

This is a special technique that you can add to your photos to give it a distinct artistic effect.

Practice: Find an image on google that has a resolution of at least 100 k. Save it in your folder. Open the image in Photoshop and follow the directions below.

1. Open the image in Photoshop. Save the image as: Orton_your name
2. Lighten the image as follows: (**Image>Apply Image**)... then in the dialog box that comes up change the blending mode to “**Screen**” and the **Opacity** to 100%. This will give you an appropriately overexposed image.
3. Duplicate this overexposed image by making a copy of the layer in the layers window.
4. Now its time to blur this second layer copy (**Filter>Blur>Gaussain Blur**... and in the dialog box use a Radius setting of 15 – 50 pixels – the higher the pixel setting, the blurrier the photo and the more ‘painterly’ the image...but you can go too far!) Experiment with different settings.
5. Under the word “**Layers**” in the layers window will be a menu box of blending modes. Change the blending mode from “**Normal**” to “**Multiply**”.
6. Finally, ‘flatten’ the two layers by pressing “**CTRL+E**”

Now you have an Orton image. Save the file again in your folder. You can try moving the original image on top of your new Orton image to make it a bit more realistic. Just change the ‘normal’ layer to an opacity of 50% and see the results.

YOUR PROJECT:

You are required to take an original photograph and apply the Orton technique. This can be any subject matter, however, the file size must be large enough so that it will not lose detail when enlarged to 8 x 10 printing. If you aren’t sure, ask me first. The school cameras will be fine for this.

Consider your composition. Show me a view of something that is unusual in some way. Try framing up the same subject several ways to get the best composition



