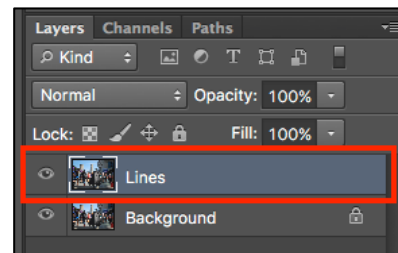


Comic Book Art in Photoshop

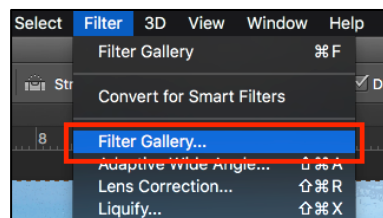
1. Open your image in Photoshop – **File > Open**
2. **Layer > Duplicate Layer >** call the new layer Lines > **OK**

This creates a copy of the background layer so that we can work with it



Start with the edges

3. Make sure you're clicked on the Lines layer
4. **Filter > Filter Gallery**

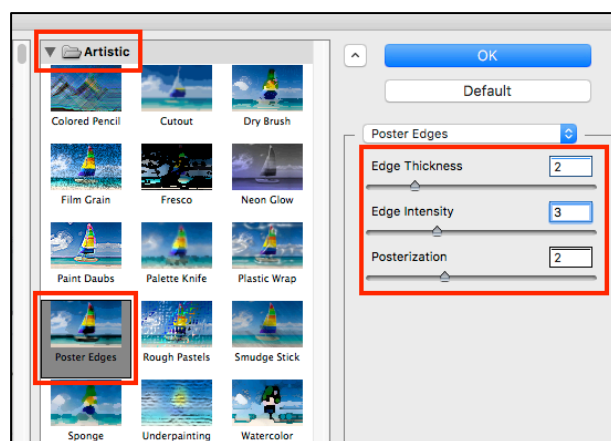


5. Open the Artistic section > choose **Poster Edges**

6. Change the sliders on the right so they read **2 3 2**

7. Click **OK**

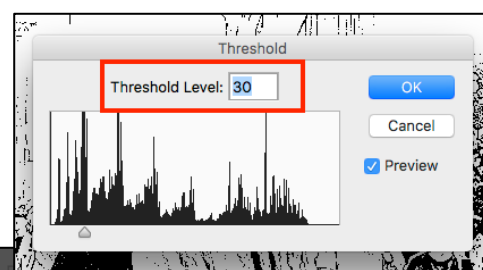
This starts to add some of the classic elements you'd get in a comic book, including dark edges and merged colours



Turn it into a line drawing

8. **Image > Adjustments > Threshold** (about half way down the list)
9. **Reduce** the Threshold value to somewhere about **30** (aim for between 20 and 50) > click **OK**

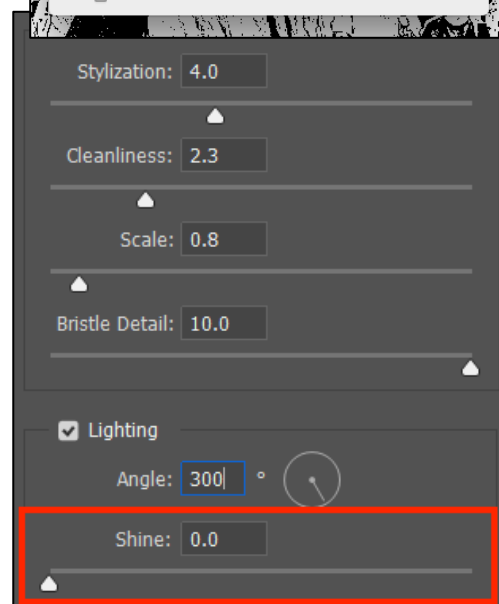
This turns the layer into a line drawing.



Smooth the lines

The lines are quite jaggy to start with.

10. **Filter > Stylise > Oil Paint**
11. At the bottom, set the Shine slider to **0** > **OK**

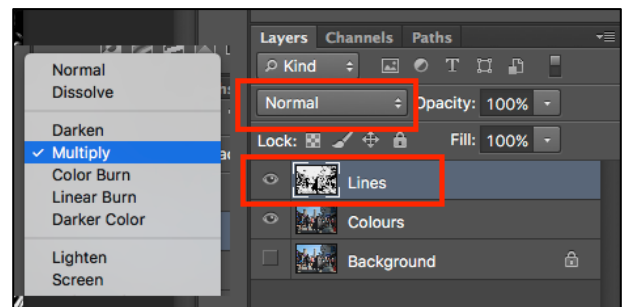


Now deal with the colours

12. **IMPORTANT:** click back on the **Background layer** in the layer stack
13. Click **Layer > Duplicate Layer >** call the new layer **Colours > OK**
14. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you're now clicked on the **Colours layer**
15. Click **Filter > Filter Gallery > Poster Edges** – set the sliders to **0 0 2**
16. Click **Filter > Stylise > Oil Paint > OK**

Then blend the layers

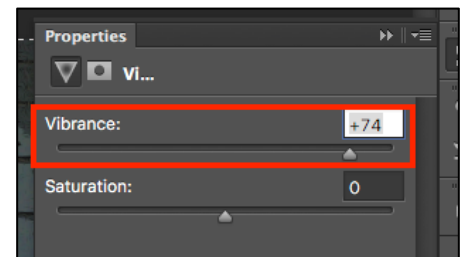
17. **IMPORTANT:** click back on the **Lines layer**
18. Use the **drop down box** that says **Normal** above the Lines layer > change the setting to **Multiply**



This blends the layers together, keeping the dark lines and changing your image to be in full colour

Adjust the vibrance

19. **Layer > New Adjustment Layer > Vibrance >** click **OK** when the pop up box appears
20. Increase the **Vibrance slider (NOT the saturation)**. Try taking it most of the way over towards the right



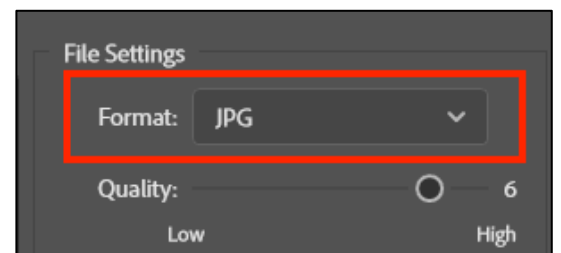
Merge the layers

Once you think you're done, merge the layers to get everything on a single layer.

21. **Layer > Merge Visible**
22. **File > Save As >** save your work **WITH A NEW NAME**. This will save it as a Photoshop file (a PSD file type)

To use the file you'll need to **export it** as well:

23. **File > Export > Export as**
24. At the **top right** change the **format** drop down to **JPG >** click **Export**



Now you can add speech bubbles and other lettering to your image.