How to Apply Filters

You can use filters to change the look of your images. For example, you can apply special effects that turn an image into an artistic rendering of a photograph. Filters can be applied to a selected area or to an entire layer.

Not all filters will work on all images. You can’t use some filters on images in Grayscale mode or any filters in Bitmap or Index Color mode. Many other filters will not work on 16-bit images.

Once you have applied a filter, you can continue to reapply it to increase the effect.

You can apply a filter from the Filter menu or by opening the Artwork and Effects palette (Figure 1), selecting the Filter category, and selecting a subcategory to find the effect you want.

![Artwork and Effects palette](image)

**Figure 1 Artwork and Effects palette**
To apply a filter:

1. Open an image in the Editor and select the Full Edit tab.
2. Select the layer you want to filter, or make a selection by using one or more of the selection tools.
3. If it is not already open, open the Artwork and Effects palette on the Window menu.
4. In the Artwork and Effects palette, select Filters from the category menu (Figure 2).
5. Select a category of filters on the Subcategory menu (Figure 3).
6. Click to select the filter you want to apply and click the Apply button in the Artwork and Effects palette. A preview window shows the selected filter (Figure 4). You may need to use the zoom buttons below the preview to see the entire image. From this window, you can adjust the filter settings or select a new filter to preview. If you do not get the results you want, you can click Cancel.
7. Adjust the filter settings if needed, and then click OK to apply the filter.