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This week we arrive at our fourth series of skeletal strokes for Creature House Expression. This time around, we have 30 non-repeating brush images of natural objects, all based on photographic images of highly textured foliage, rocks and other assorted phenomena.

These particular SK strokes are designed for Creature House Expression 3 for Macintosh and Windows, though they also seem to function in Expression 2 for those of you who have not yet upgraded. The 30 strokes in this collection are composed of individual objects from nature, including petals, leaves, rocks and wood, though they are not designed as simple repeating objects. They're non-repeating, stretchable strokes and have been created in grayscale so that you can tint them to your liking. Here's a look at some samples, which range from subtle textures to highly contrasted patterns.[an error occurred while processing this



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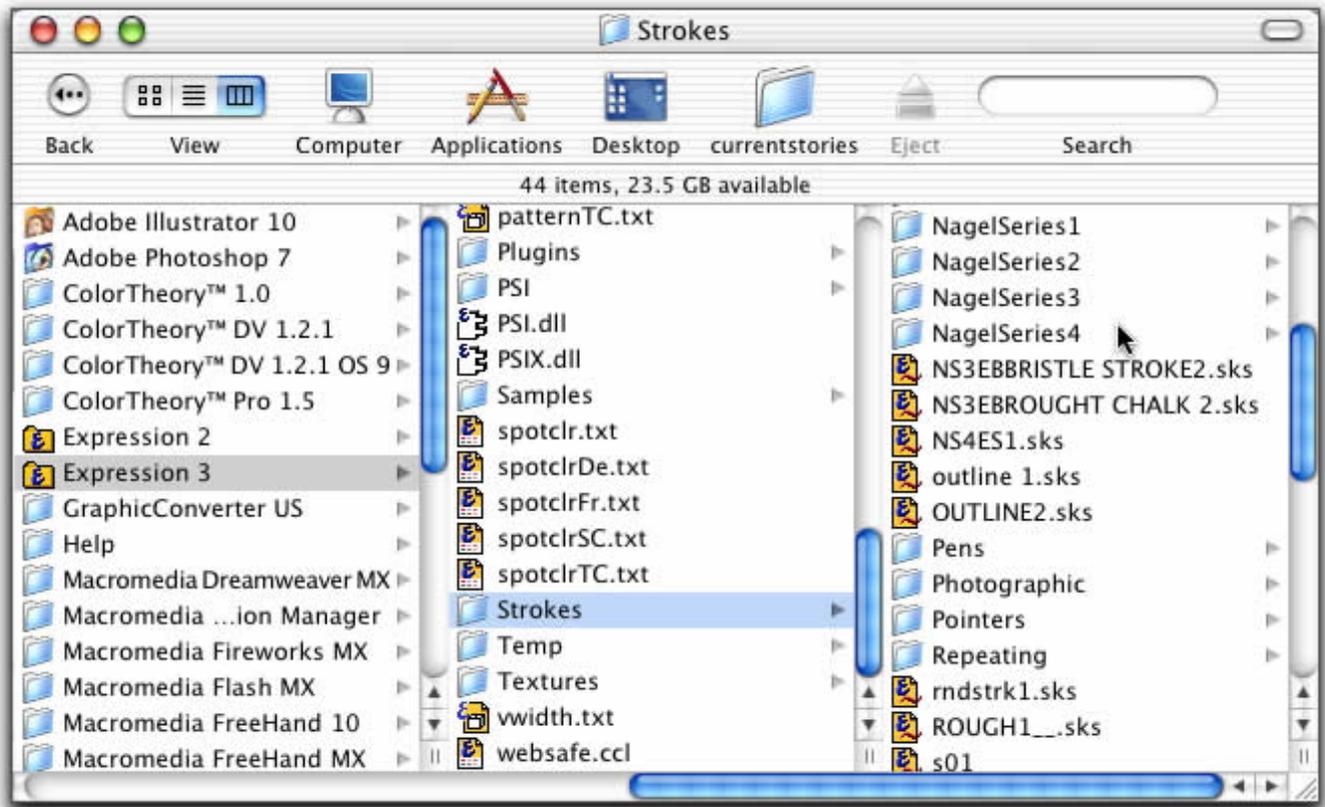
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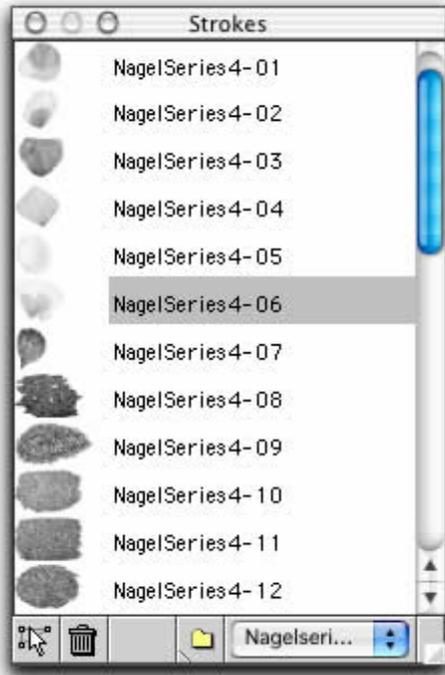
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This week's collection is compressed using Stuffit from Aladdin Systems. The Stuffit Expander is a free utility for Macintosh, Linux, Windows and Solaris that can be downloaded [here](#). Chances are you already have it on your system. If not, download and install it. You can also configure your browser to decompress files of the ".sit" type automatically using Expander.

Download: [Nagel Series 4 Expression Strokes](#) (588 KB)[an error occurred while processing this directive]After you download this file, extract it, and place the folder (NagelSeries4) into your Expression 3/Strokes directory.



When you relaunch the program, you will find these brushes contained within their own folder in your Strokes palette, called NagelSeries4.



To use these, simply choose a brush and select the "SK Stroke" option from the Paint Styles palette. Choose one of these strokes from the Strokes palette, and you're good to go. If you have any questions, visit me in one of the forums below. For more information about Expression 3, visit <http://www.creaturehouse.com>.

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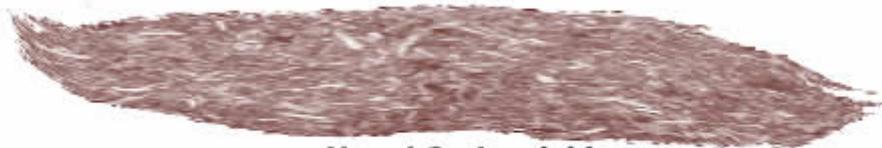
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