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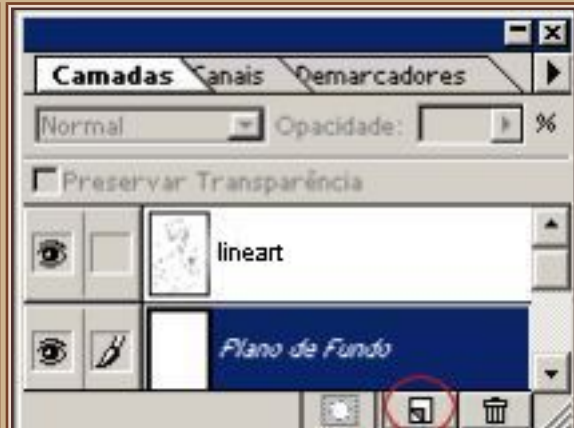
I do this document suposing you know the Photoshop tools. If you don't know, please acess tutorial section of [Manga-Art](http://manga-art.cjb.net) site and download it before read this.

Anyway, sorry for my bad english!

Before the steps: : prepare your lineart (or no! XD)

Scan your image at 200 ~ 300 dpi or more, in grayscale. Clean your image using autolevels (ADJUST>> AUTOLEVELS) or brightness/contrast (ADJUST >> BRIGHTNESS / CONTRAST). Change the image mode to RGB or CMYK (cmyk is better to print images and rgb vary with your monitor calibration. Please take care).

Copy the background image in a new layer. Select the background layer and fill with white (EDIT >> FILL).



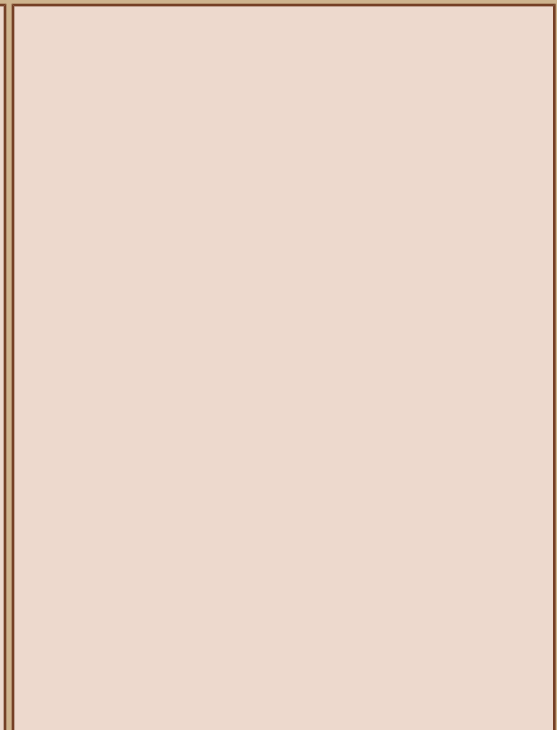
Click in this new layer and go to 'Channel' window. Click to "load Channel " (in red circle), go back to layer window and press delete. That will delete the white color. Invert selection (SELECTION >> INVERT) then fill with black (EDIT >> FILL). It will leave your lineart more visible ^^.

(You'll need work in layers under lineart, on top of background). If you don't like do it, just copy your image in a new layer to preserve it, or just work with colors with selections, to preserve your lineart (I do it in this image tutorial).



1st step: Selecting areas

Select the area you'll color, using 'poligonal lasso' or 'freehand selection'.





2nd step - creating layers

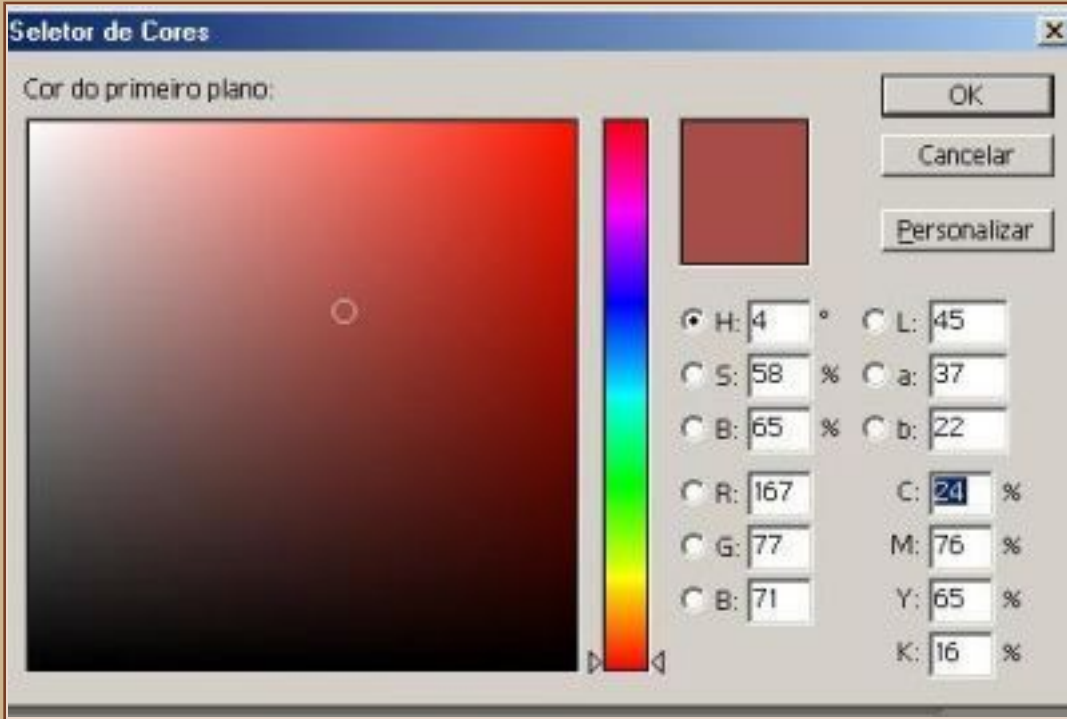
Create a layer to each step of your coloring. You can create clicking in 'new layer' icon (in red circle) in layer box (*window>> show layers*).

Will appear a window with some options, choose a name to your layer, opacity (I use 100%). Remember select (click in) the layer you'll work, or it will have a confuse look to you. On image on side, you can take a sample ;)



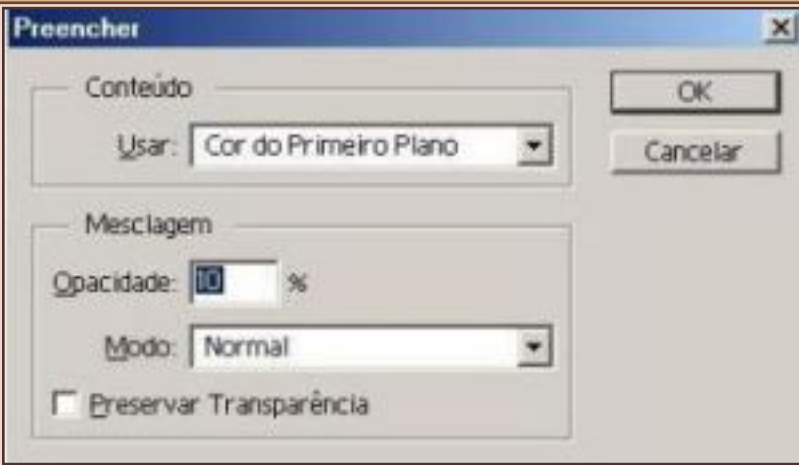
3rd step - choose colors

Choose a color clicking in color selector (coloured box, on menu). The white circle will help you localize in what colorscale you are. Im beginning with skin color, let select skin color!



4th step: fill layer

To quick colour, use *EDIT >> FILL* and choose opacity to color (first you'll paint the colour base) . I'm using 10% opacity.



5th step:

When you fill, the image will be this look. Keep with selection ;)



6th step

When you fill the selection with base color, you used transparence in 10%. Now you'll keep using the colour to do shadows, with more opacity. Tool used here: *airbrush*. Create a new layer; using *airbrush* , mark soft shadows, and after, mark strong shadows.

* tip: If you use tablet with pressure sensibility, don't need change airbrush pressure or layer opacity, *just vary the pressure in your hand*. You will work too fast ^^

* tip: You can do it with mouse too (using brush opacity in airbrush sensibility, *window>> show options*. Reduce to 65% - 75%, If you prefer, reduce layer opacity)

* tip: If are hard to you do (with mouse), use *poligonal lasso* to select the shadow area. Leave a right click and choose *difusion* (or press *ALT+CTRL+D*) and put in 2-3 px. Fill with color in percentage you desired, and deselect (or press *CTRL + D*). It will remove aliases on border selections.



7th step

Clean up the image, remove all stuffs around the image, using eraser, or, in bg, selet *around* the space you coloured, go to skin layer and press *delete*. Be sure your image haven't open spaces, or this act will clean all colors...

After, commonly I merge the layers related. It leave image quick to load, and dont leave confused about what I do XD!

**tip: merge related layers, but be sure you'll do no changes after. Merge and choose a name easiest to remember.*



8th step

If you want give a new name or change your layer properties, use layer options.

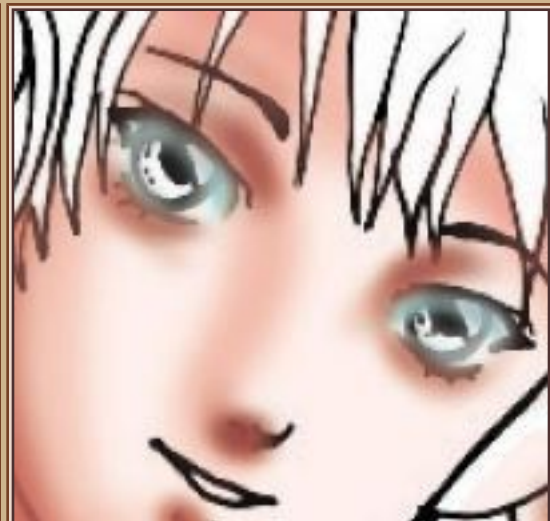
In Photoshop5, just leave adouble click in layer like that. In Photoshop6 & 7, you need use a right click in, and select *layer properties*.

Put a name, change the opacity or not, you decide ^_^.
I use names easy to remember :P



9th

Now I do the eyes :P (d'uh!). Create a new layer, make the shadows with a clear color (blue-gray prefered, medium opacity), using airbrush, make the shadows.



10th

Choose a color to eyes. Take a dark tone of this color. with airbrush (or *select* and *fill* area), fill the eyes completely.



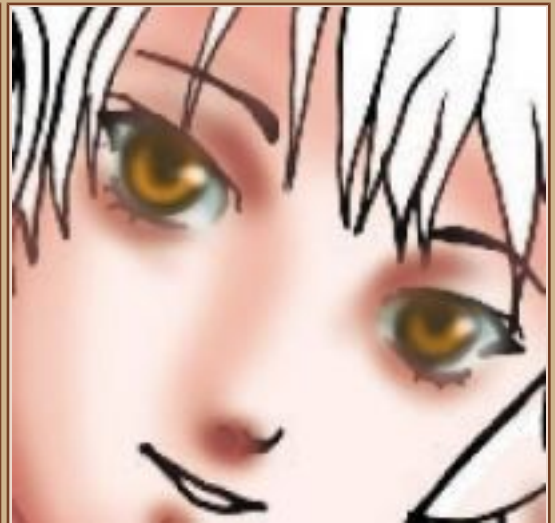
11th

Take a medium tone of the color you already choose, take airbrush and paint, like image on side ==>>



12th

do the lights, with a clear tone or white color ;)



13th

use steps 10, 11 and 12 to do the lips.



14th

Select hair area with *poligonal lasso* or *magic wand* .



15th

Do not forgot the fibers around the head :P



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Fill with base color.



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With airbrush mark the middle shadows. You can use selection too...



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You can do the fibers, with airbrush, if you have patience...



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...or you can do a selection to shadow area ;p



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Use difusion to eliminate aliases on border selection.



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Fill and deselect. The image will look like this
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Do some adjusts with *smudge* tool. Your draw will give more movement!



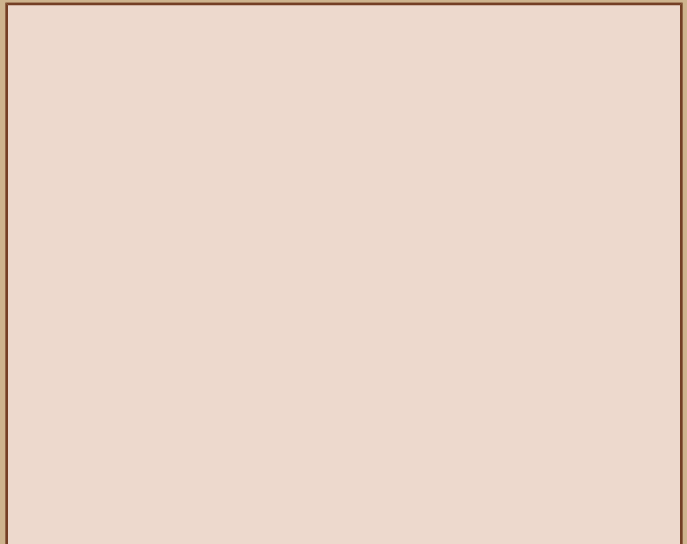
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Clean up the image. Put more fibers and shadows in the hair.



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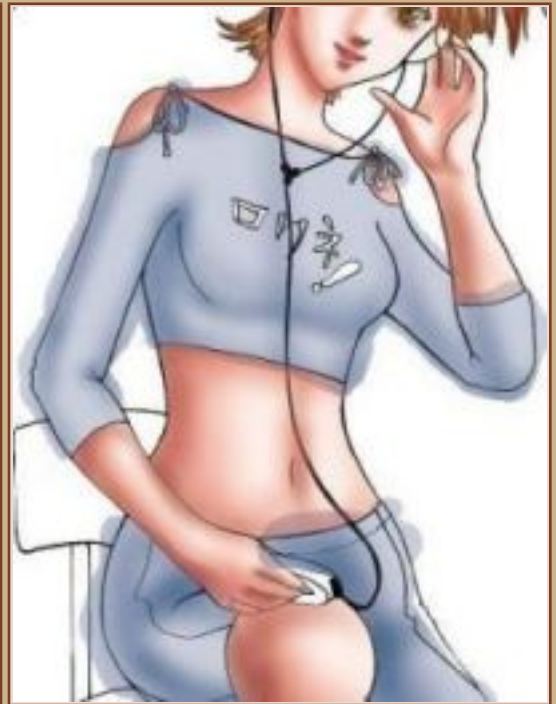
Now, take the lights. Use airbrush or selection >> fill.





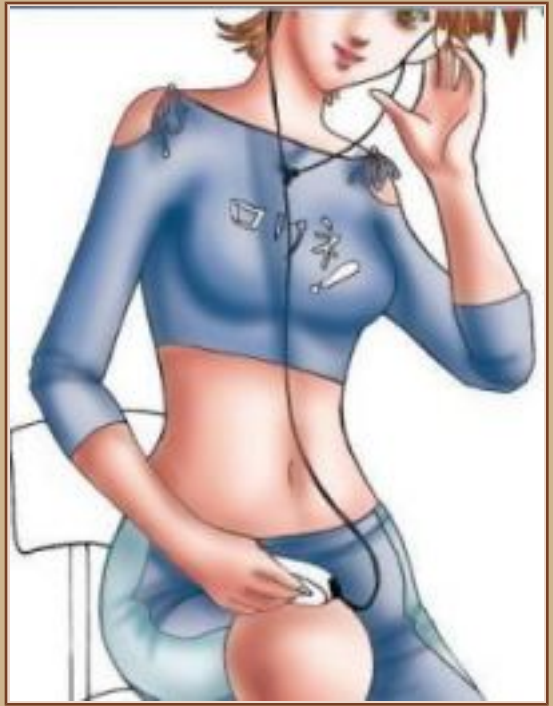
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Using lasts steps, select, fill with base color and in a new layer, make soft shadows.



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Make the strong shadows.



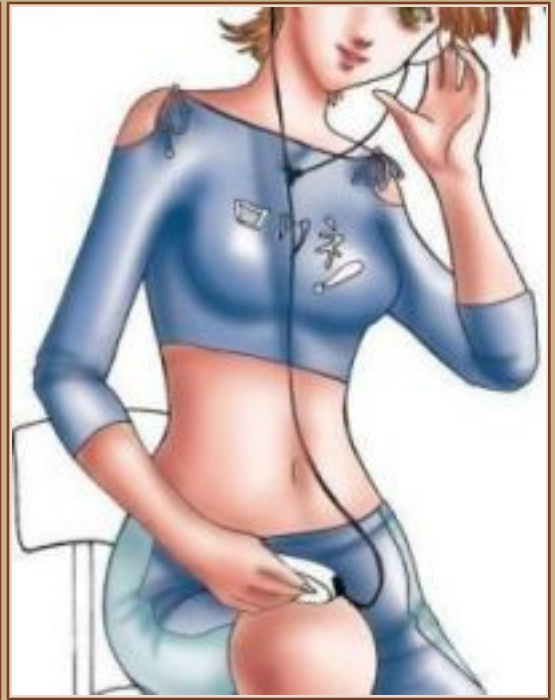
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Be care with details, how this example. This sock and shoe I do using *airbrush* with *hard edges*.



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Put lights on the clothes. Leave lights in areas with big volume or more exposed to light.



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The metal chair, you can do filling with base color, paint with big contrasting colors. You can use *flash reflect* filter (its metal, very brilliant ^^).



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Clean up image, merge layers again. You can add more effects, with filters ^^



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Use lasts steps, to colour the upholsts ^^



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When somebody sit down, the upholst deforme... abuse in bright.



33 - finished image!

Save your file.

Remember, Photoshop save in your own file format, to preserve your layers.

If you want a jpg copy, merge all layers before use 'save as'.

Take a *.psd safe copy before it, if you like change your image on future.

I do not a background here, but if you like do, reading all steps you'll do it very well.

Be care with contrast in image! Take care, use your common sense, and you'll do a great work.

See image finished ==>>



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