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Actions for a Flex-Soft (No-Cut) Image Rasterization with PhotoShop



1. Download the Action Script:

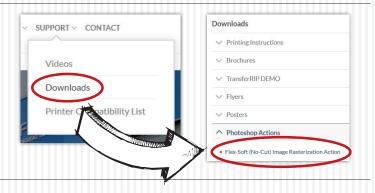
• Go to: "www.forever-ots.com"

• Click on: "Support"

"Downloads"

"Photoshop Actions"

"Flex-Soft (No-Cut) Image Rasterization Action"



2. Start Photoshop

3. Create a new file in A3 or Tabloid

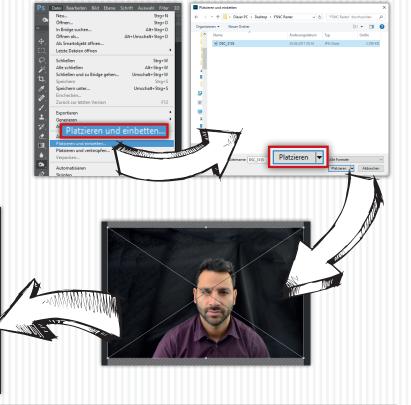
Orientation: Portrait Resolution: 300 dpi Color Mode: CMYK, 8 Bit

• Background Contents: Transparent



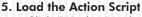
4. Place the photo in your file

- Click on "File" "Place embedded..."
- Select your photo.
- Now you can scale and place the image in your file. If you scale it by clicking and holding one of the corners, hold the "Shift" button at the same time to make sure that the image scales evenly.
- If you got the right size, confirm it by pressing "Enter".
- Make sure that the image is scaled over the whole canvas size



Note:

In order to achieve an optimal effect, a sufficient lighting should be provided when photographing the person.
In case of dark hair, make sure that they also have some kind of glow.



- Click "Window" in the menu on top and select "Actions".
- The Actions panel will appear.
- Click in the top right-hand corner of this panel on the 4 lines symbol.
- Select "Load Actions...".
- Search the Action you have downloaded before and select it.
- The Action "FSNC Raster" will appear and is ready to be used now.





6. Use Action Script

The script contains 3 steps.

Step 1:

- Select the first one and click on the "Play" button.
- Photoshop will ask you to rasterize the image.
- Click the "Rasterize" button.

Step 2:

- Select the second step and click the "Play" button to increase the contrast. This step is not neccesary if you like the result after the first step.
- To undo the step press "Ctrl+Z".



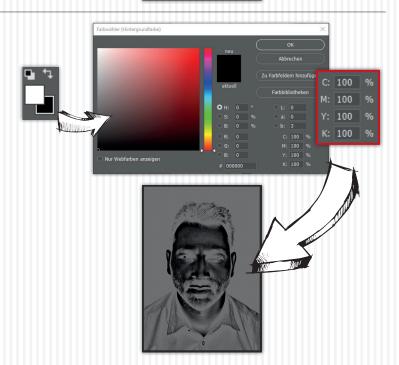
Intermediate Step

- Before doing the third step select the "Burn Tool".
- After selecting the tool, you will see the "Range" option in the top left corner.
- Select "Shadows".
- Start to click and hold around the head to darken the already black areas.
- This step is very important to avoid small raster dots around the image.



Step 3:

- On the left side of the screen you can see 2 squares.
- The one in the background is the background color.
- Click on the background square.
- The color picker window will appear.
- Change all CMYK values to 100.
- Click "OK".
- Now proceed to the third step in the action panel and click "Play".
- Your image is now rasterized.



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7. Finishing the design for printing

- Choose the "Rectangular Marquee Tool"
- Press "Ctrl+A".
- Right-click on the image to open the options menu.
- Click on "Transform Selection".
- Change the width and height of the selection from 100% to 90% by using the options in the top menu.
- These fields are on the top of the screen.
- Confirm by pressing "Enter".

- Press "Ctrl+Shift+i" to invert the selection and then on "Del".
- Now you have deleted the edges of the image. This is important because the transfer media shouldn't be printed completely.
- Open the "Layer" window

• Select the other layer which is not selected and delete this also.

8. Mirror Image before print

- Press "Ctrl+T" and right-click on the image.
 Click on "Flip Horizontal".
- · Confirm by pressing "Enter".

9. Print your file

Make sure that you are printing your file in color mode and not in grayscale or automatic mode!

