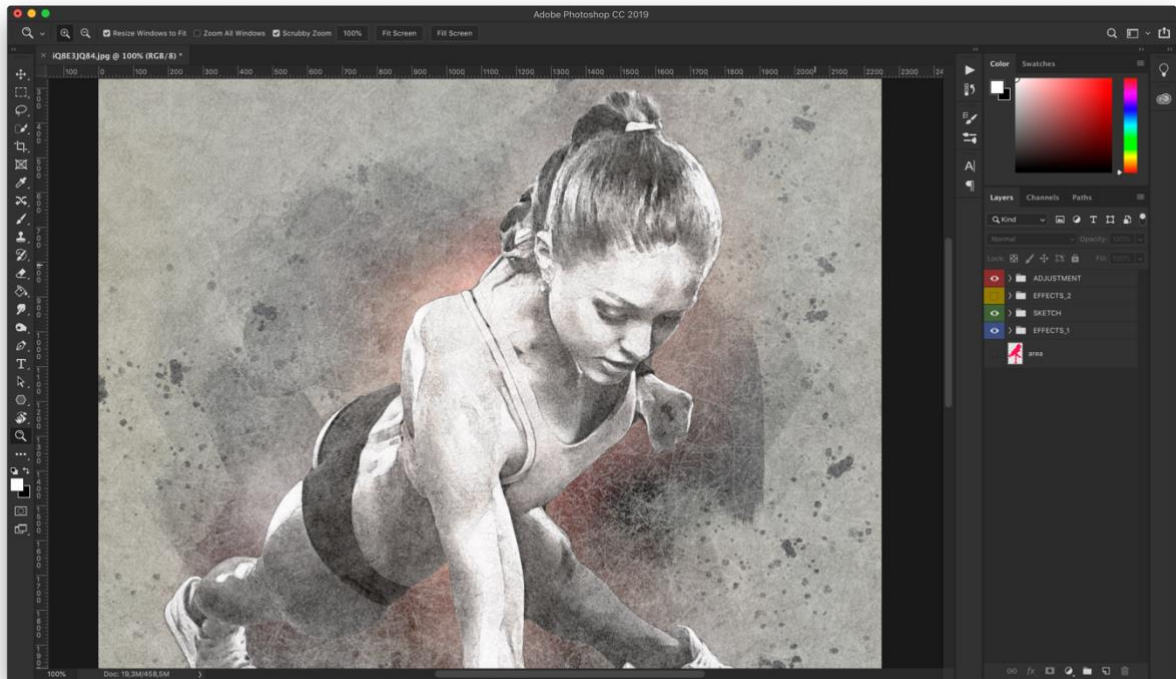
And the 'Scratches' layer adds much more grunge effect.



The '**SKETCH**' group contains pencil sketch, on top of which are applied main color effects. It also contains many layers, working with. You can switch it to 'on' & 'off' or customize some of them to get the best look, exact that you are looking for. '**SKETCH**' is off:



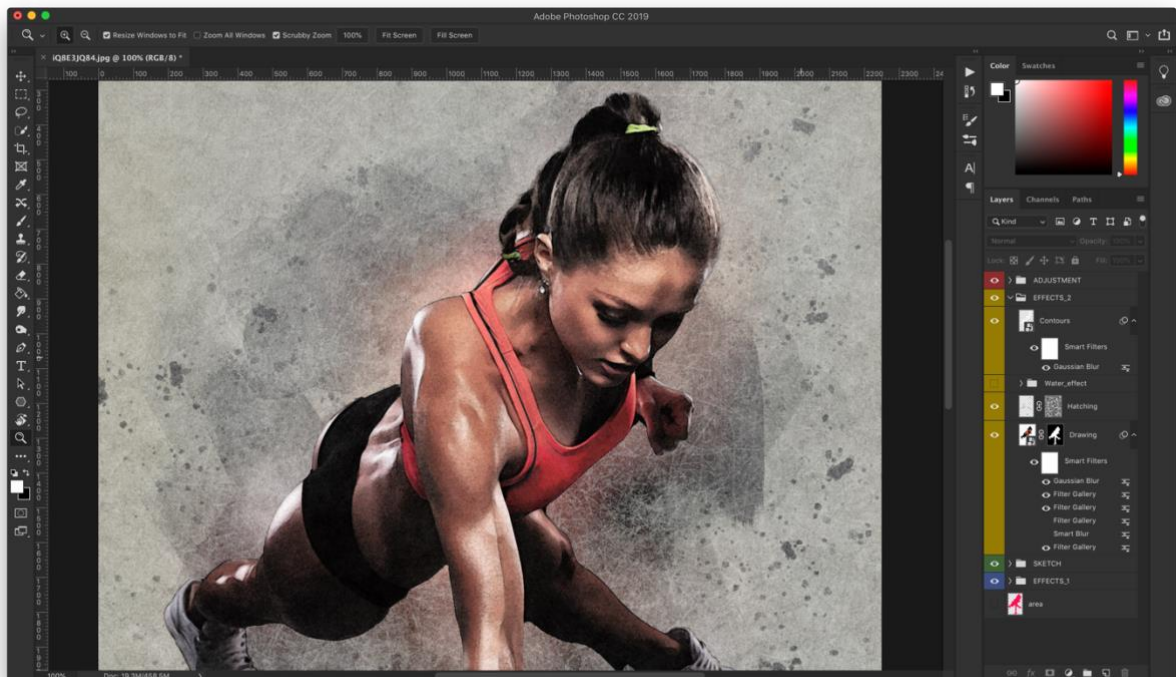
'**SKETCH**' without other color effects:



'Drawing' layer overlays primary colors onto the sketch.

'Hatching' layer places diagonal lines on the dark areas of the image. It's good for technical and design sketches.

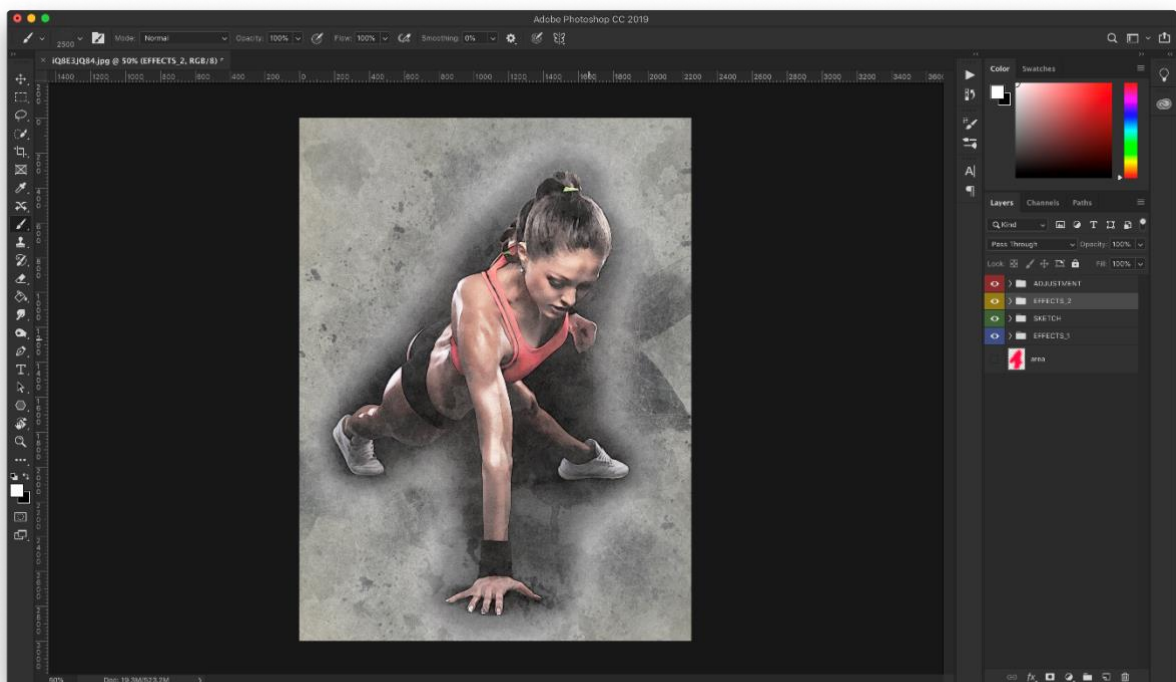
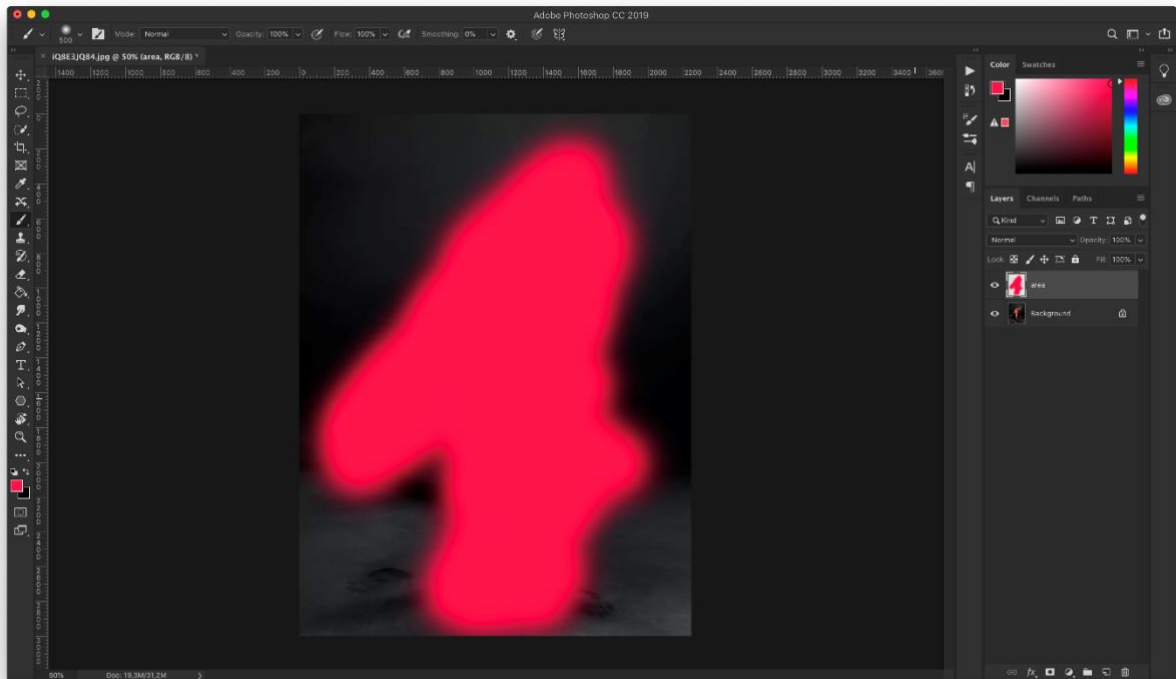
'Water_effect' is a very important layer. It imitates the absorption of paint in the paper. The image becomes brighter, the colors are made less saturated. Without:



For the full effect, it remains to add '**Contours**' to the picture. If you like more contrast edges, you can change blending mode of '**Contours**' layer to Color Burn. If not - Multiply mode.

The '**ADJUSTMENT**' group allows you to easily edit the exposure, brightness and contrast of the image, add a gradient map or solid color on it.

There is an example of the working of '**Washed out**' option down below. It is recommended to use the softest brush for selection.



CONCLUSION

I hope that my quick Grunge Art Action tutorial was useful to you. If something is still not clear for you, please watch the video tutorial.

Thank you again for your purchase!

Warmly,

Your Saturn62.