

Painter 7™

The Painter 7 Update is now available. The following outlines the new features and updated functionality that is included in the Painter 7 update.

New Features

1. Tablet Support for Mac® OS X: The Painter 7 Update now provides tablet support for Mac OS X users. In order for the tablet support to be functional, please make sure you have the following:

Wacom USB Tablet

Mac OS 10.1 or higher. At the time of this release, the current version of Mac OS X is 10.1.1.

The latest Wacom tablet driver for Mac OS X. At the time of this release, the latest driver is Driver 4.71-8, which was released on November 20, 2001. To download the latest Wacom driver, please visit Wacom's Web site at www.wacom.com.

2. New Tinting Brushes: Tinting is a layer-based artistic technique in which transparent brush strokes are applied over existing grayscale artwork to add color. Tinting is based on the Gel compositing method, which lets users add transparent layers of color to an image without opaquely covering it.

Prior to Painter 7, tinting was accomplished using the water color brushes on the wet layer. To provide users with a much more realistic simulation of water color media, Painter 7 replaced the wet layer with a new water color layer. However, many users are accustomed to using the wet layer for tinting and are unsure how to obtain the same tinting effects using the more advanced water color in Painter 7.

To help users recreate the tinting effects made possible by the water color brushes in previous versions of the application, Painter creator John Derry has developed a new library of brushes called Tinting Brushes.

For more information about how to use the Tinting Brushes in Painter 7, please refer to John Derry's Tinting Visual Guide.

To view or print a PDF of John Derry's Tinting Visual Guide, follow the steps below:

1. Install the Painter 7 update.
2. Open Painter 7. Make sure you are connected to the Internet.
3. Go to the Help menu and choose Tutorials.
4. Click the Visual Guides link.
5. Click the Tinting link to open John Derry's Visual Guide to Tinting.



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3. Optional Directional Grain Shading: Directional grain shading was introduced in Painter 7. Due to popular request, we have made this functionality optional. The Papers palette now includes a Directional Grain toggle.

4. Water Color Tutorials: To help users learn how the new water color technology works and how to get the best results with the new technology, we will be releasing a series of twelve water color tutorials, written by Cher Threinen-Pendarvis, author of the Painter Wow! books. The first tutorial is now available.

To view or print a PDF of Cher's water color tutorials, follow the steps below:

1. Install the Painter 7 update.
2. Open Painter 7. Make sure you are connected to the Internet.
3. Go to the Help menu and choose tutorials.
4. Click the Water Color tutorials link.
5. Click the link of the Water Color tutorial you wish to open.

Note: The water color tutorials page will be updated often so please check back for new tutorials and updates.

Updated Functionality

The following is an overview of some of the key functionality updates.

Opening the Application

Out of Tiles memory error message has been resolved.

Water Color

Edges of water color brush strokes are no longer white. Edges of water color brush strokes are now transparent.

Eraser Dry now remains white and does not change color to the last color used.

Zoom

Zoom to Fit reverts fits the image to screen.

Using the CMD/CTRL + Spacebar no longer causes erratic jumps in zoom values.

Perspective Grid no longer becomes corrupted when zooming.



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Text tool

Text tool point size maximum has been increased to 600 points.

Text tool Shadow Blur point size maximum has been increased to 100 points.

Layers

Using Color Select on layers no longer produces corrupted results.

Double-clicking a layer no longer produces a "Number is out of Range" error message.

Grouped layers can now be renamed.

Select All + Clear now works on Liquid Ink layers.

Compatibility with Adobe® Photoshop® and Adobe® Illustrator®

Saving Adobe Photoshop (.PSD) files from Painter 7 with masks no longer causes file corruption.

Pasting from Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator is now functional.

Printing

High-resolution images printed from Painter 7 on Epson printers no longer appear as 72dpi.

Other

Scratch disks are now shown correctly on Windows computers.

Grabber tool is now functioning properly when the palette window is moved to the bottom of the canvas.

