

# MAKE A SNOWY BACKGROUND IN PS



- 1 Create a new document, 1900 x 1200. Select 300 ppi should you want to use it for printing purposes, if not, you can leave the resolution at 72 ppi.
- 2 Create a gradient. I used #271d49 colour stops at each end with #272c73 in the middle. Click on 'New' and give the gradient a name - I called it 'Wintery Blues'. You could always create gradients with Wintery or Christmassy greens, reds, yellows, etc, so feel free to do your own thing here.
- 3 Drag the mouse across your canvas to apply the gradient.
- 4 Create a new layer, call it 'Farthest'.
- 5 Select a hard round brush and set it to 7 px. Randomly dot the brush all over the canvas.
- 6 Go to Filter>Blur>Motion Blur. Give it a distance of around 4 px. Change the angle setting to suit yourself.
- 7 Create a new layer, call it 'Middle distance' and repeat steps 5 - 7 but use a 9 px brush.
- 8 Create a new layer, call it 'nearest'.
- 9 Repeat the steps again, this time using an 11 pixel brush.

You should now have a lovely thick powdery snowfall. Now let's make the settled snow on the ground.

- 10 Create a new layer - call it 'Snow'.
- 11 Select the Lasso tool and draw a wobbly rectangle shape around the bottom and sides of the canvas. Don't worry if the lasso goes over the edges, it will join together when you've finished.
- 12 Fill it with white (FFFFFF).



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Double click on the Snow layer to bring up the layer styles. Select Bevel & Emboss>Texture.

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Select 'Grey Granite'. OK it and then change the depth to 200%

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To roughen the edges, go to Filter>Distort.>Ripple. Select 'Medium' and 100%. Repeat the ripple effect a couple of times or until you are happy with the result.

And that's all there is to it. I hope you found this quick guide easy to follow. Have fun creating your winter scenes to go with your snowy backgrounds.

