

Applying a Tattoo to the Head of a Bald Man

In this **Pixelmator** project, you will use the Bump Distortion filter to fit a “tattoo” to the curved head of a bald man. Additionally you will use the Edge Work, Median Blur, Invert, and other filters and tools.



Source images from [freeimages.com](https://www.freeimages.com): [lighthouse](#) | [bald guy](#)

Start by opening the lighthouse image.

The first task is to remove the sky/ground background from the lighthouse image. select all the area around the lighthouse by your favorite method. I chose to use the **Paint Selection Tool**, then **Quick Mask** mode to refine the details of the selection*.



Clear the background, **Edit - Clear** (Delete).



Copy the lighthouse image, **Edit - Copy** (⌘C). Open the bald guy image. Paste the lighthouse image onto it, **Edit - Paste** (⌘V).

Scale the lighthouse to fit the back of the head, **Edit - Transform...** (⌘F), reduce to about 20-25%. Use the **Move Tool** (V) to position it on the back of the bald guy's head. Rotate the lighthouse counter-clockwise to match the angle of the head.



Now to distort the lighthouse image to match the shape of the man's head. From the **Effects Browser**, choose **Distortion**, then **Bump**. Put the center of the effect in the approximate center of the lighthouse, set the *Radius* to about 170 pixels, and *Scale* about 50%



The next step is to convert the lighthouse image to a line drawing, **Effects Browser - Stylize - Edge Work**, *Radius 0.5 pixel*.



Now, blur slightly, **Effects Browser - Blur - Median**, apply two or three times.



From the **Color Adjustments** group in the **Effects Browser**, double-click **Invert** to change the image to a dark color.



Set the *Blending* mode to *Luminosity* and reduce the *Opacity* to about 50%.



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Add a tiny bit of **Noise** from the **Stylize** group, about 15%.



* For a very good 8 minute video demonstration of using the **Paint Selection Tool** and **Quick Mask** mode to create and refine a selection, click [here](#).

LINKS:

freeimages.com

<http://www.freeimages.com>

lighthouse

<http://www.freeimages.com/photo/1426622>

bald guy

<http://www.freeimages.com/photo/725622>

Quick Mask YouTube tutorial

http://youtu.be/P7Na_4ivv_o