



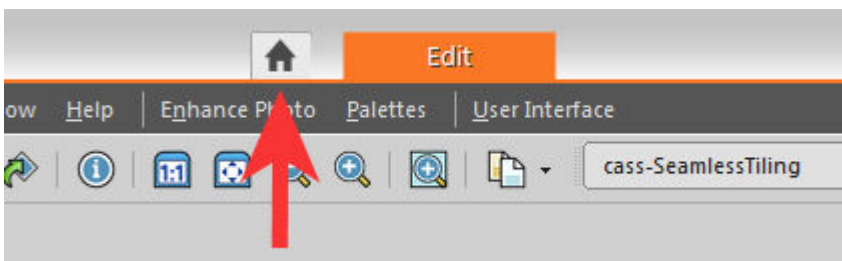
Featured Resource – Pic-to-Painting

Description

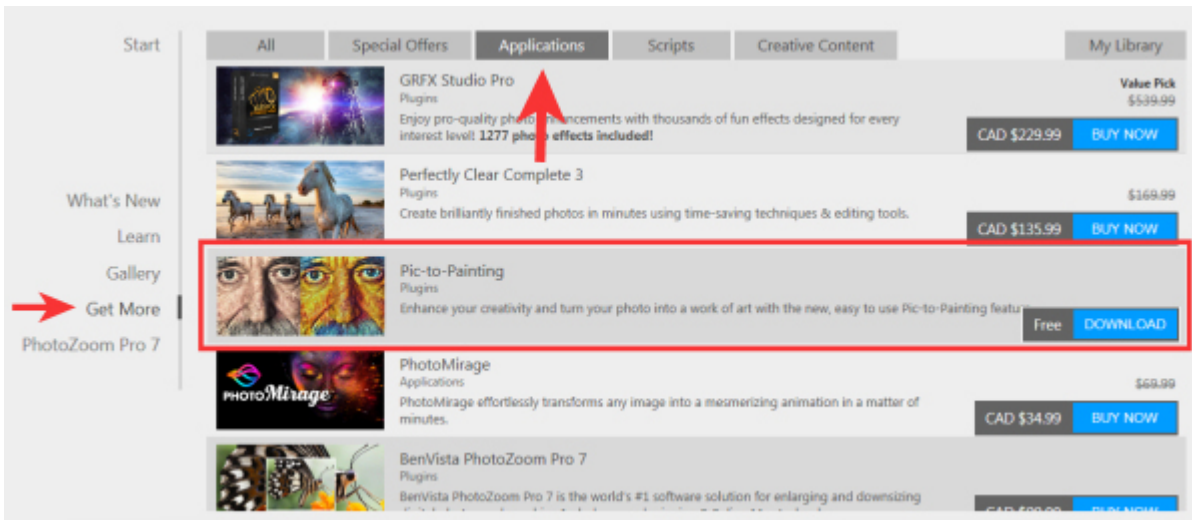
Pic-to-Painting is a new plugin available starting with PaintShop Pro 2019. It is free and can generate some very interesting results from any photo, whether they are particularly great to start with, or maybe not that great!

Get Pic-to-Painting

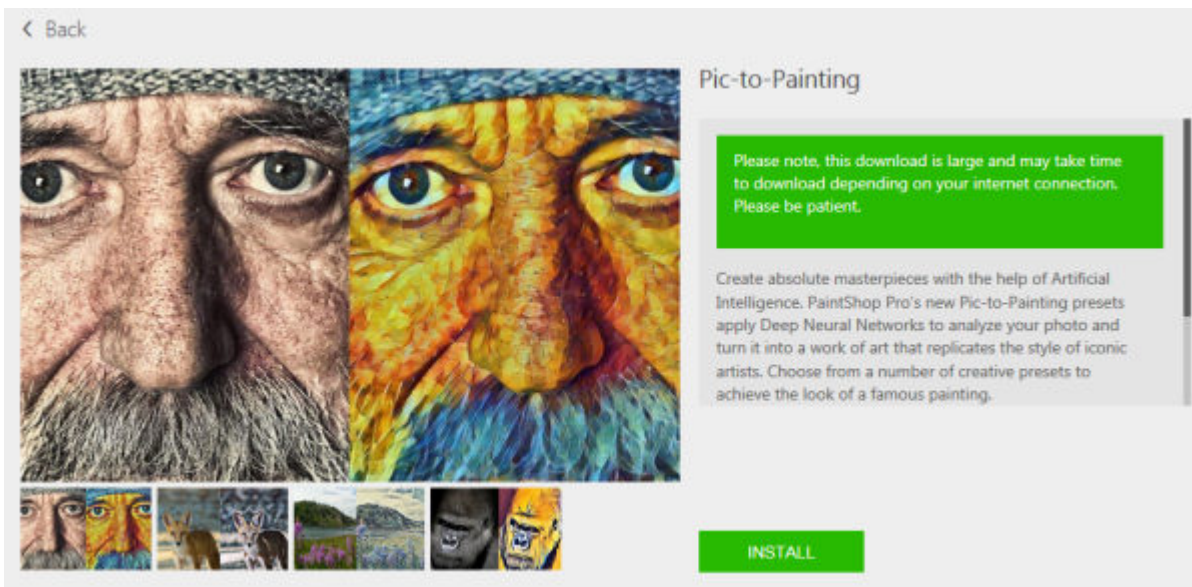
This plugin is available from the **Home** page of PaintShop Pro. Simply click on the **Home** icon on top of your screen to access that page.



Navigate to the **Get More** tab on the left, choose the **Applications** tab, and scroll until you get to the **Pic-to-Painting** resource.



Click the **Download** button on the right and then, on the new screen, click the green **INSTALL** button and follow the prompts.



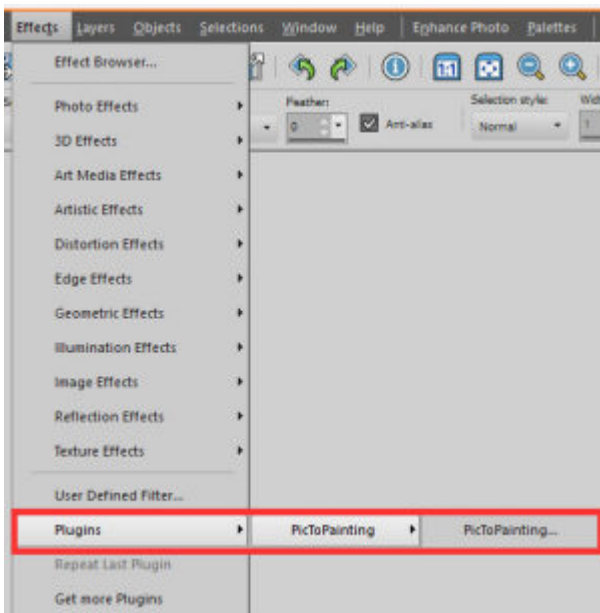
Using Pic-to-Painting

The plugin will work just like any other plugin in PaintShop Pro. It will appear in the **Effects** menu, and you can use it directly inside your program.

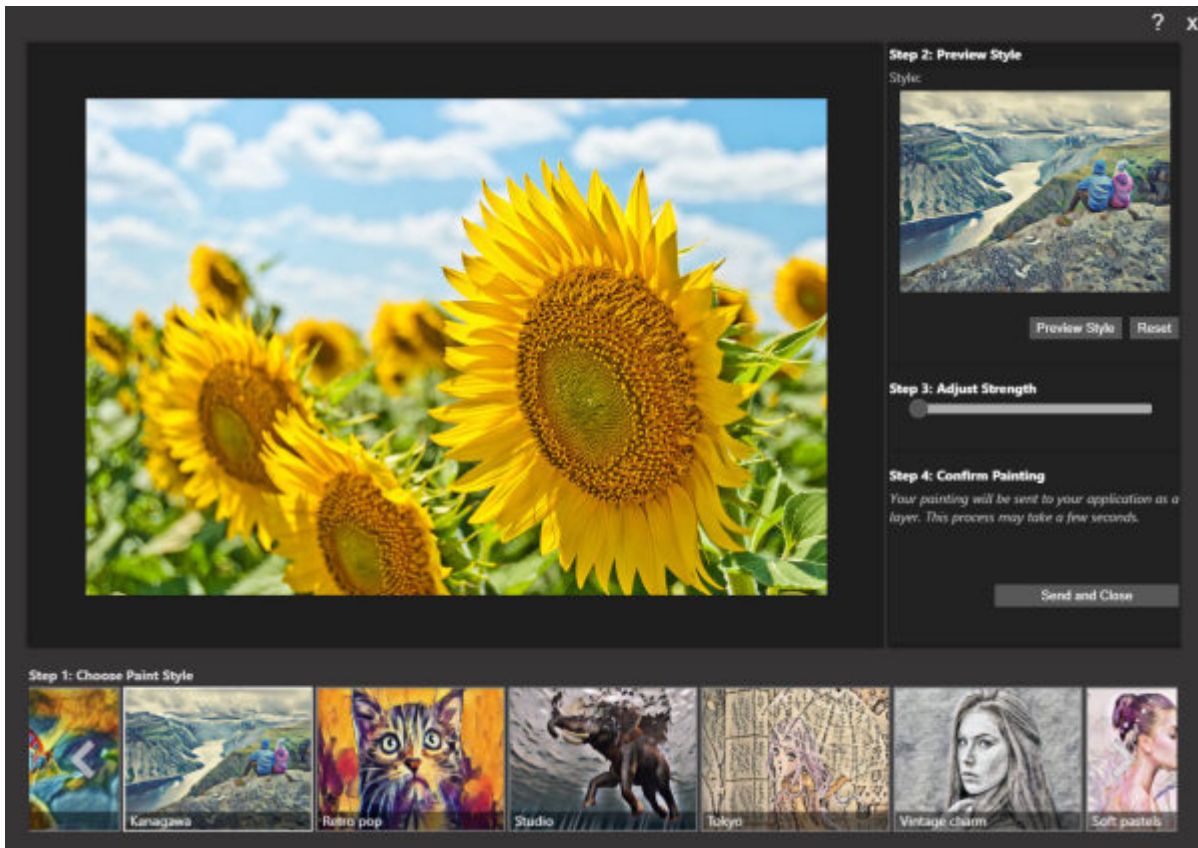
Open the image you want to use. I will be using this image from Aleksandr Eremin.



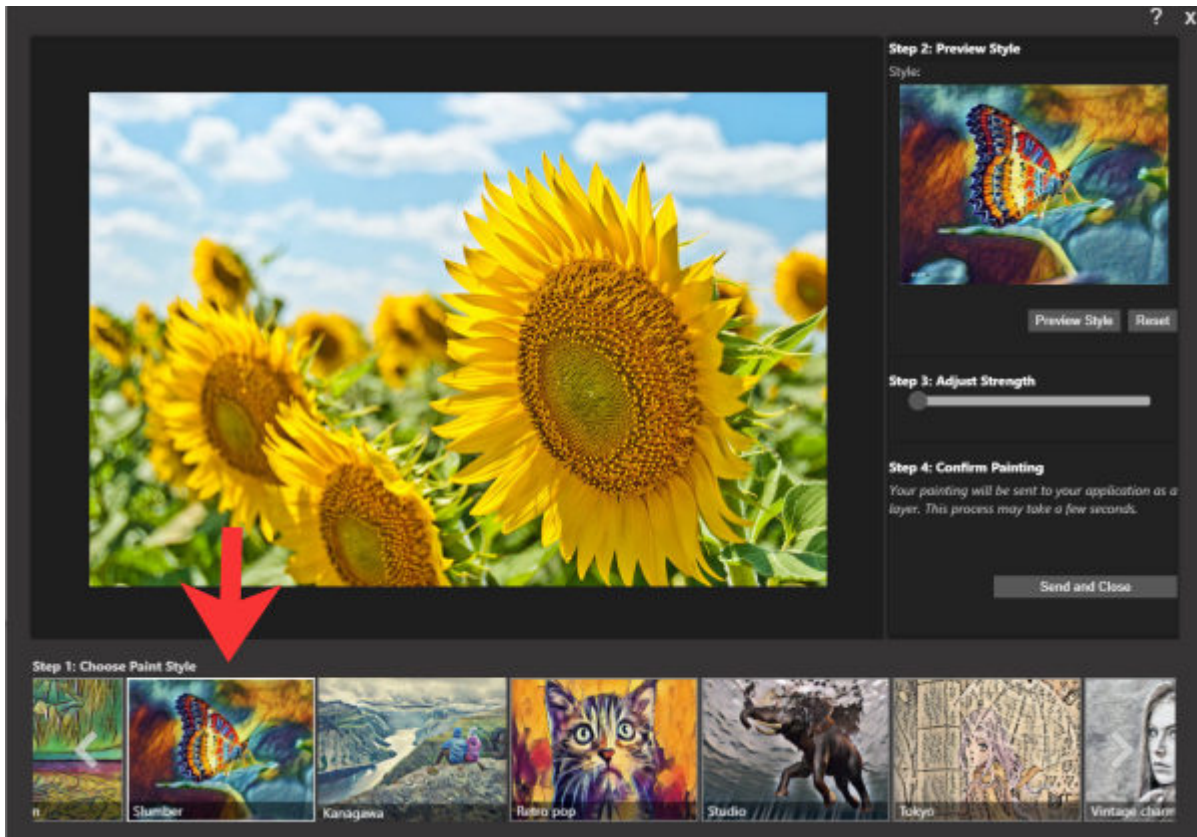
Navigate to the **Effects** menu, and at the bottom, you will see the list of plugins, including **PicToPainting**.



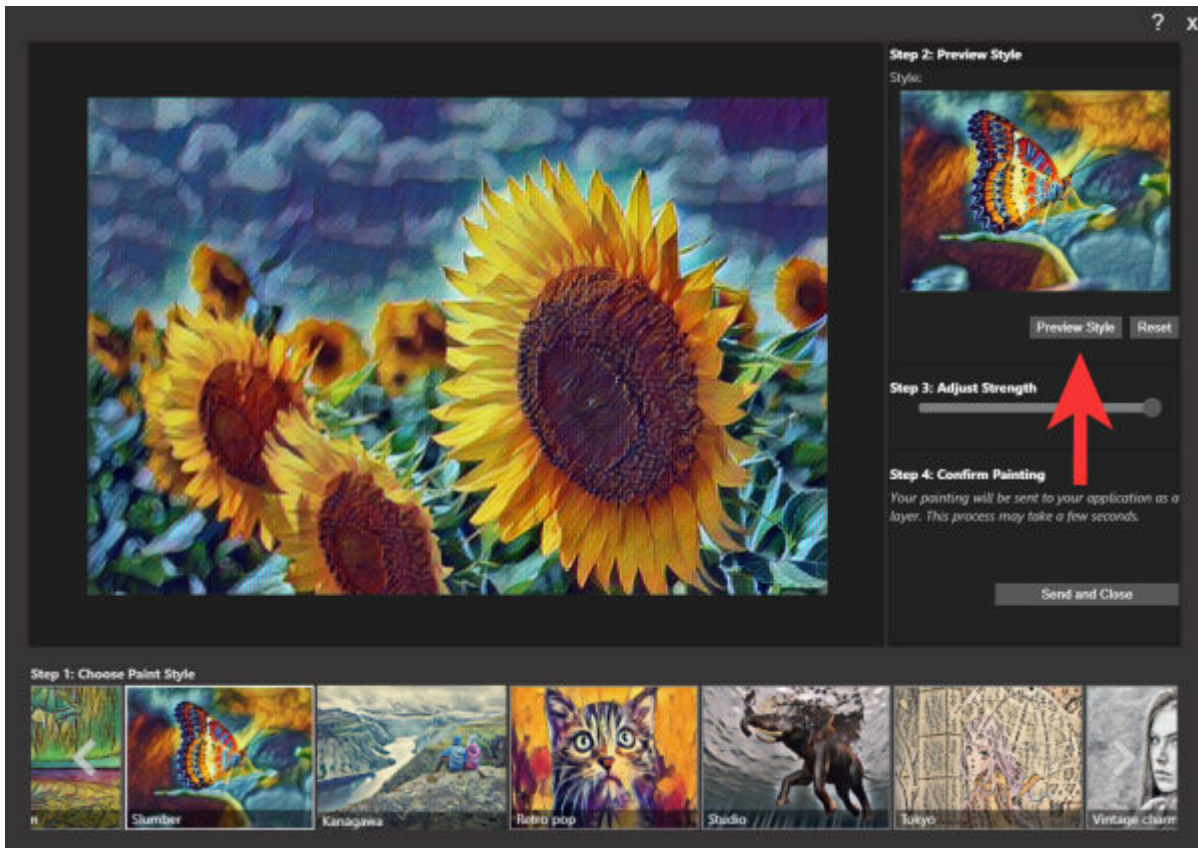
The plugin will then open with your image in the main pane and a few other sections. They are numbered so the process is quite simple.



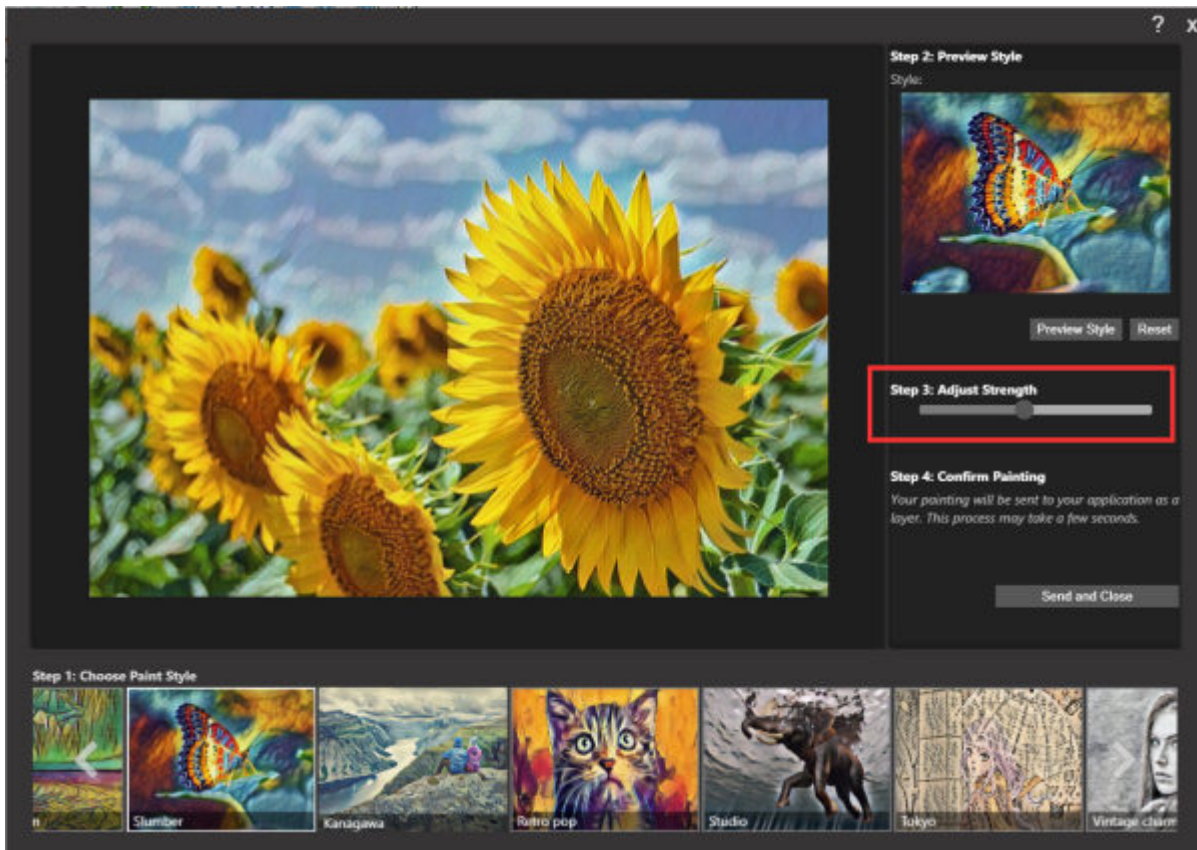
Scroll at the bottom to find the **Paint Style** you would want to replicate and click on it.



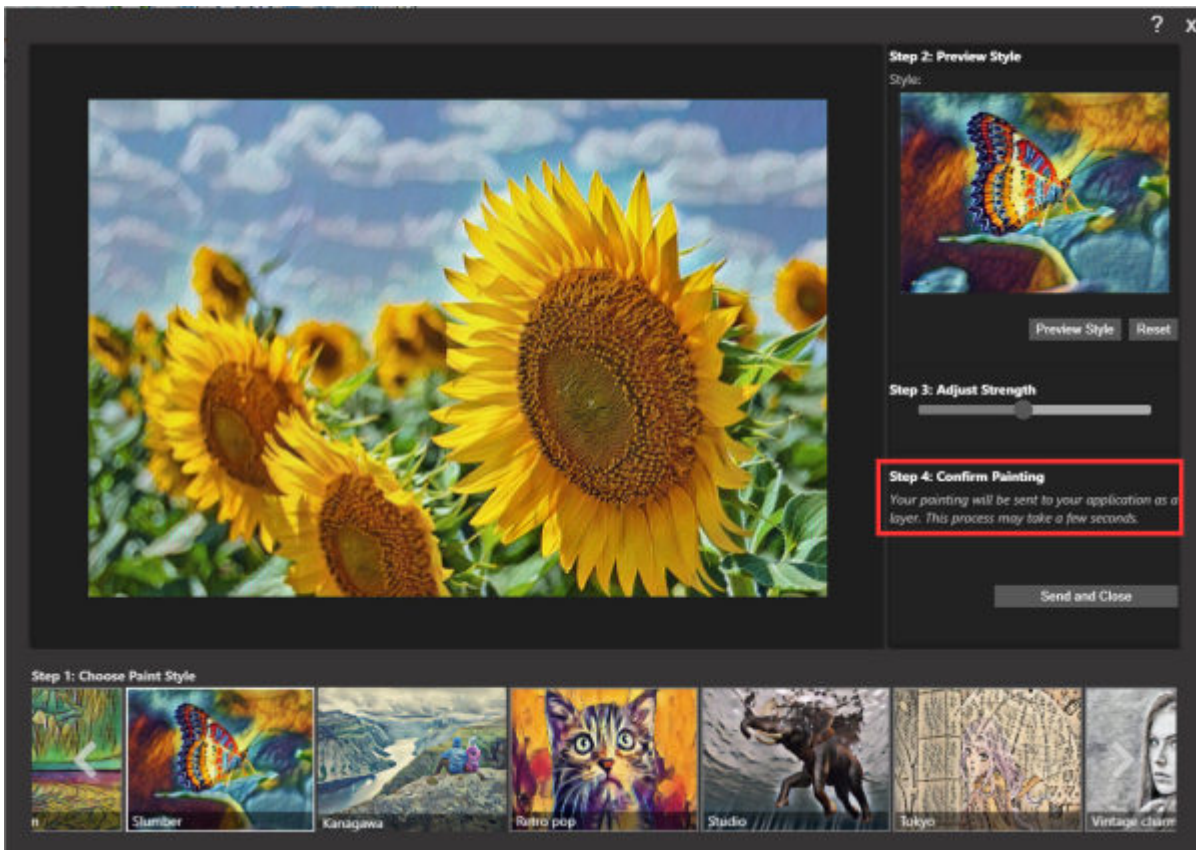
Below the top-right pane, is a **Preview Style** button. Click on it to turn the image in the large pane into that specific effect you selected.



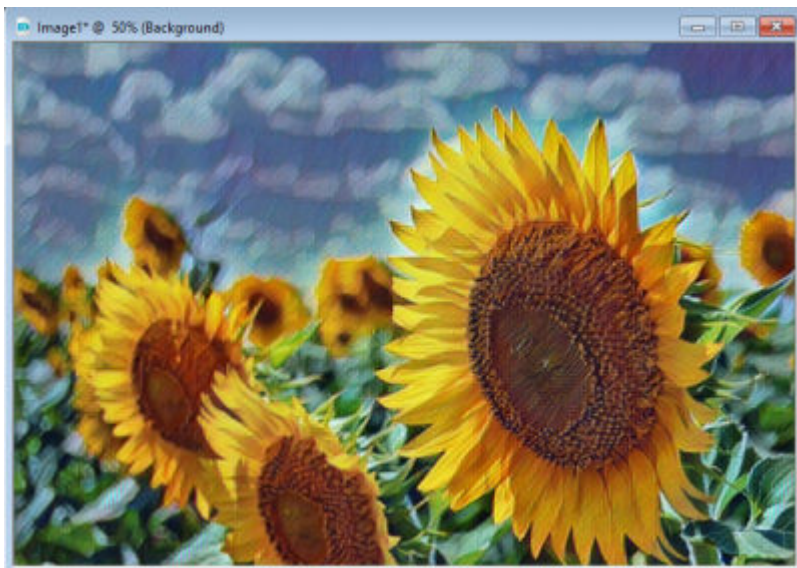
By default, the **Strength** will be at the maximum, but you can change that if you want something more subtle.



Once you are happy, click on the **Confirm Painting** button.



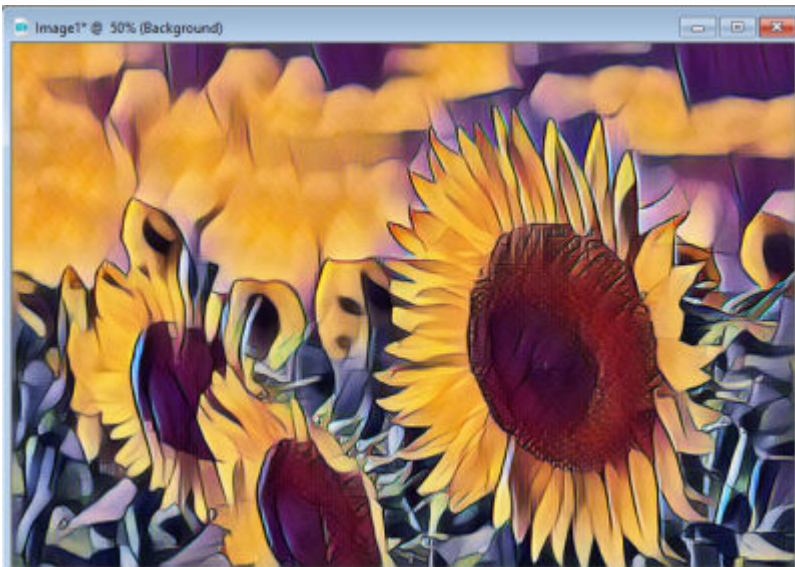
Finally, your image will appear in your PaintShop Pro so you can continue your work.



Other effects

There are other effects you can create with Pic-to-Painting and it is up to you to determine which one is

the most appropriate for the image you are using and also your own preferences. Here are a couple of other effects that I generated with **Pic-to-Painting** using the same image.



As you can see, the results are very different.

It is not working for me

Unfortunately, Pic-to-Painting requires Windows 10, at the minimum. This means that although it MIGHT work with Windows 7, it is more likely not to work.

I had PaintShop Pro and Pic-to-Painting installed on two different Windows 7 machines, and on one of them it worked and on the other, it did not. Of course, since the plugin is free, you can still give it a try on a Windows 7 machine. Just beware that it might not work as intended and if that is the case, it is to be expected.

Another issue that might arise, especially if you are still using a monitor with a lower resolution is the fact that the last button to click (**Save and Close**) might not be visible. If that is the case, it is hidden

behind the list of **Paint Styles**. If that is your case, just activate a button above that (like the **Preview Style** button) and use the **Tab** key on your keyboard to navigate to the next button. You might see a tiny bit of that button when it is highlighted behind the **Paint Styles**. At that point, simply hit **Return** and it will have the same effect as if you had clicked on it.

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