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The new tutorial is here! Note: This guide was created in 2007 for my personal website. Some minor tweaks have been made since then, but nothing too significant. In this 10-step tutorial, I'll teach you how to create a sprite, which is an independent two-dimensional character or object. The term comes from video games, of course. Creating pixel art is a skill I choose because I need graphics for my game. Following more practice, I became kinda handy with it, and began to see it more as realistic art than just a tool. Nowadays, pixel art is quite popular in developing and illustrating games. This pixel guide was created many years ago to teach people the basics behind art, but I've streamlined it a lot since its first incarnation. There are other pixel tutorials around, but I find them too complicated and too wordy. Pixel art is not a science. You never need to calculate a vector when performing pixel art.1. TOOLS One of the nice things about pixel art is that you don't really need any fancy tools – your computer built-in paint program is probably good enough! That said, there are programs made specifically for pixel pushing, like Pro Motion, or, for Mac users, Pixen. Can't say I've actually tried them, but I've heard good things. For this tutorial I will use Photoshop, which is an expensive beast, but it's good for all kinds of art and a lot of features are quite useful for pixelling. USE PHOTOSHOP FOR PIXEL ARTWhen using Photoshop, your main weapon will be the pencil tool (shortcut B), which is the alternative to the brush tool. Pencils allow you to color individual photo points without any anti-aliasing. The other two tools that will come in handy are the marquee (M shortcut) and the magic wand (W shortcut) to select and drag or copy and paste. Keep in mind that by keeping Shift or Alt while you make your selection, you can add or subtract from your current selection. This comes in handy when trying to grab areas that are not quite square. You'll also use the eyedropper (shortcut I) to get colors. Color preservation is important in pixel art for a number of reasons, so you'll want to grab the same colors and reuse them. Finally, make sure you learn the shortcuts. They can save you a lot of time and energy. A good thing to know is X, convert your main and sub colors.2. LINESPixels are basically small blocks of color. The first thing you need to learn is how to use these blocks effectively to make any kind of line that you want. We'll discuss the two most basic lines, straight and curved. STRAIGHT LINESTI know what you're thinking – this seems too easy to even bother with! But with the photos, even the lines can be problematic. What we want to avoid is jaggies - breaking little in line that makes the line look uneven. Jaggies cut up when a piece of line is larger or smaller than the surrounding pieces. CURVEFor curvature, make sure that the deterioration or tilt is consistent all the way through. In this next example, the curve looks clean going 6 > 3 > 2 > 1, while the curve with jaggy goes 3 > 1 < 3.CONCLUSIONBeing comfortably makes any line in pixels crucial to making pixel art. Then we will learn how to use anti-aliasing to make our lines look really smooth.3. The first thing you need is a good idea! Try to visualize what you want pixels, in your head, or on paper. A small job in planning ahead can allow you to focus on pixelling reality. THINGS TO THINK ABOUT1. What will sprite be used for? Is this for a website, or a game? Will I have to animate this later, or is this? If the sprite will be animated later, you may want to keep it smaller and less detailed. On the contrary, you can pack as much detail into a static sprite that you will never have to deal with again. But think about where the sprite will go, and what will work best.2. What restrictions are being placed on me? Before that, I was told that color preservation is important. One of the reasons is that your palette may be limited, either by hardware (less likely these days) or for coherrentness. Or accuracy, if you are simulating a specific style (C64, NES, etc.) Also, consider the size of your sprite and how it will fit its surroundings. LET'S WRASSLE! For this tutorial, I do not really have any restrictions, but I want to make sure that the sprite is large so that you can clearly see what is happening with each step. Finally, I decided to use Lucha Lawyers, ass-kickin'est wrestling lawyers around, as my model! He can join a fighting game, or something, with actions like Habeus Corpse Blaster.4. SKETCHM black borders will provide a basic structure, good for your sprite, so it's the perfect place to start. The reason we choose black is that it's beautiful and dark. Then I'll show you how you can change the color of the outline for more realism. TWO APPROACHESThere are two ways to approach the outline. You can draw the sketch freely and then clean it, or you can start by placing the photos as you want them in the first place. You know, like, clicks, clicks, clicks. I think the approach that you should use depends on the size of the sprite and your skills at pixelling. If a sprite is great, it's much easier to sketch the outline freely to get the general shape and then clean it up later than to try and get it right the first time through. In this tutorial we are creating a pretty large sprite, so I'll prove the first method. It is also easier to illustrate with text and images. STEP 1: SKETCH RAWS using your mouse or tablet, sketching out a rough outline for your sprite. Make sure it's not too rough, though - it will be like more or less the end product you want. In this case, I based my sketch almost entirely on my sketch. STEP 2: CLEAN UP THE FIRST SKETCH, crank the zoom to a range of 6x or 8x magn out so that we can clearly see each image. Then clean up that sketch! In particular, you want to cut away stray photo points (sketching should only be one thick photo point all Formula through), get rid of any jaggies, and add any small details that have been adopted in Step 1.Even large sprites never usually exceed 200 by 200 pixels. Phrases do more with less than never ring more than when pixelling. And you'll soon find that a photo point can make all the difference. Keep your outline simple. The details will appear later, but for now, focus on identifying large pieces, such as muscle segments, for example. It may not be the same as it is now, but be patient.5. COLORWith the outline made, we have a coloring book of the kind that we can fill. Bucket paint and other filling tools will make it easier for us. Choosing colors can be a little more difficult, however, and color theory is a topic beyond the scope of the tutorial. However, here are a few good basic concepts to know.HSB COLOR MODELHSB stands for (H) ue, (S) aturation, and (B) rightness. It's one of several computer color models (i.e. digital expression of color). Other examples are RGB and CMYK, which you may have heard of. Most paint programs use HSB to choose color, so break it down:Hue - What you understand color is. You know, like red, orange, blue, etc. Saturation - How strong the color is, or how strong the color is. 100% saturation gives you the brightest color, and as the saturation decreases, the color becomes grayer. Brightness (or brightness) – The brightness of a color. 0% brightness is black. CHOOSE THE COLOR The color you choose ultimately is up to you, but here are a few things to keep in mind:1. Less saturated and less bright colors tend to look more earthy and less animated.2. Think about color wheels - the farther the two colors are from each other, the more they will separate. On the other side, colors like red and orange, which are close together on color wheels, look beautiful together.3. The more colors you use, the more distracted your sprite will be. To make a striking sprite, use only two or three main colors. (Think about what just red and brown did for Super Mario back in the day!) APPLYING COLORSThe actual application of color is quite easy. If you're using Photoshop, you first want to select the area where you'll fill in the magic wand (W shortcut) and then fill it out by pressing Alt-F (primary color) or Ctrl-F (subcolor). 6. SHADINGShading is an important step in finding our demi-god pixel status. This is where sprite either gets some pop, or it devolves into a terrible mess. However, heed my words, and he will surely succeed. STEP 1: CHOOSE A LIGHT SOURCE First, we must choose a light source. If your sprite is part of a larger scene, there may be all sorts of local light sources (such as lights, fire, lights on fire, etc.) shining on it. They can mix in very complex ways on sprite. However, for most cases, choosing a distant light source (like the sun) is a better idea. For the game, you will want to create a sprite that is usually as lit as possible so that it can be used Anywhere. I used to a distant light source is somewhere above the sprite and slightly in front of it, so that anything at the top or front is well illuminated and the rest shaded. This light looks most natural for a sprite. STEP 2: When we have identified a light source, we start the shade areas farther from the lightest source with darker colors. Our up and up front lighting model dictation that the undersal of the head, arms, legs, etc., should be shaded. Remember that playing between light and darkness defines things that are not flat. Crumple up a piece of white paper into a ball and then unroll it and put it on a table - how can you say it's not flat anymore? That's because you can see small shadows around the wrinkles. Use shadows to highlight folds in clothes, and to identify muscle systems, hair, hair, cracks, etc. STEP 3: SOFT BALLA second shadow, lighter than the first ball, should be used for shade. These are indirectly lit areas. It can also be used to convert from darkness to light, especially on curved surfaces. STEP 4: HIGHLIGHTSPlaces are directly affected by the light source that may have highlights applied to them. Highlights should be used in mode mode0 (much less than shadows), because they cause a loss of concentration. Always apply the highlights after dark, and you will save yourself some headaches. If no shadows are already available, you will be inclined to make the bright points too big. DO'S AND DON'TSShading is where most beginners stumble. Here are some rules you should always follow when the ball:1. Do not use gradients. Newb's last ball mistake. Gradients look scary, and don't even begin to approximate how light actually ensn surfaces.2. Do not use pillow balls. Pillow ball is when a nuance from the outline enters. It's called pillow ball because it looks pillowy and in er100.3. Do not use too many nuances. It's easy to think of more colors

by being more realistic. However, in the real world we tend to see things in large patches of light and darkness - our brain filters out everything in between. Use up to two dark shades (dark and really dark), and two light shades (light and really light) on your foundation color.4. Do not use colors that are too similar. There is no reason to use two very similar colors. Unless you want really fuzzy sprites!7. DitheringColor conservation is something that pixel artists have to worry about a lot. One way to get more nuances without using more colors is to use a technique called dithering. Similar to cross-hatching or stippling in the traditional art world, you have two colors and alternating them to get, for all intents and purposes, an average of two sharp. SIMPLE EXAMPLE This is a simple example of using Colors to create four different shades using dithering: ADVANCED EXAMPLECompare top image, made using Photoshop gradient tool, and bottom, created with only three colors using dithering. Notice the different patterns that have been used to create intermediate colors. Experiment with different patterns to create new textures. APPLICATIONDithering can give your sprite that feels nice retro, since a lot of older video games rely heavily on dithering to get the most out of their limited palette (look at Genesis Sega for lots of examples of dithering). It is not something that I use very often, but for the sake of learning, here it is applied (which can apply too much) to our sprite. You can use dithering as much or as little as you want. Honestly, it's a technique that I only see a few really good users.8. SELECTIVE SKETCHES, or selouts, are like stly outlines. Instead of using black all the way around, we apply a color that is closer to the color of the sprite itself. In addition, we change the brightness of this border along the edge of the sprite, allowing the light source to decide the color we apply. So far, we've kept the black sketch. And there's nothing wrong with that, really, as it looks pretty good and it keeps the sprite well separate from its surroundings. But using black, we're sacrificing more realism than we might want, as it gives sprite an animated look. Selout is a great way to get around that: You'll notice I also used selout to soften the folds of his muscles. Finally, the sprite begins to look like a whole coherent rather than a whole bunch of separate pieces. Compare this with the original: 9. ANTI-ALIASINGAnti-aliasing works under a simple earlieralm: add intermediate colors to the kinks of the line to smooth them out. For example, if you have a black line on a white background, you'll add gray photo points to the edge of the line to smooth it out. TECHNIQUE 1: SMOOTHING CURVESGenerally, you want to add your intermediate colors at kinks, as that's where the line breaks and looks uneven. If it still looks too uneven, add another, lighter layer of pixels. Have your intermediate layer flow in the direction of the curve. I don't think I can explain it better without complicating things. Just look at the pictures, and I think you'll understand what I mean:TECHNIQUE 2: ROUND OUT HUMPSTECHNIQUE 3: FADING THE ENDS OF LINESAPPLICATIONNow let's fight our sprite alias. Remember that if you want your sprite to look good on any color background, don't fight aliases on the outer edge of Otherwise, you will see an unfortunate looking halo of color in your middle around your sprite and it will look nasty like hell. The effect, as you can see, is subtle, but it makes a big difference. WHY DO IT BY may ask why we don't just apply a filter from our paint program to sprite if we want to make it look smoother? The answer is that no filter will make your sprite as clean as if you did it manually. You have full control, not only in terms of the number of colors you use, but where they are used. And you know better than any filters that need to be smoothed out, and which areas will lose their pixelly quality if you resist aliasing them.10. COMPLETE UPWhew, it's about time to turn off the computer and grab a cold beer. But it's not quite yet! The final part is what separates an enthusiastic amateur from a hard professional. Step back and have a good long look at your sprite. Most likely, it's still a bit rough. Take the time to tweak it and make sure everything is perfect. Given or losing how tired you are, this may actually be the most interesting part. Add small details to make your sprite more interesting. Your skills and experience with pixeling will show through here. You may have wondered why Lucha's eyes were missing this whole time, or why the supoen a he was holding was blank. Well, that's because those are the little details that I want to save until the end. There was also the announcement of the trim I added to his arm band, the fly I added to his pants, and ... What would a man be like without his nipples? I also darkied my lower half of my toes so that my left hand would stand out more than my body. You're finally done! Lucha lawyers weigh 45 relatively light colors (or perhaps extremely heavy, depending on your palette limit) and are about 150 x 115 pixels in size. Now you can have beer! THE WHOLE PROCESSTh this is always interesting. Here's a .gif that shows the evolution of our sprite: CLOSE THOUGHTS1. Learn the fundamentals of art and practice with traditional means. All skills and knowledge related to drawing and drawing will also be applied to pixeling.2. Start with small sprites. The hard part is learning to cram a lot of detail into a few photos, not creating giant motifs (it only takes time).3. Study the work of artists you admire and are not afraid of having no origin. Biting out of the work of others is the best way to find out. It takes time to figure out your own style.4 If you don't have a tablet, grab a tablet. Repetitive stress injuries from clicking are no fun and will not impress any woman or gentleman. I'm using a small Wacom Graphire2 that suits me just fine - I enjoy how little room it occupies on my desk and how portable it is. You can feel more comfortable with a larger tablet, Though. Test drive first!5. Share your artwork with others and get feedback. And who knows, you can only meet some new, geeky friends! NOW ENOUGH TALK - LET'S PIXEL! Pixel! Pixel!

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