

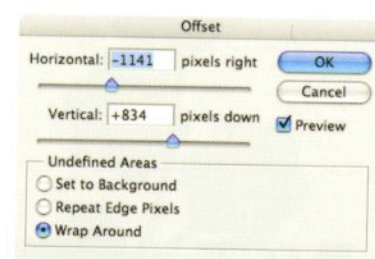
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PHOTOSHOP REPEAT BLOCK REPEAT WITH OFFSET FILTER

You can create an easy block repeat by defining your design unit as a pattern. However, if your design is not a simple, flat motif and has texture, you will see a seam appear. By offsetting the design you can carefully mend the seam and avoid any ugly lines passing through the repeat. The mending of a seam can take time and patience, but it is an important part of the process in order to achieve a beautiful and natural pattern.



This tutorial demonstrates a floral painting being put into a repeat. The painting is built up with layers of acrylic paint, and it is critical to maintain the feel and quality of the painting in the mending process.



STEP 1

Filter > Other > Offset.

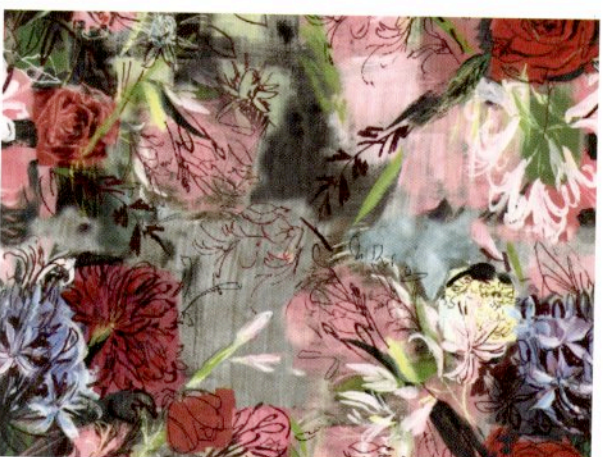
STEP 2

The Offset palette will appear. Ensure that Wrap Around is selected. Divide the Horizontal and the Vertical pixel image sizes by two and enter the new values. Click OK.



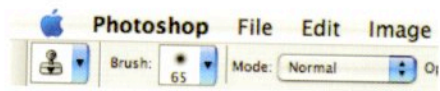
STEP 3

Your artwork should now be cut into four and flipped so the outsides of the design will match edge to edge. However, seams now run through the design.



STEP 4

Now you need to carefully mend the seams so they merge with the design. You can use any tools that you think appropriate for the job. Here, the Clone tool is used to retain the painted textures. Use a soft brush to avoid creating any hard edges. Paint and draw back into the seams using the Eyedropper tool for colour-matching. You can also copy and paste areas together to build the design up. Keep flattening the artwork as you go if you create any new layers.



STEP 5

Once you are happy with your mending you can offset again (steps one to three) to check the repeat unit. Finally, flatten the artwork.

STEP 6

Before you define the pattern you can change the unit size. View > Image Size.

STEP 7

Edit > Define Pattern.

