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Please begin by downloading the App PIXLR onto your phone or computer. Follow the instructions for whichever you choose to create a series of images from your photographs linking to your project theme.



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You must: either take photographs of things relating to your project or use existing photoshoots or images of your work and manipulate them using the double exposure setting to create a series of 6 or more new images.

You could: refine your outcomes by making links to an artists work you have studied through colour schemes, techniques they have used or compositions they often use in their work. (At least 6 outcomes)

**CHALLENGE:** As well as the above, create a poster design which is advertising a product or event by using text in your images to compliment your design! Give it the wow factor!



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**PIXLR E** INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPUTER..

A Guide to the Basics

**PIXLR E** is free to use on the desktop. It has many useful features and can be used as an alternative to Photoshop. PIXLR E is more advanced than PIXLR X which can be used for more basic applications.

PIXLR E has a **PREMIUM** Subscription service which offers greater functionality – Do **NOT** click on the pop-up ads offering a **FREE TRIAL**. If you forget to cancel, you will be charged.

Use the browser to access PIXLR:

<https://pixlr.com> > ... ▼

**Photo Editor : Pixlr E - free image editing tool**

Looking for advanced photo **editing** capabilities right in your browser, **Pixlr E** is the next generation photo **editor**! No installation and registration required. Use for ...

# The Toolbox: Side Bar and Header.

The image shows the Pixlr E photo editor interface. The top header contains a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Image', 'Layer', 'Select', 'Adjustment', 'Filter', 'View', and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a toolbar with icons for various tools. The left sidebar contains a vertical list of tool icons. Annotations with arrows point to specific tools and menu items.

**Annotations:**

- CROP** (points to the crop icon in the sidebar)
- LIQUIFY** (points to the liquify icon in the sidebar)
- HEAL** (points to the heal icon in the sidebar)
- BLUR/SMUDGE** (points to the blur/smudge icon in the sidebar)
- PEN/BRUSH** (points to the pen/brush icon in the sidebar)
- ERASER** (points to the eraser icon in the sidebar)
- FILL** (points to the fill icon in the sidebar)
- COLOUR REPLACE** (points to the color replace icon in the sidebar)
- GRADIENT** (points to the gradient icon in the sidebar)
- COLOUR PICKER** (points to the color picker icon in the sidebar)
- TEXT** (points to the text icon in the sidebar)
- ZOOM** (points to the zoom icon in the sidebar)

**Header Annotations:**

- Most likely to be used for basic editing.** (points to the 'Edit', 'Image', and 'Adjustment' menu items)
- UNDO/REDO** (points to the undo/redo icons in the toolbar)
- FLIP HORIZONTAL/VERTICAL** (points to the flip icons in the toolbar)

**Help Menu:**

- Help
- Keyboard shortcuts..
- Get HELP
- Our Youtube / Tutorials..
- Our Instagram..
- Our Facebook..
- Color Matcher
- Font Matcher

**Text Boxes:**

- There are very good PIXLR tutorials on YouTube Or, you can click on *HELP*.
- It is unlikely that all tools will be used for basic editing. Click on each icon in the side bar or *TOOLBOX* to see what they do.
- The most useful tools for basic editing are identified for you.



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Welcome to the free advanced photo editor by Pixlr. Start editing by clicking on the open photo button, drag n' drop a file, paste from the clipboard (ctrl+v) or select one of our pre-made templates below.

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From the local temporary cache, to save a project long term save it as PXZ (Pixlr document).

bridge.jpg  
A DAY AGO

1920 x 1494 px @ 47%

Do NOT click on *FREE PREMIUM*.

Skip ads and test premium for free today!

FREE PREMIUM

You do not need to Login/Sign up. This is for professional users.

Do NOT be tempted to try *Premium*. Only the trial period is free.

# Photo editor & Design maker

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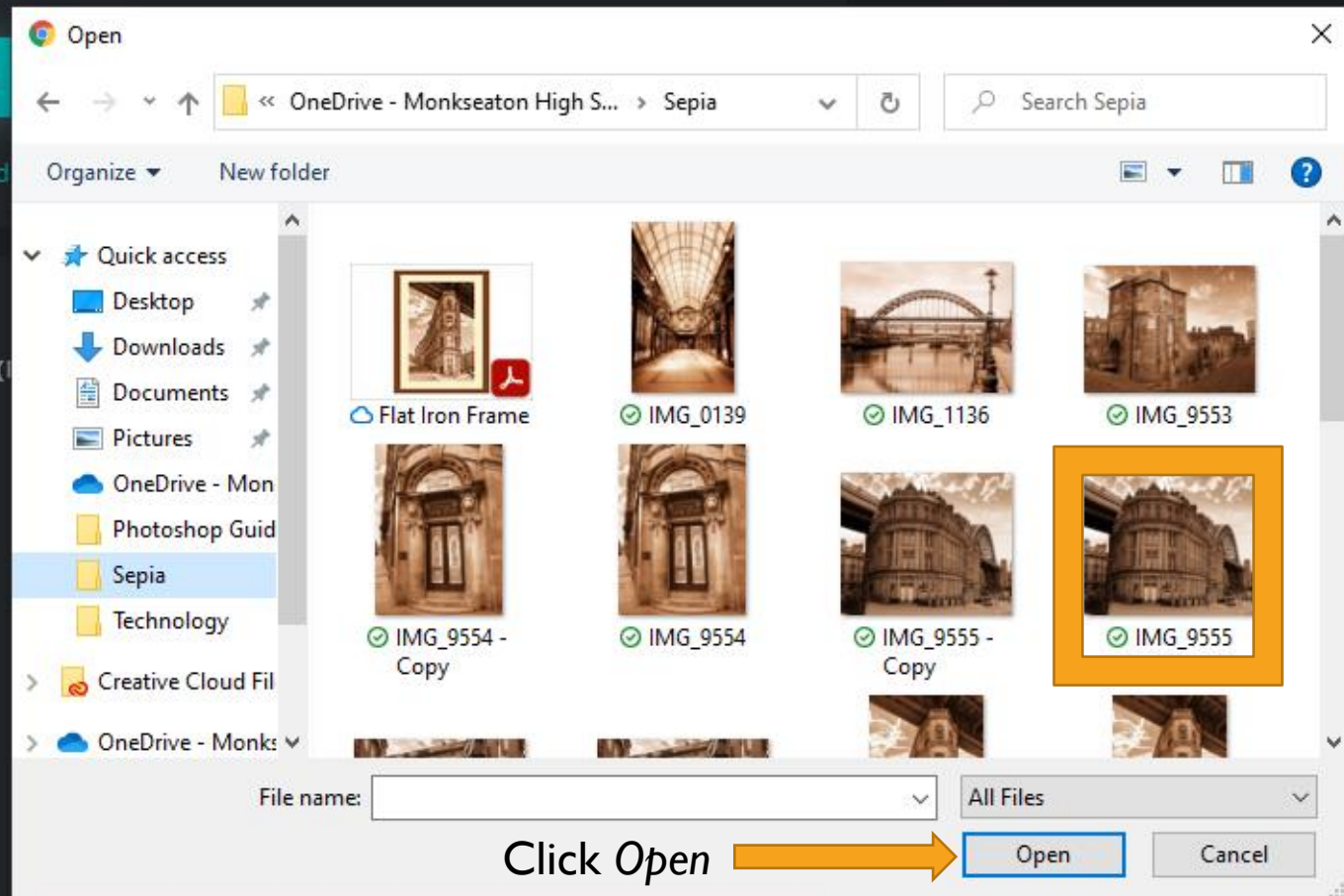
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Click *OPEN IMAGE*.





# Photo editor & Design maker

Welcome to the free advanced photo editor. To open photo button, drag n' drop or click on the photo button.

All) cache, to save a project locally.

## Pre-resize Image

The image you selected is very large (3733 x 3088) , resize it before you start edit to save on memory and minimize lag.

Never ask me about this again ☐



Original  
Max 3733 px



Full HD  
Max 1920 px



Web  
Max 1280 px

New size

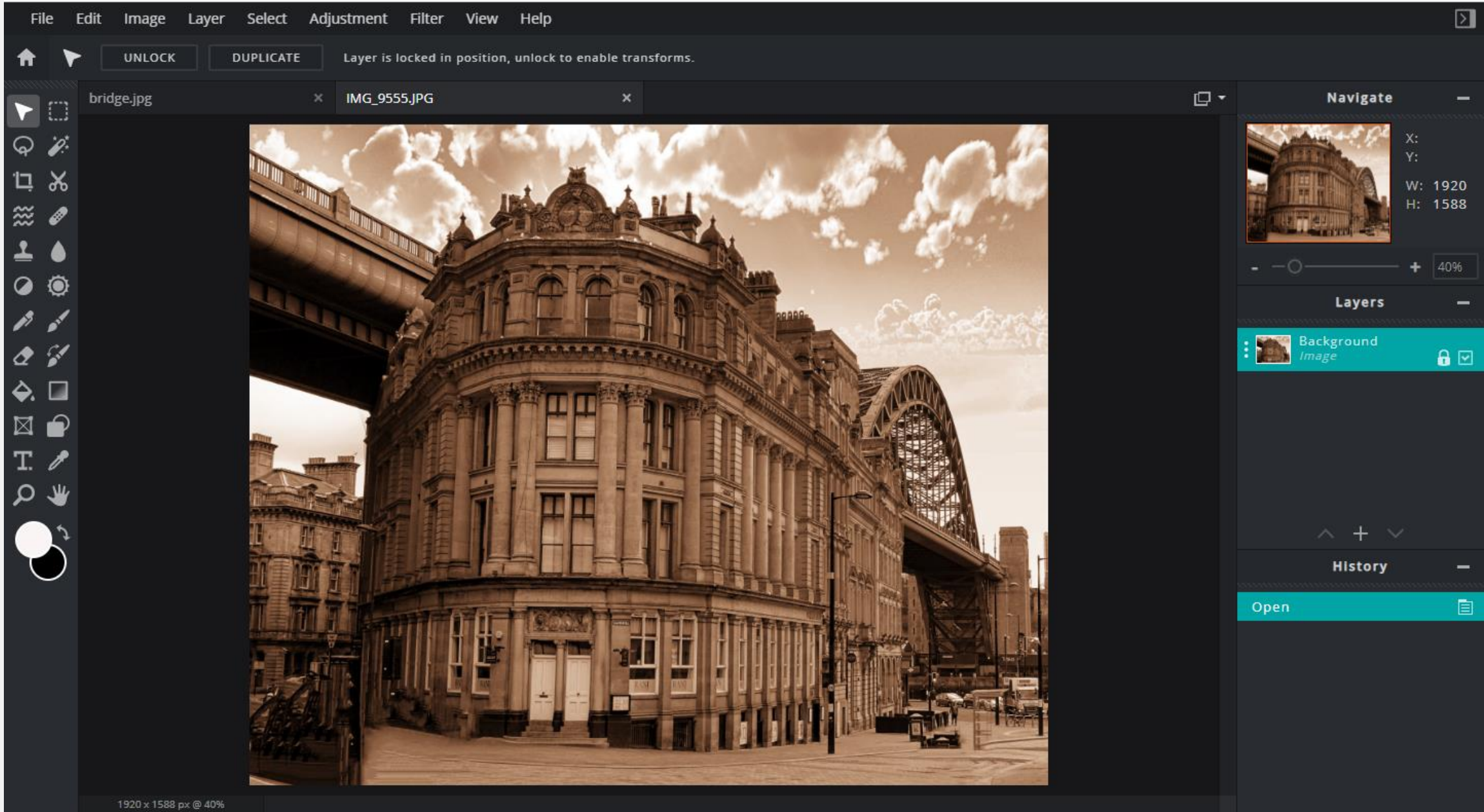
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x

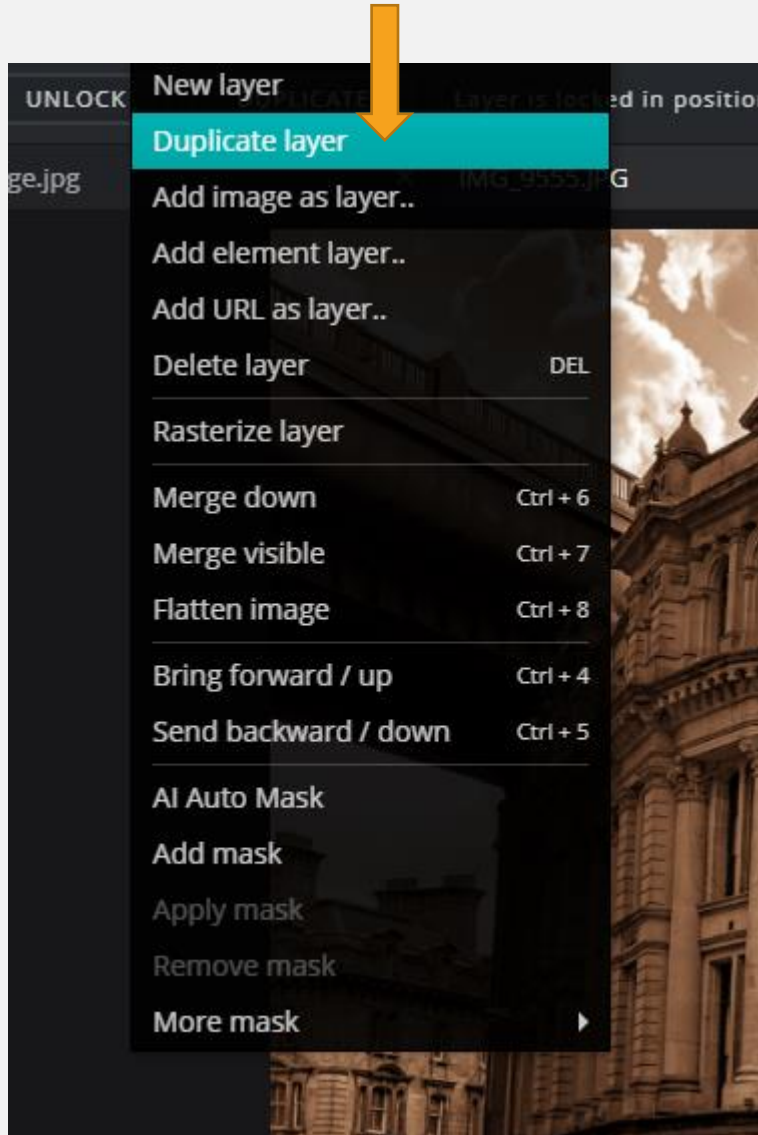
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APPLY

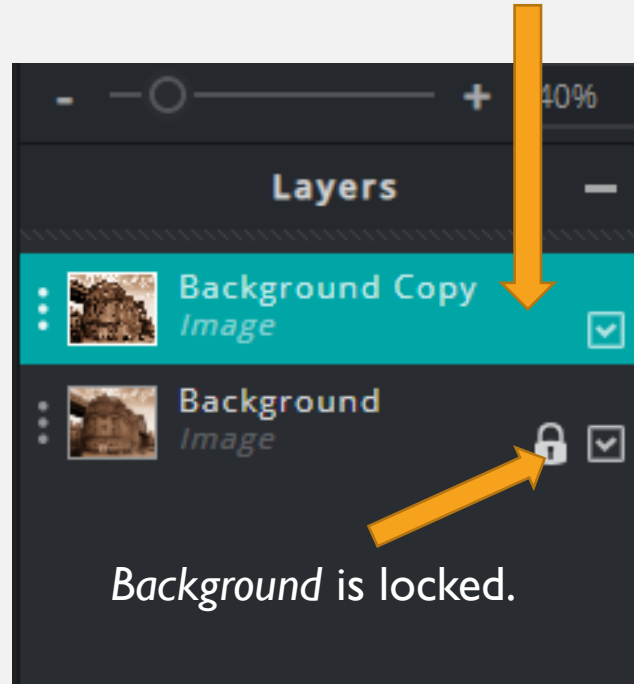
Resize the image  
and then *Apply*.



A *Duplicate Layer* is a non-destructive way of working on the image.

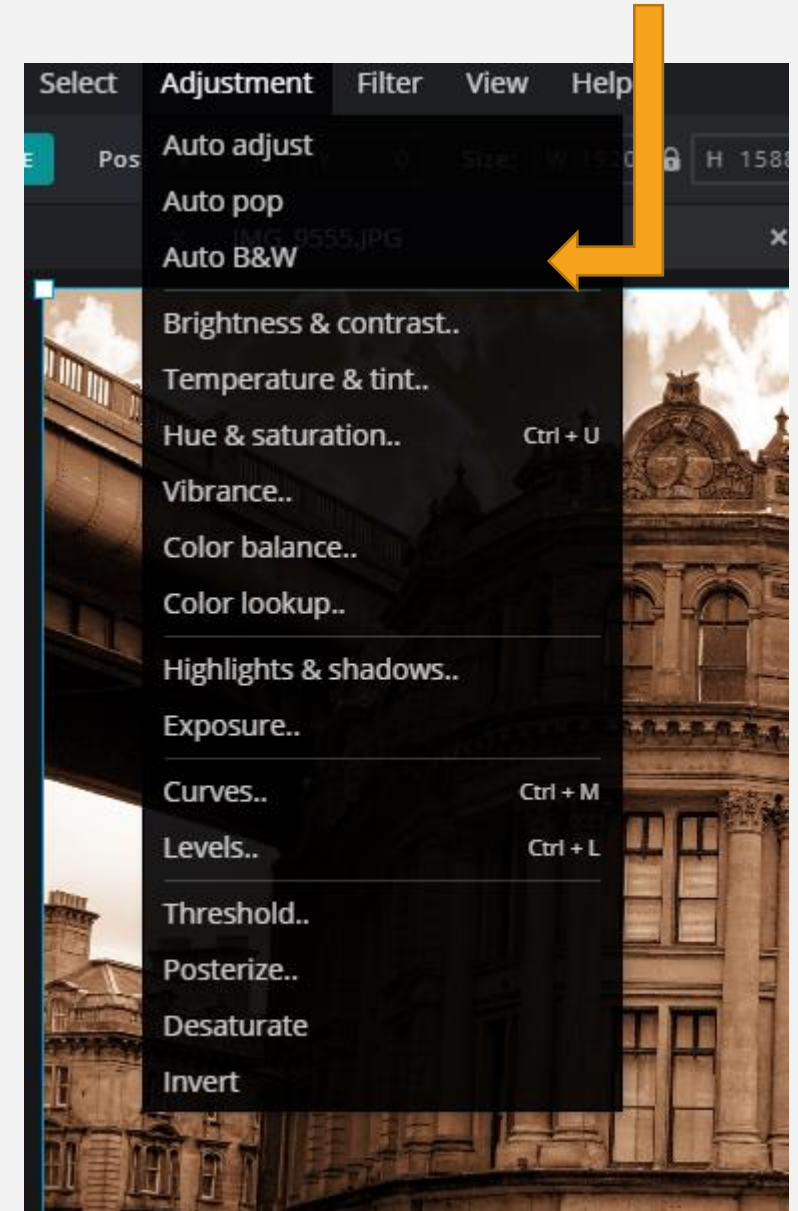


*Background Copy* is unlocked.

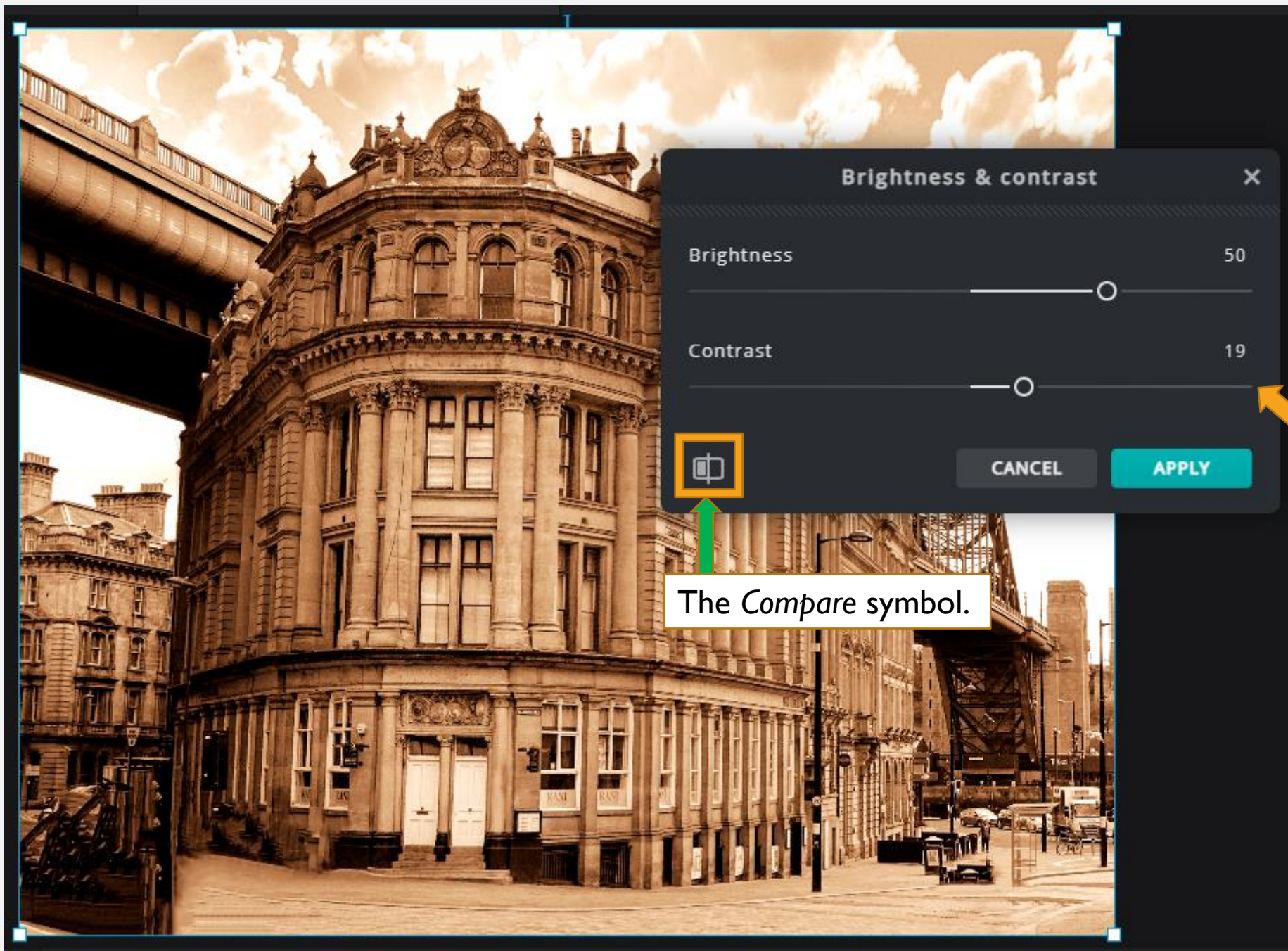


*Background* is locked.

Adjustments can now be made to the *Background Copy* layer.







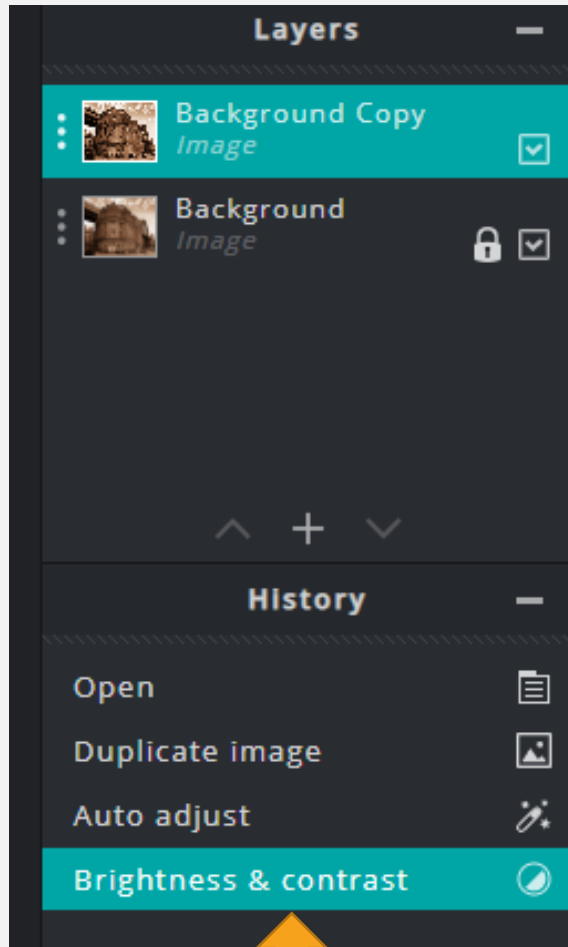
The *Compare* symbol.

Brightness, Contrast, Tint, Curves etc. can all be changed at this stage. Try a few different settings before you commit.

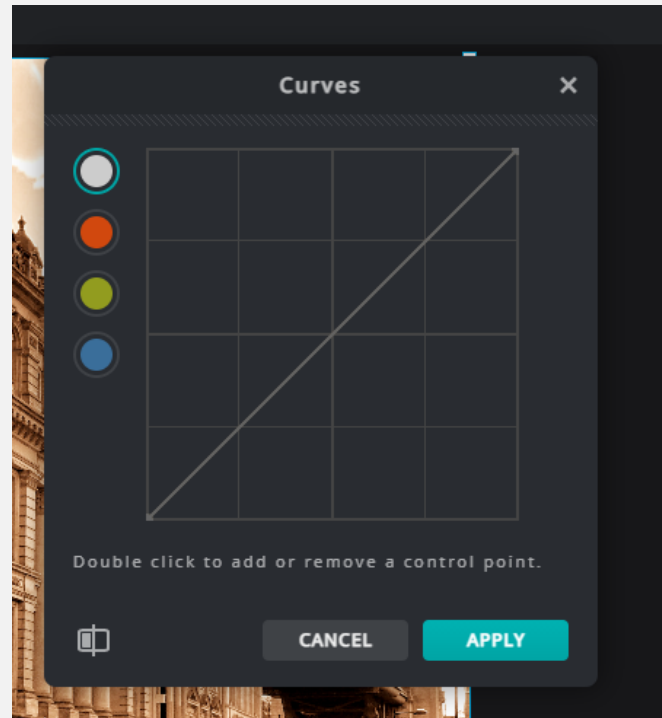
Adjust as necessary. Use the sliders to fine-tune. Then click *Apply*.

You can compare the original to the current image by clicking on the *Compare* symbol.



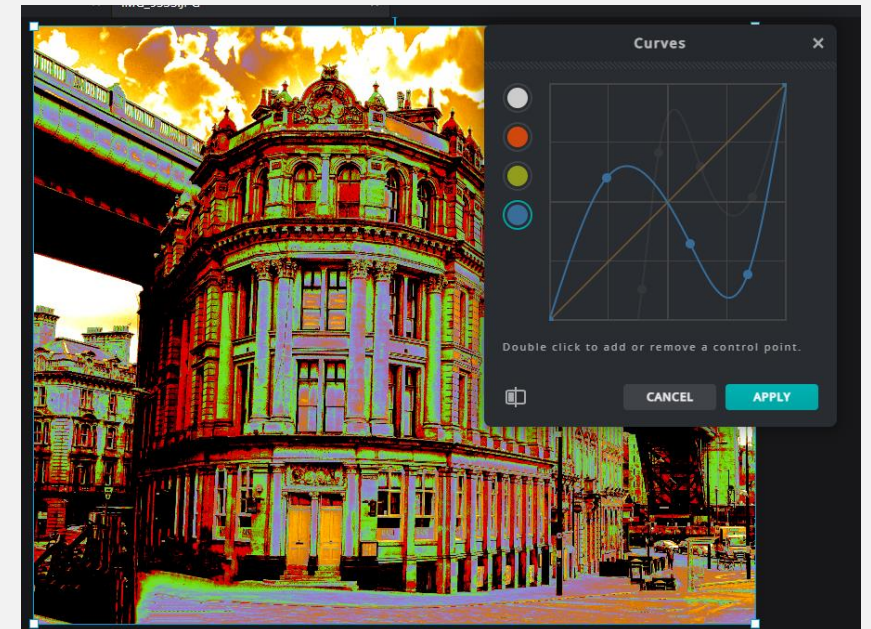
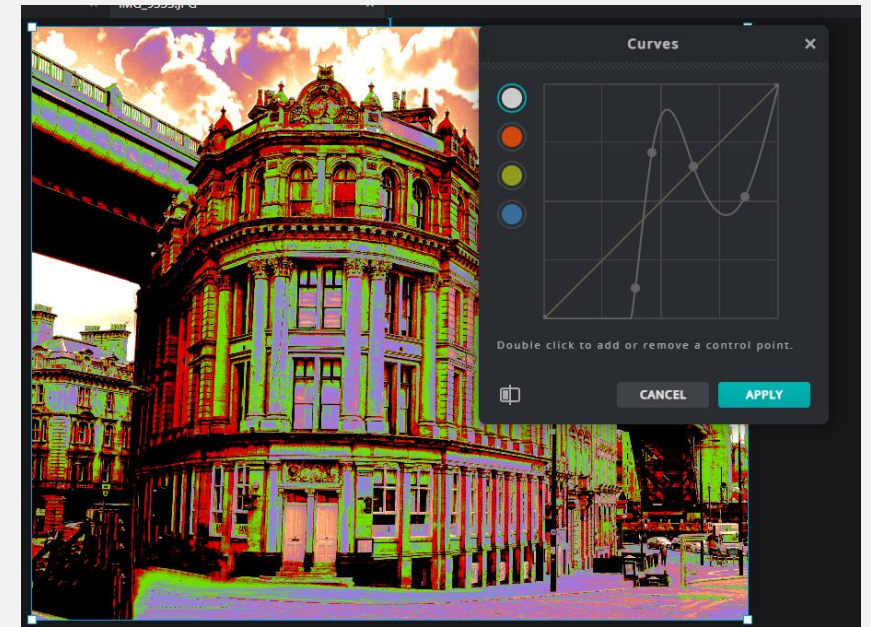


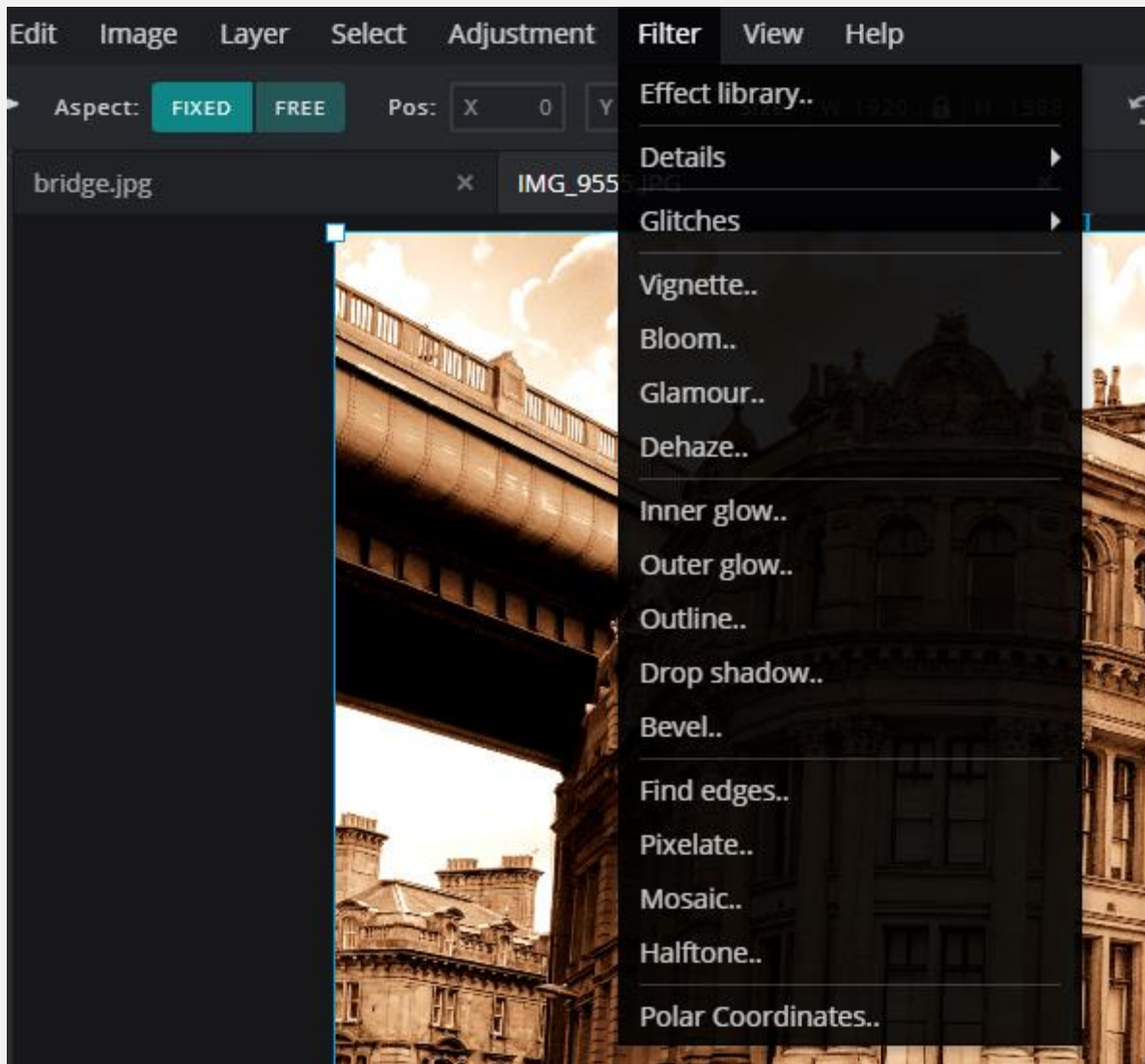
The *History* box shows applications already applied.



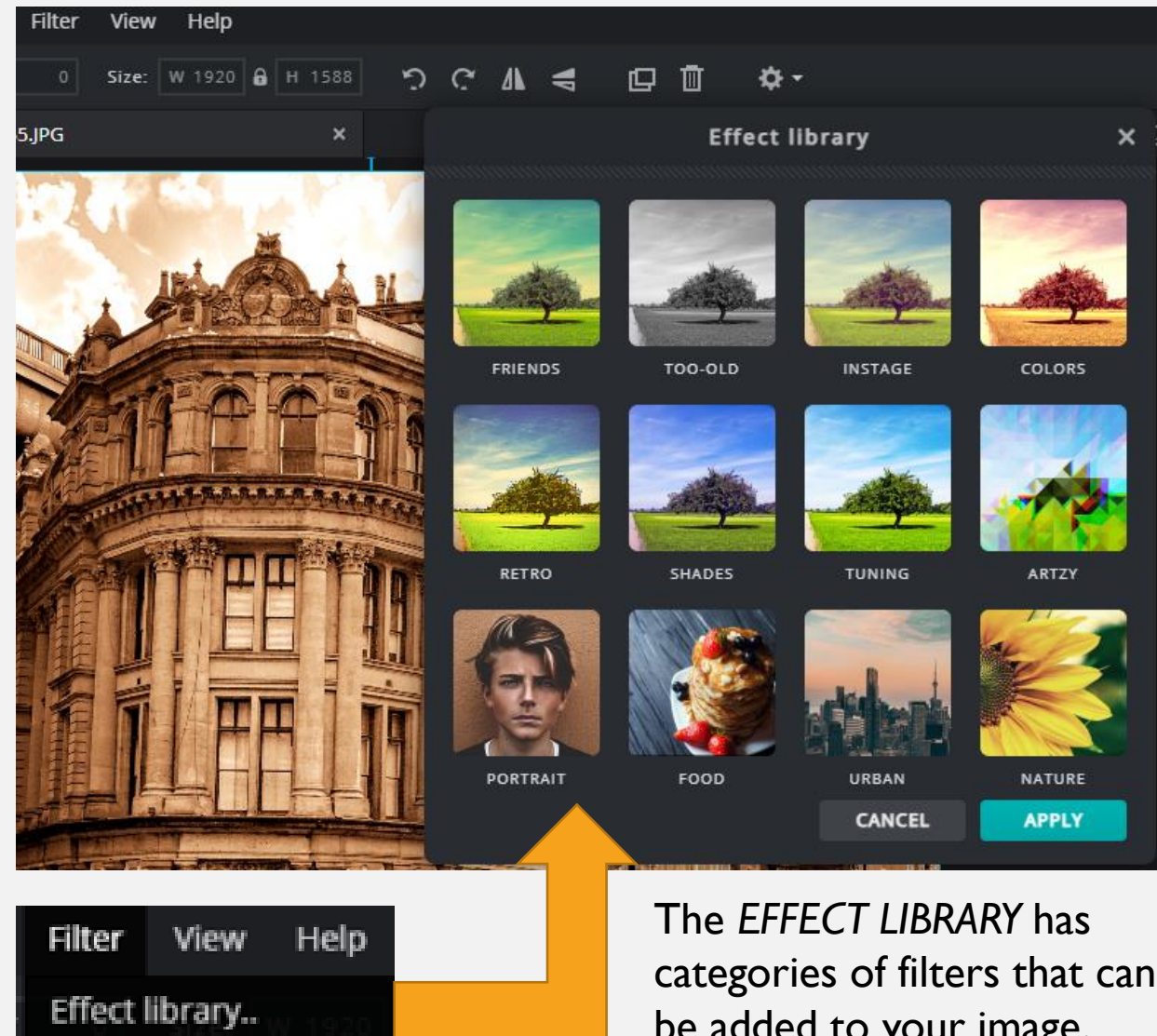
In *Adjustments* you will find the *CURVES* tool. Experiment with this and see what happens to the image.

Each of the colour levels shown in the *CURVE* tool can be adjusted to suit. Some changes may not be obvious. Compare the images on the right. What's different?



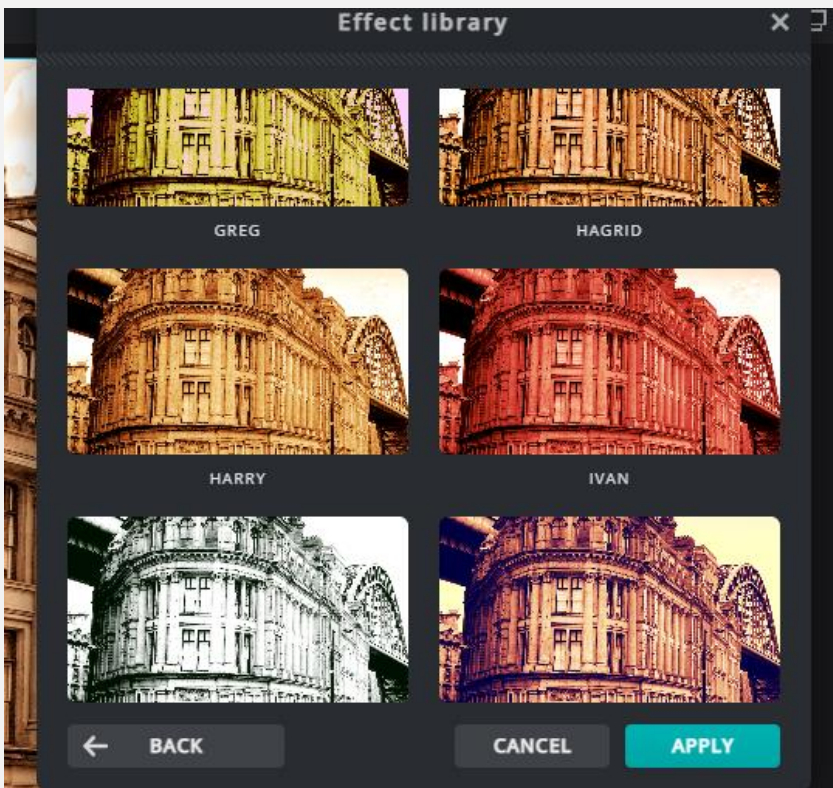


The *Filter* option increases creativity by adding FX. Try experimenting on your image to see what each effect does.



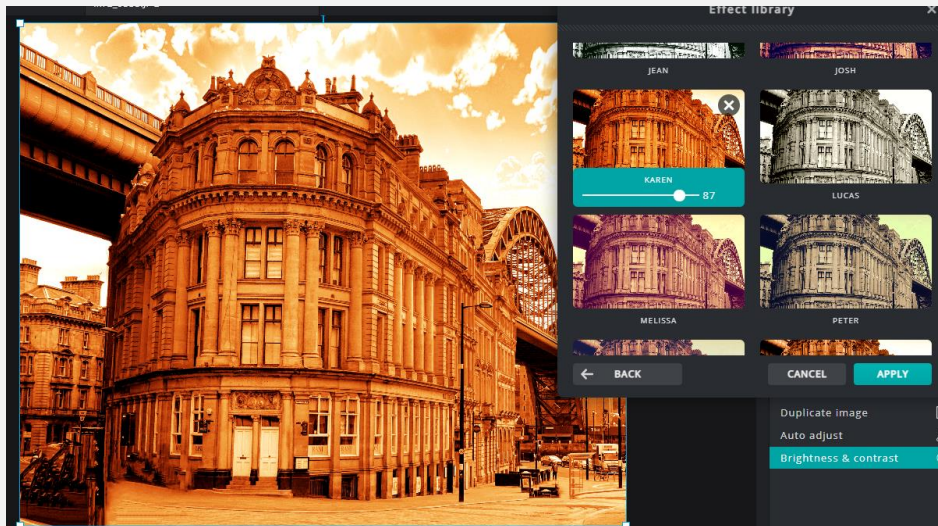
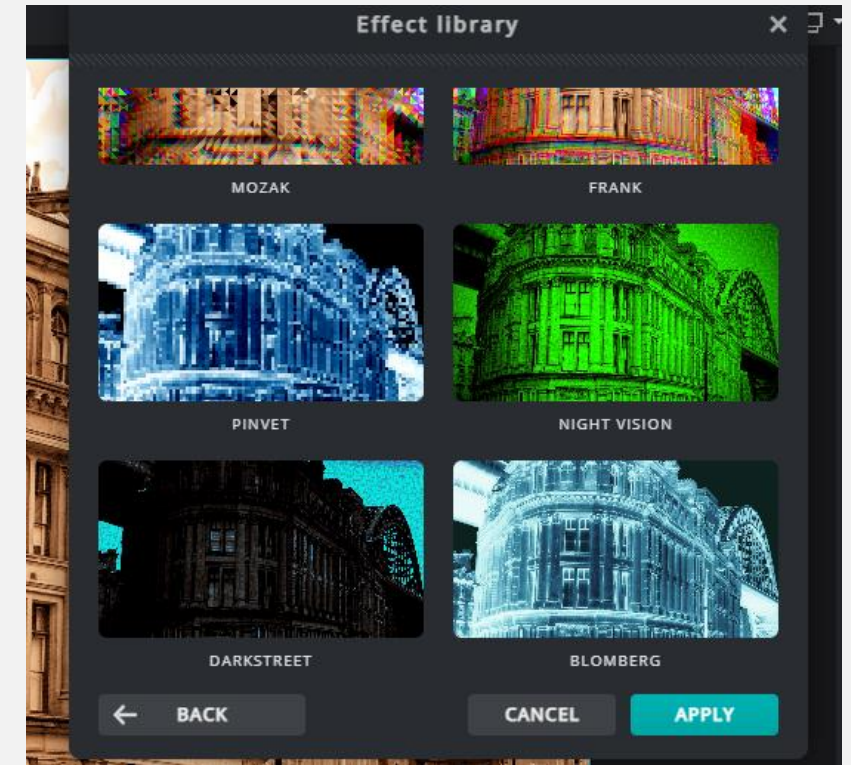
The *EFFECT LIBRARY* has categories of filters that can be added to your image. Click on a category and try a few filters to see what happens.





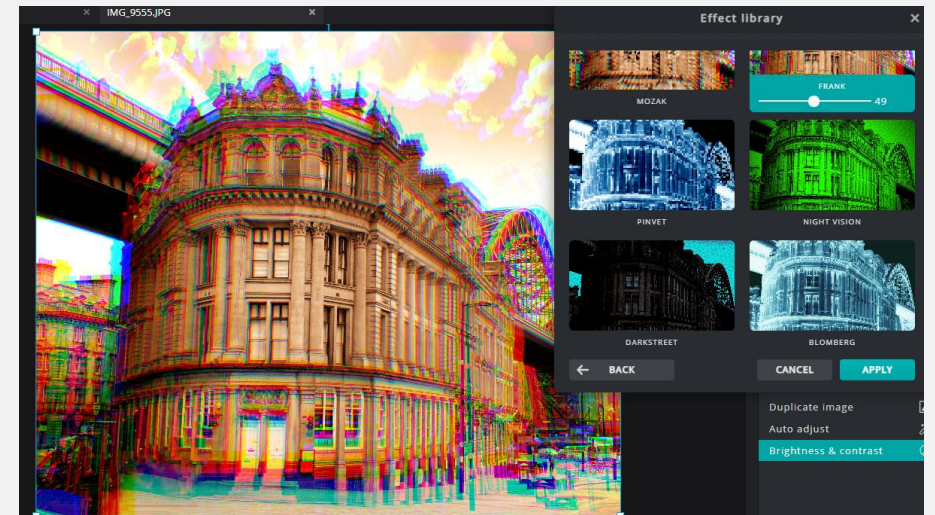
All filters are adjustable.  
The effect can be changed  
by moving the slider.

Filters can be layered on  
top of each other to  
achieve unique effects.



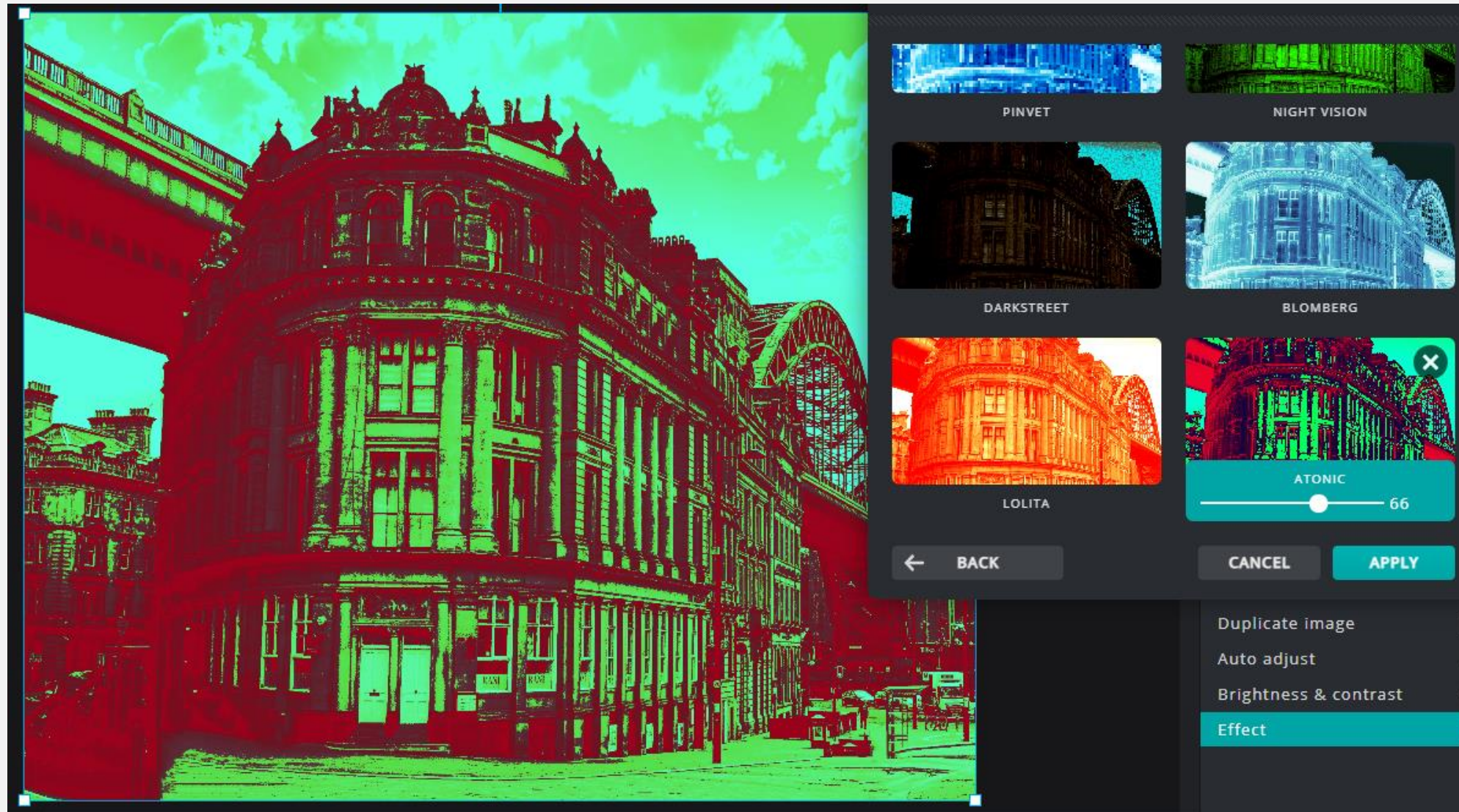
The image on the next  
page shows the *KAREN*  
filter overlaid with the  
*ATONIC* filter.

Try overlaying some of  
your own.



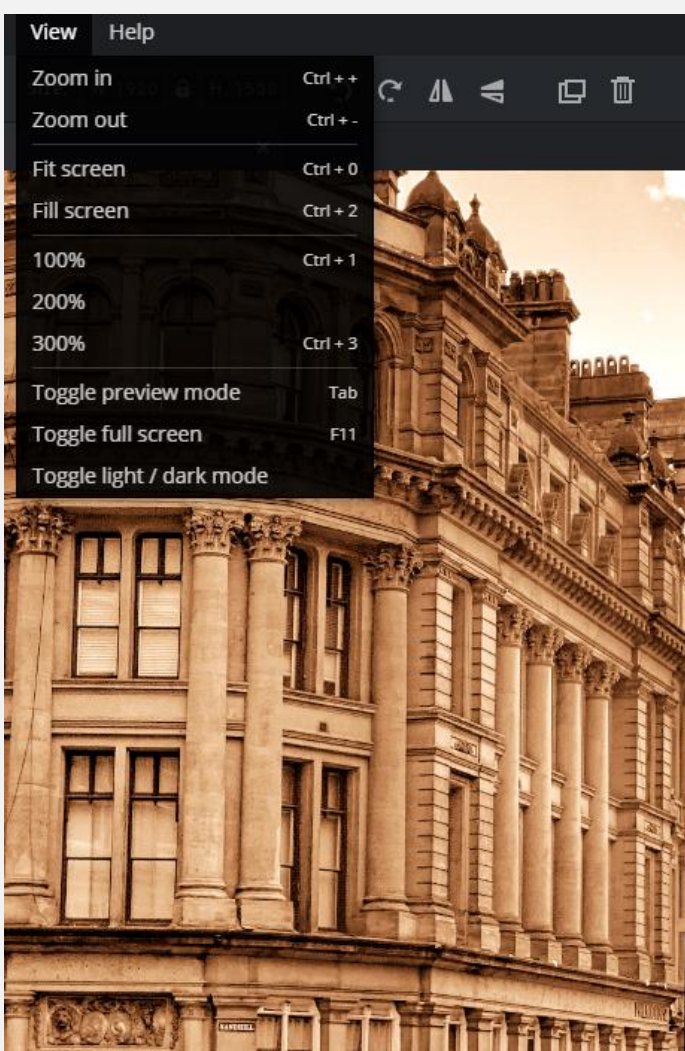


# Overlaying Filters.



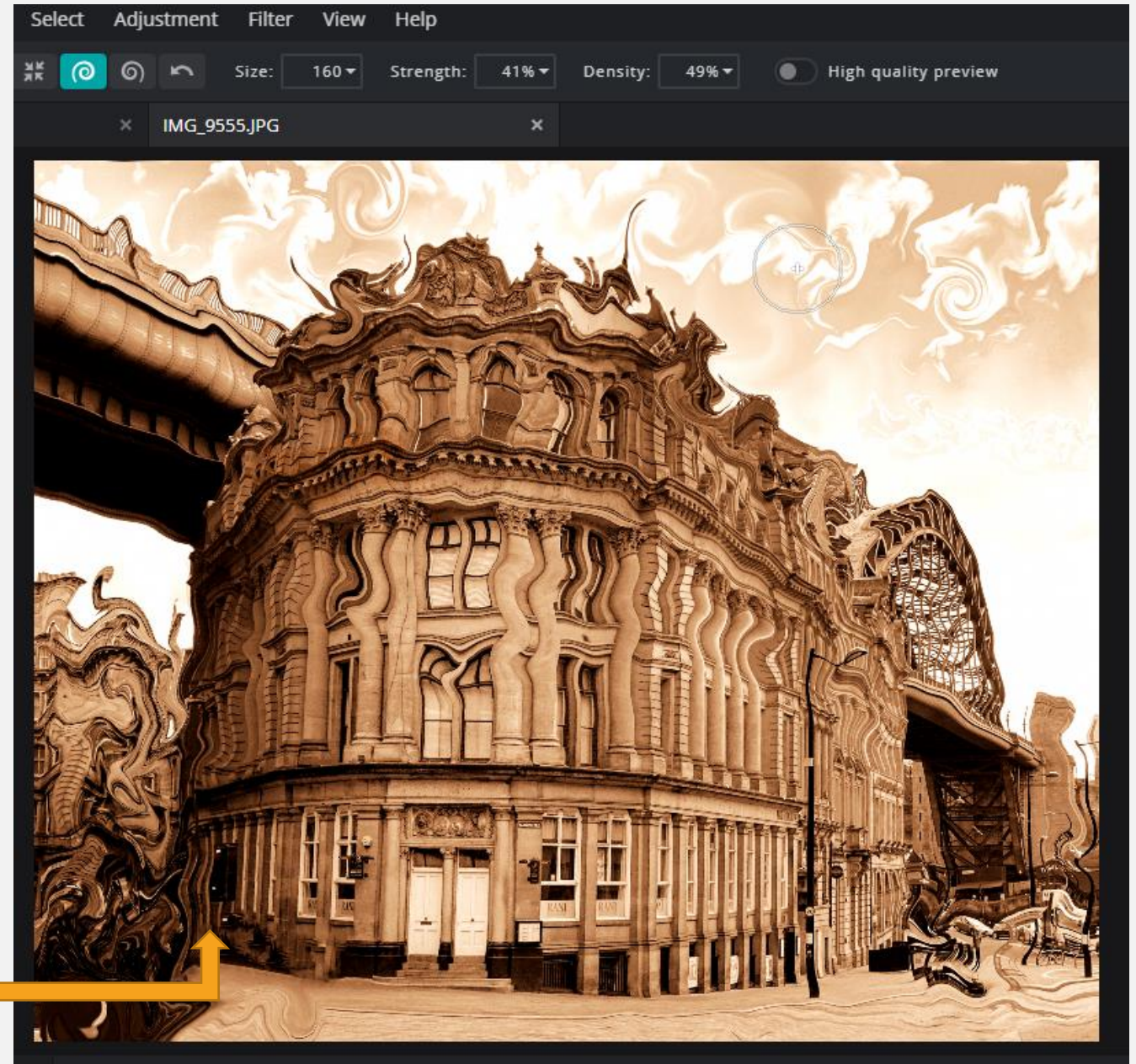
The *KAREN* filter overlaid with the *ATONIC* filter.





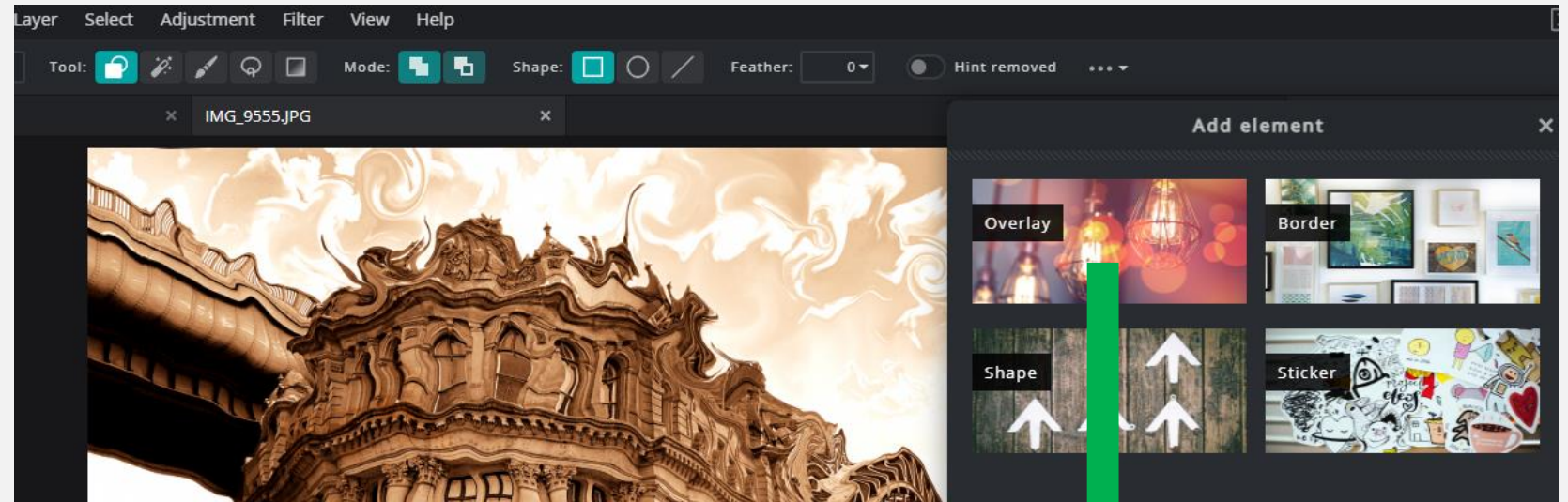
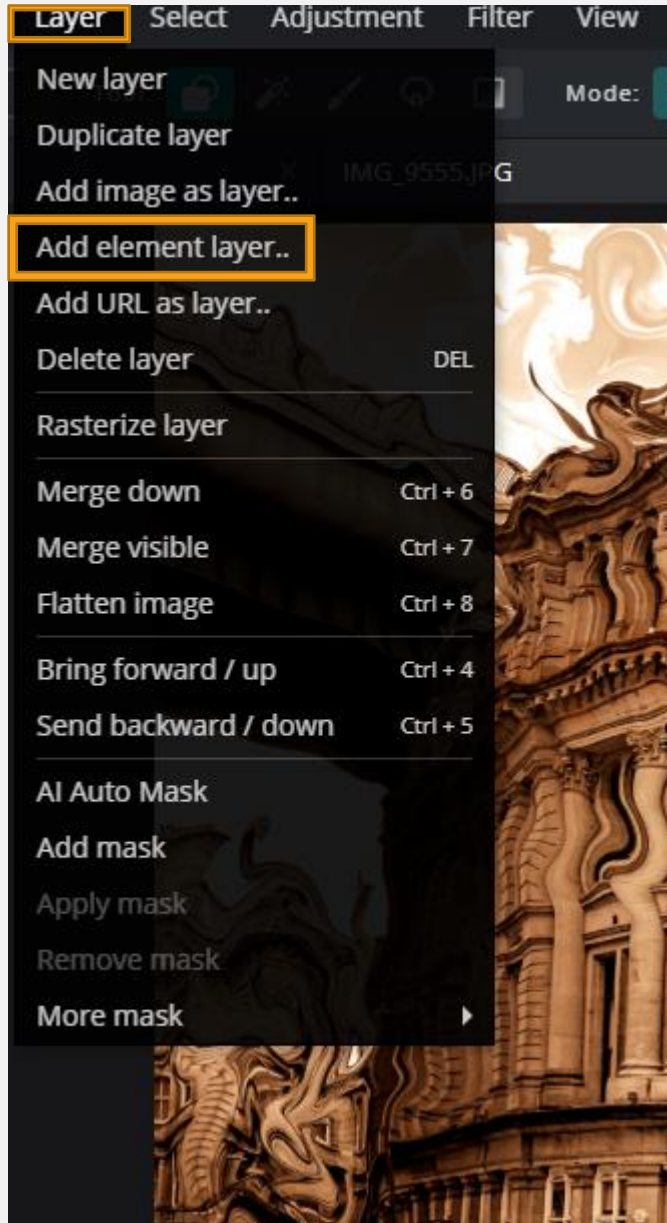
Some controls or tools may never be used. However, the *ZOOM* tools can be useful for detailed work such as when using the brush to draw or *LIQUIFY* to distort. (See example on the right.)

The *LIQUIIFY* tool is very versatile. Artistic effects can be achieved relatively easily. Direction, size, strength and density can all be adjusted.

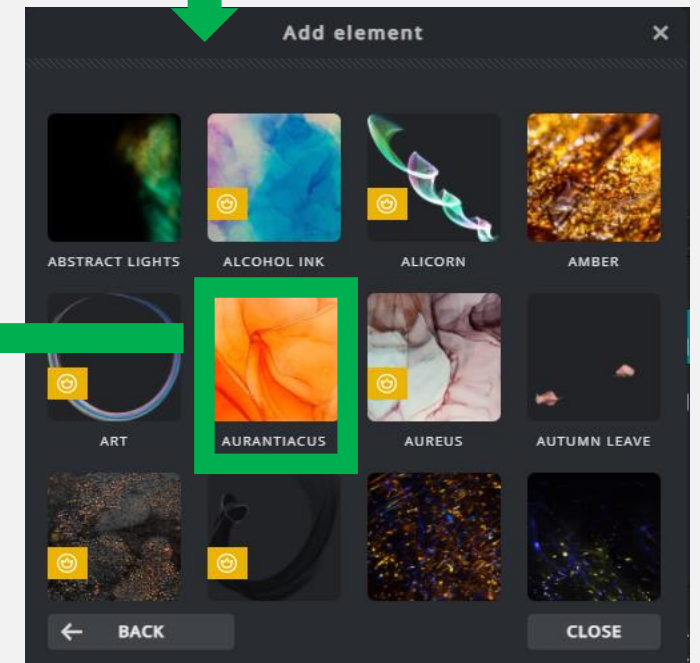
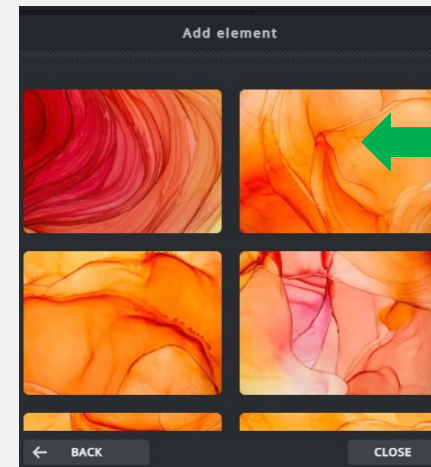




# Adding an *ELEMENT*



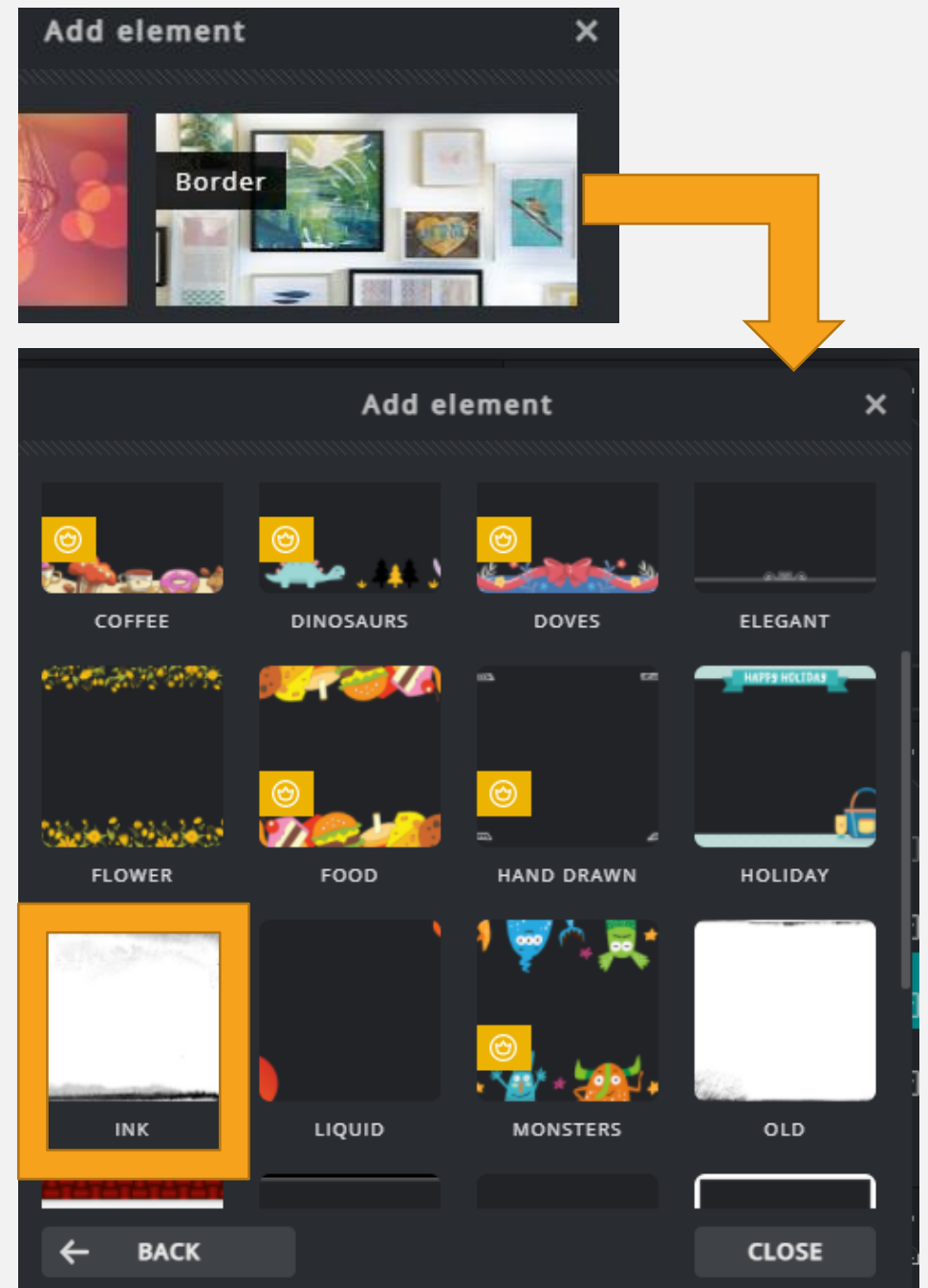
*ELEMENT OVERLAY* is useful for adding light effects to photos. They work in much the same way as filters. *OVERLAYS* can be layered, rotated and/or flipped.





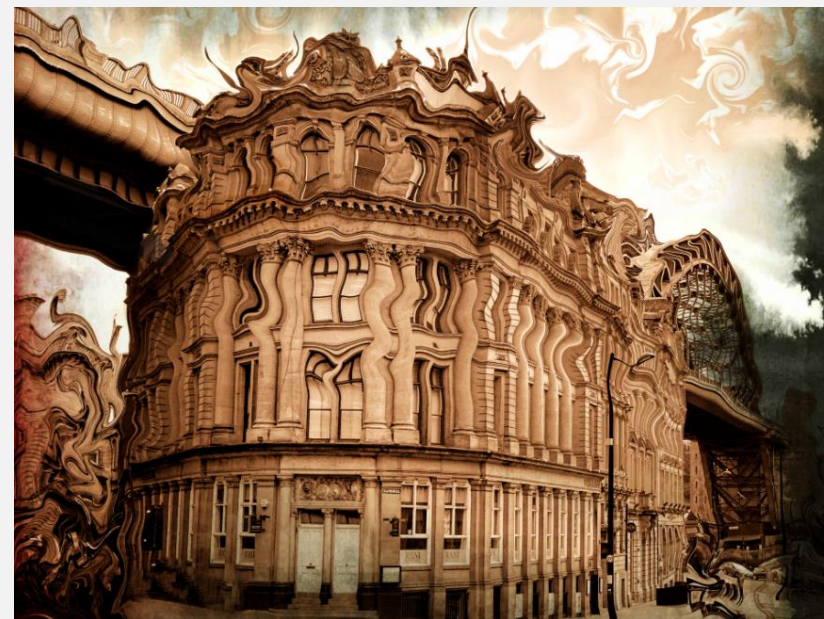
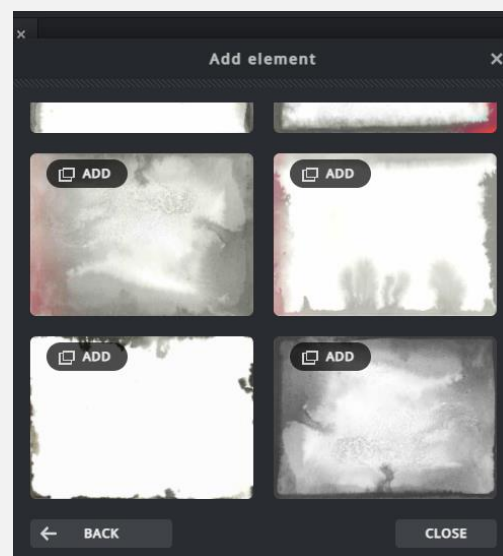
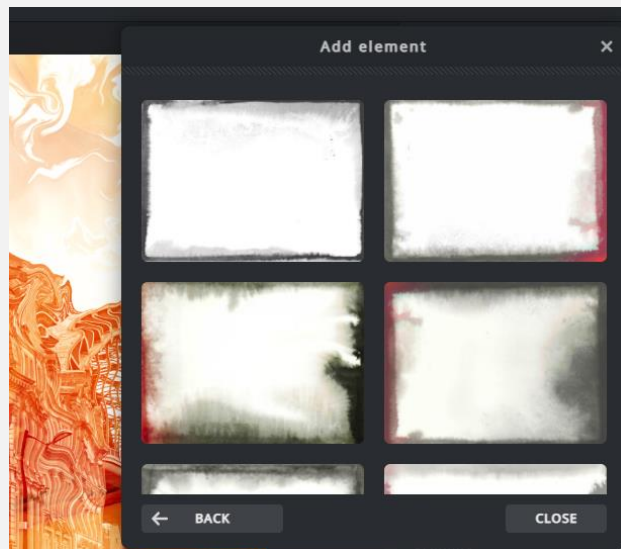


A border can add interesting effects to the image. Like overlays, they can be layered until the desired effect is reached. There are a few border groups that are free – again, do not click on the *PREMIUM* categories.

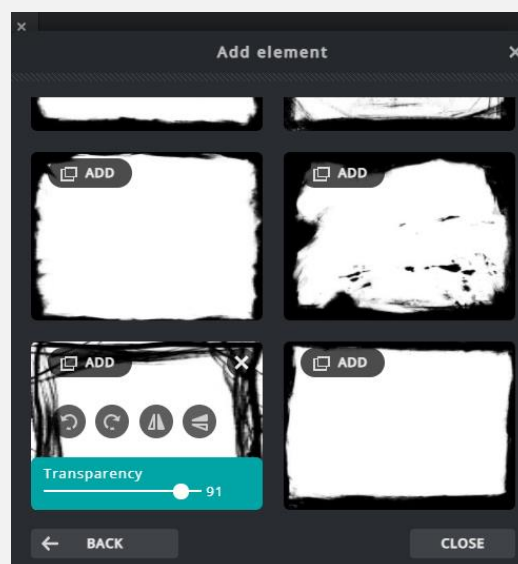
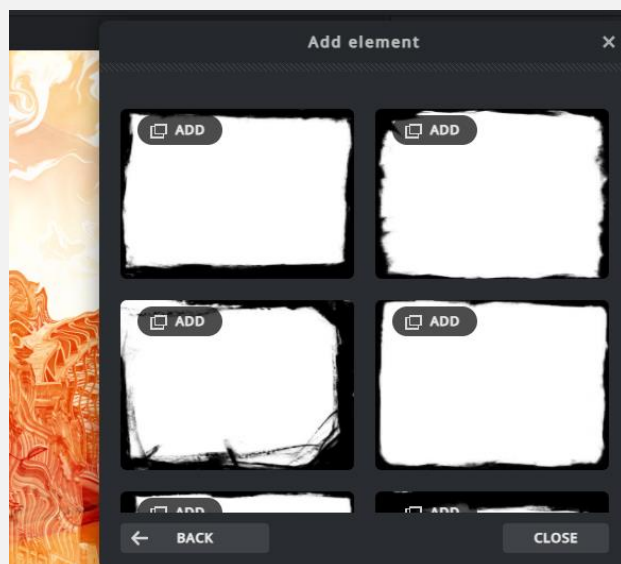




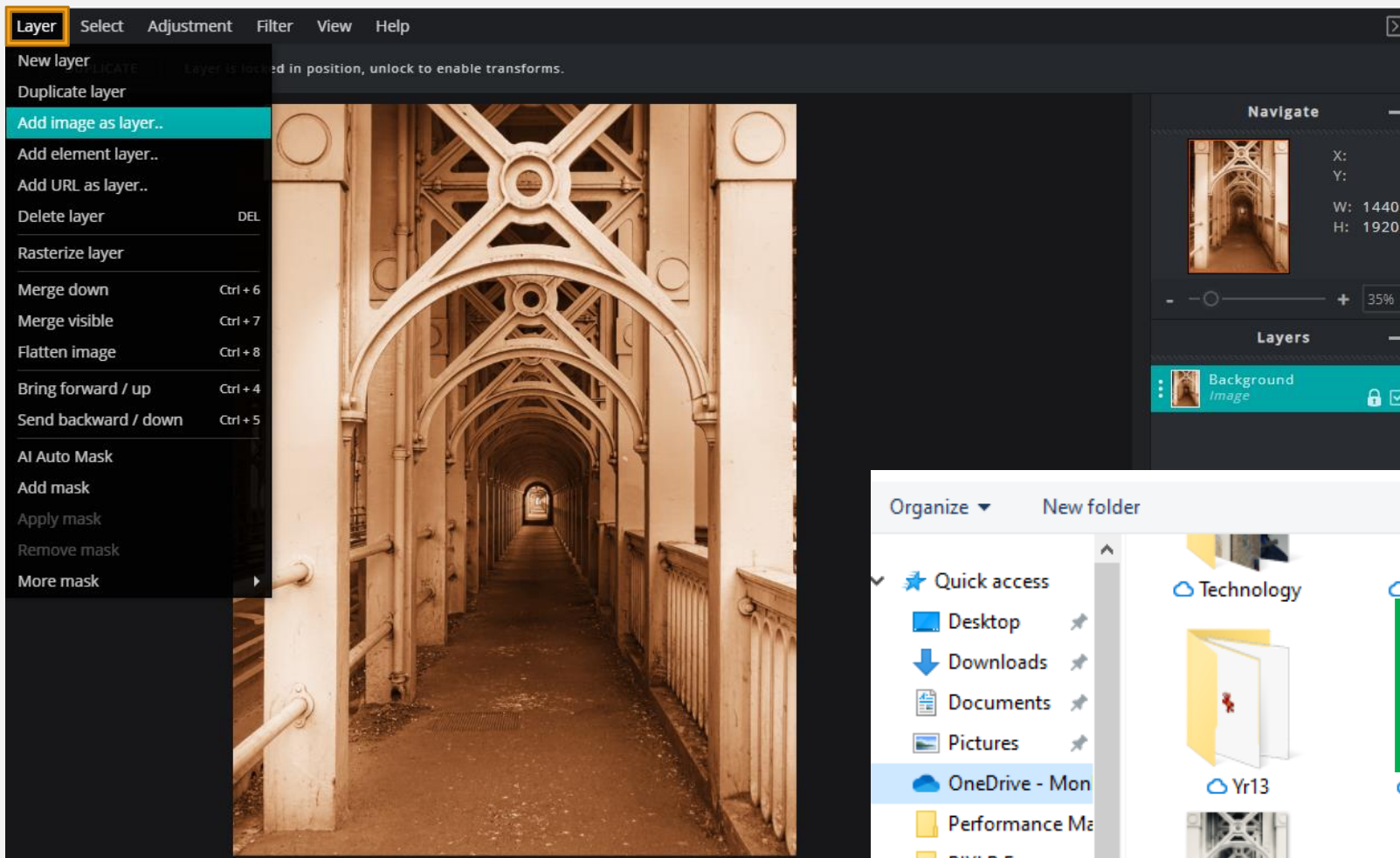
## Examples from the *INK* group of *BORDERS*.



## Examples from the *BRUSHED* group of *BORDERS*.





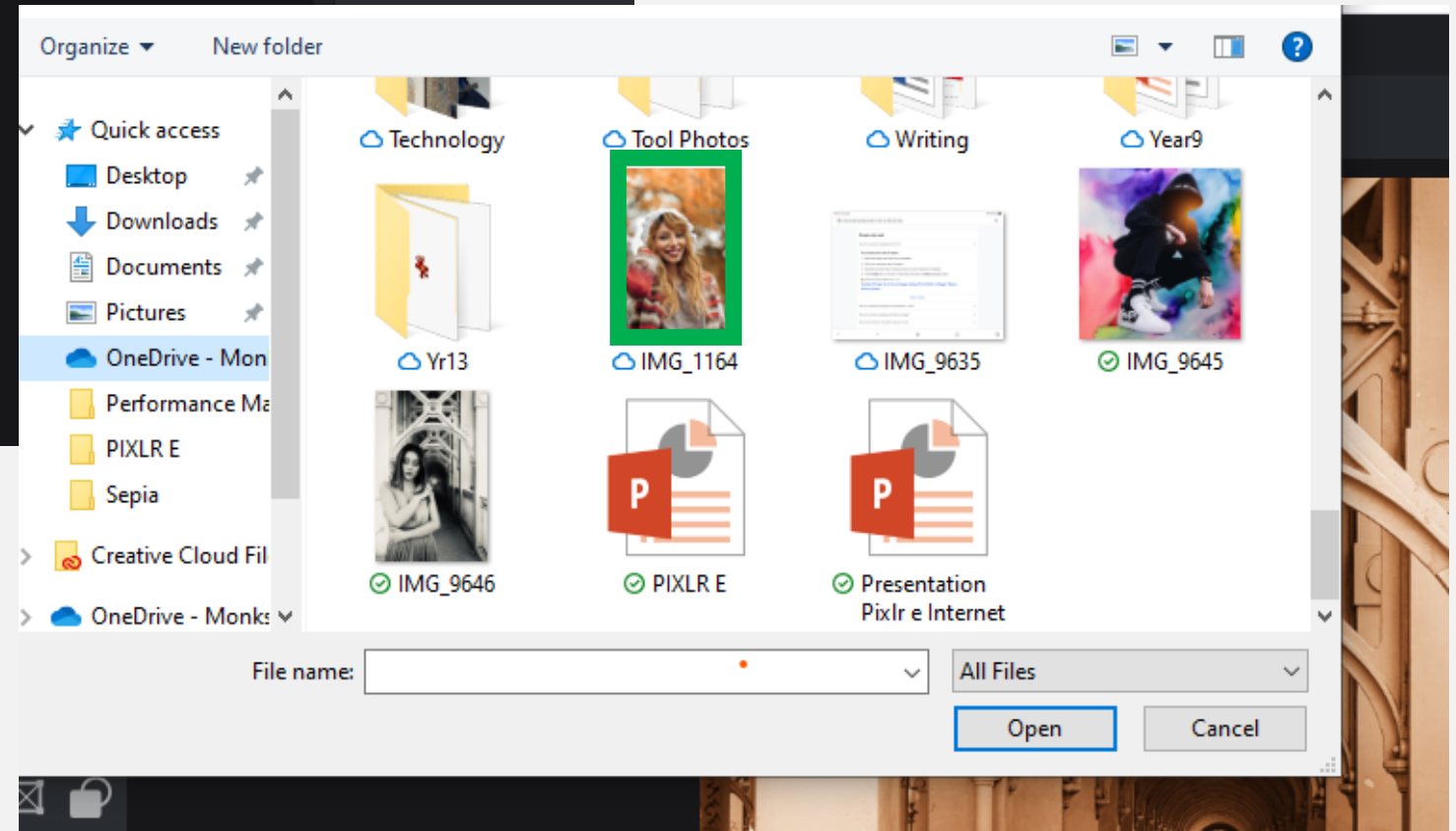


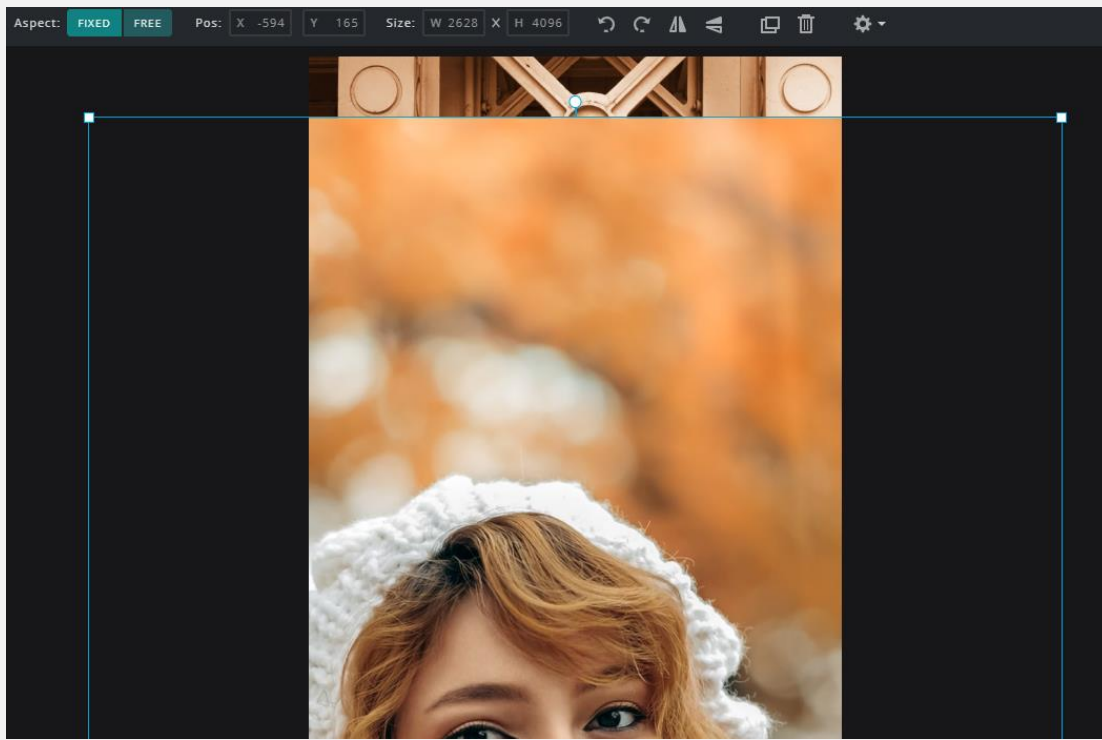
# Adding Images.

Adding, layering or superimposing images to make a *composite* can be very useful when editing.

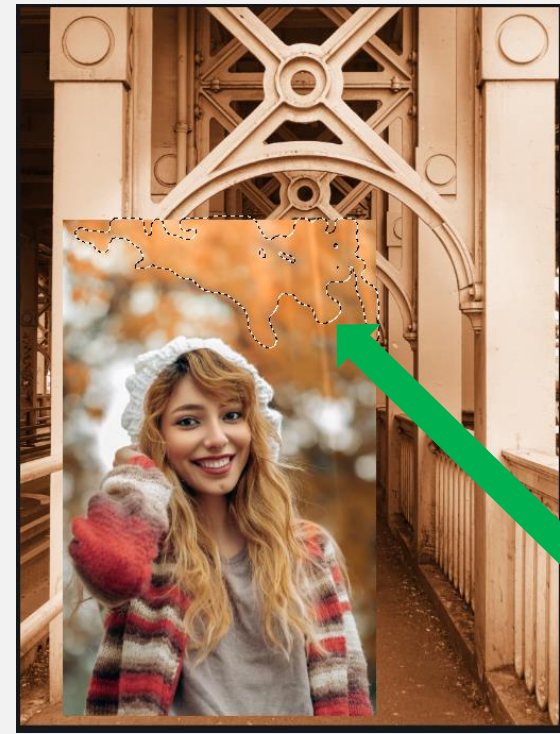
PIXLR has an AI function in its PREMIUM package which can remove backgrounds easily. However, the BASIC version of PIXLR relies on removing the background manually.

Open the background image. Go to *LAYER* then *ADD IMAGE AS LAYER*. Choose your foreground image from your files. Click *OPEN*.





The foreground image (the person) will be superimposed on the first layer (the bridge). There are a few ways to remove the unwanted areas around the person. This will need to be done manually. As stated, only *PIXLR PREMIUM* has the intelligent (AI) function. However, doing it manually is good practise as you get to know what the various tools are capable of.



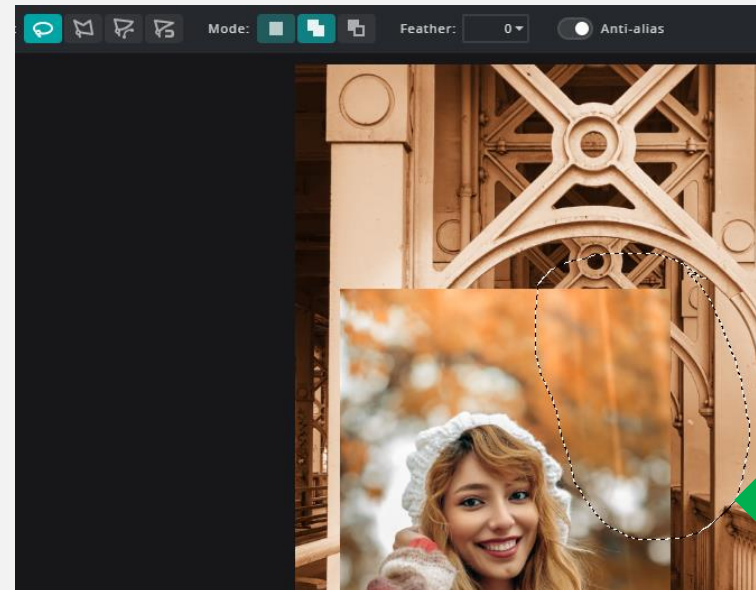
*REMOVAL* tools that you're likely to use are:

- Eraser
- Lasso
- Magic Wand

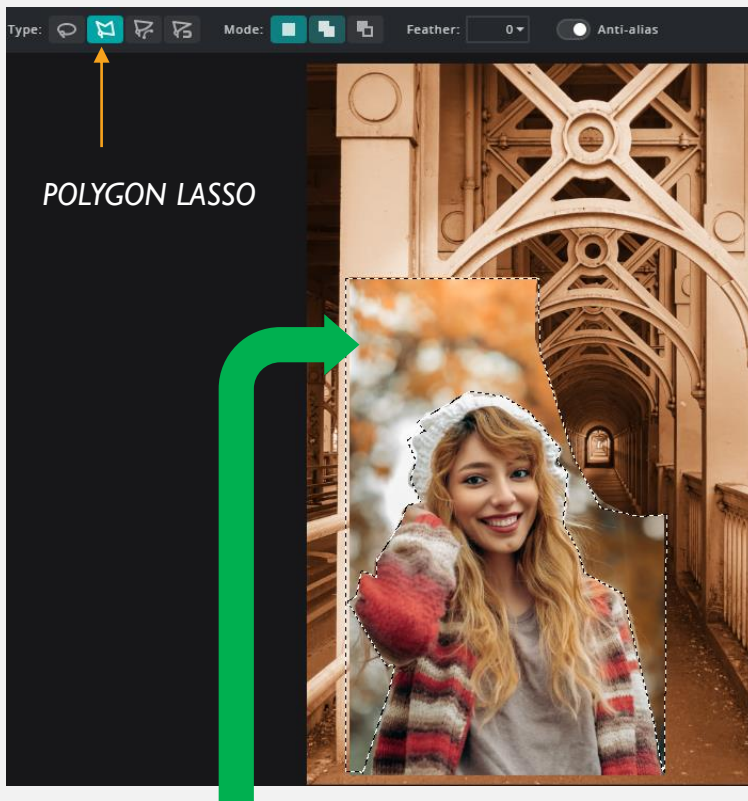
The *ERASER* rubs-out the pixels and can be controlled by adjusting the sliders.

The *MAGIC WAND* selects areas in the same colour range. Hold down the *SHIFT* key and click to select multiple areas. Click *EDIT* then *CUT* to remove.

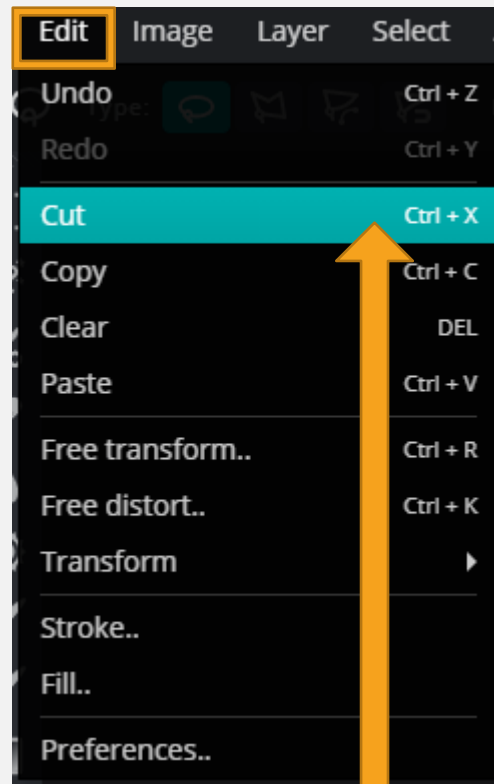
The *LASSO* tool (*FREEHAND*) is useful for selecting large areas. Click *EDIT* then *CUT* to remove.







When drawing around the person, remember that it's the background that is being removed. Notice where the dotted line is in the above image. **POLYGON LASSO:** Choose a starting point and click. Work your way around the person (or object) by clicking at various points. Then **EDIT/CUT**. It can only outline in straight lines, so, after removing the background, you will need to fine-tune the image.



EDIT/CUT



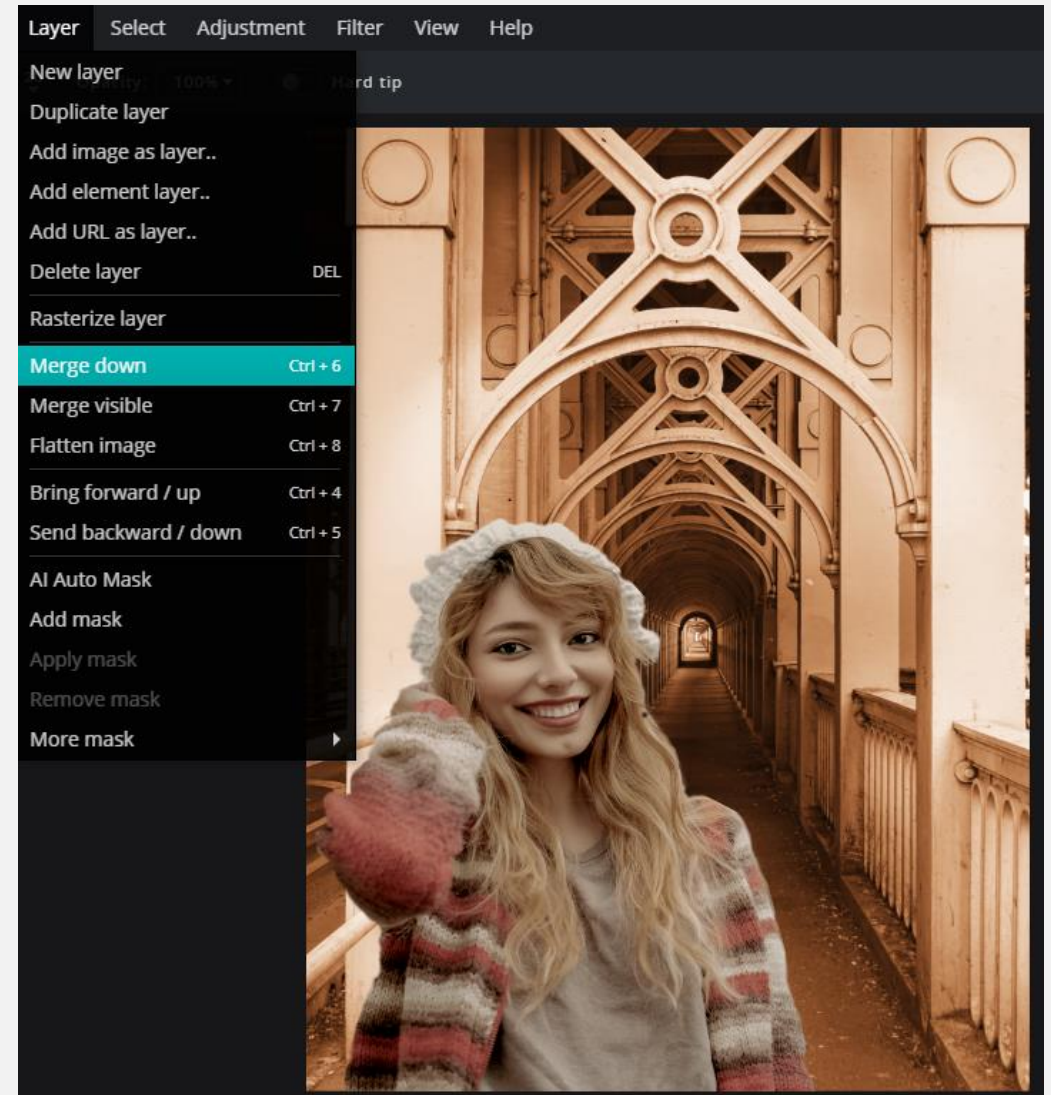
To fine-tune the image you need to use the **ERASER**.



The larger the image, the better. To do this, click **VIEW** then **ZOOM IN**. There are pre-sets for 100/200/300% if you prefer. Click **FIT SCREEN** to return to normal view.

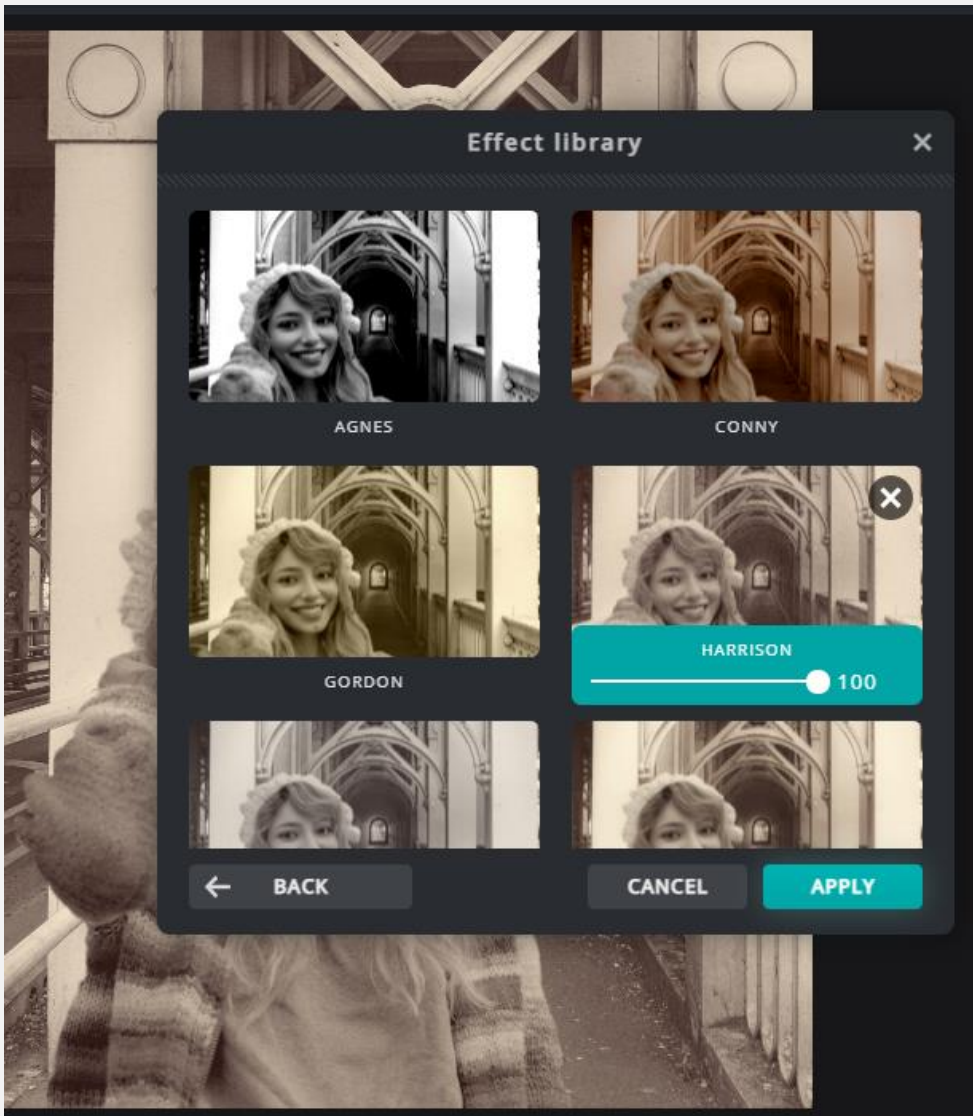


The *ERASER* tool can be adjusted by moving the sliders. The type of brush can be selected from the menu. It's best to use a variety of brush styles when removing unwanted areas – a fine eraser brush allows detailed work.



If you want to add a *FILTER* to unify your photo, go to *LAYER* then *MERGE DOWN*. Instead of two distinct layers, you now have one.





To add a *FILTER* or *EFFECT* repeat instructions given earlier in the booklet. When you are happy with the result, go to *FILE/SAVE*. Save in your documents as a *PNG*.



SAVED IMAGE.

## PIXLR MOBILE APP

For phone or tablet.

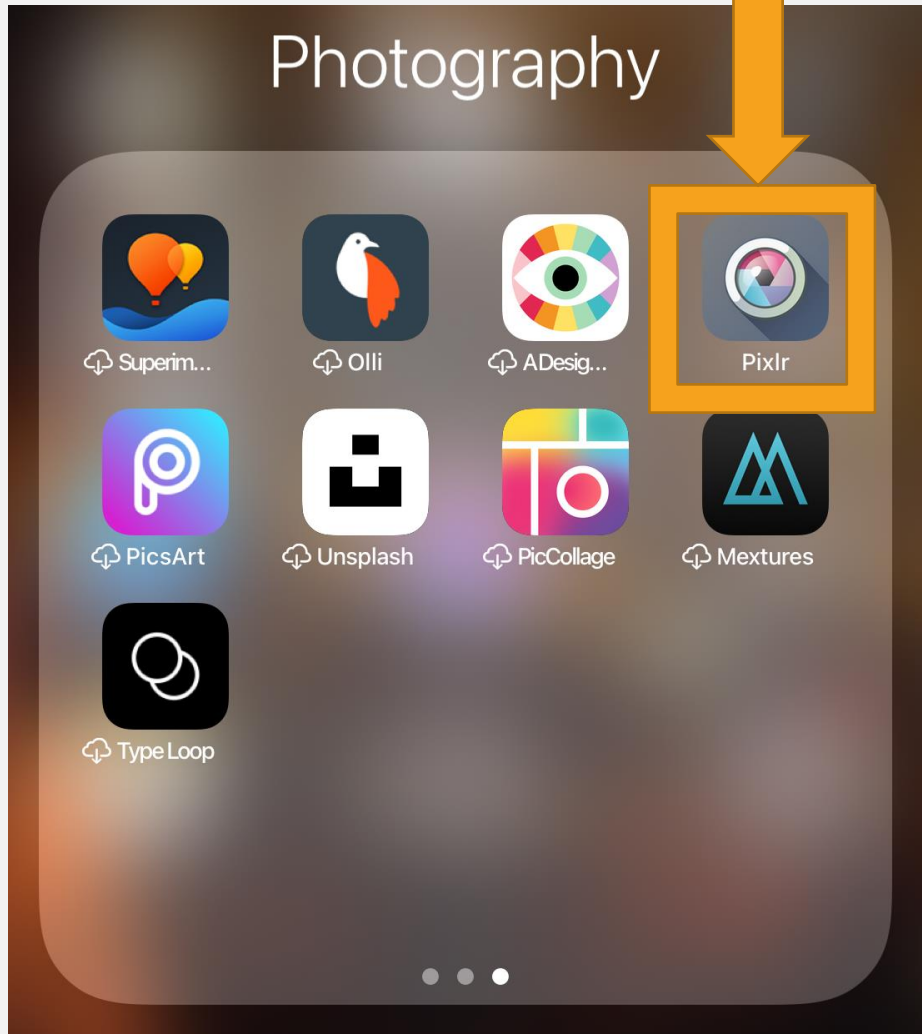


## A BASIC GUIDE TO THE PIXLR APP.

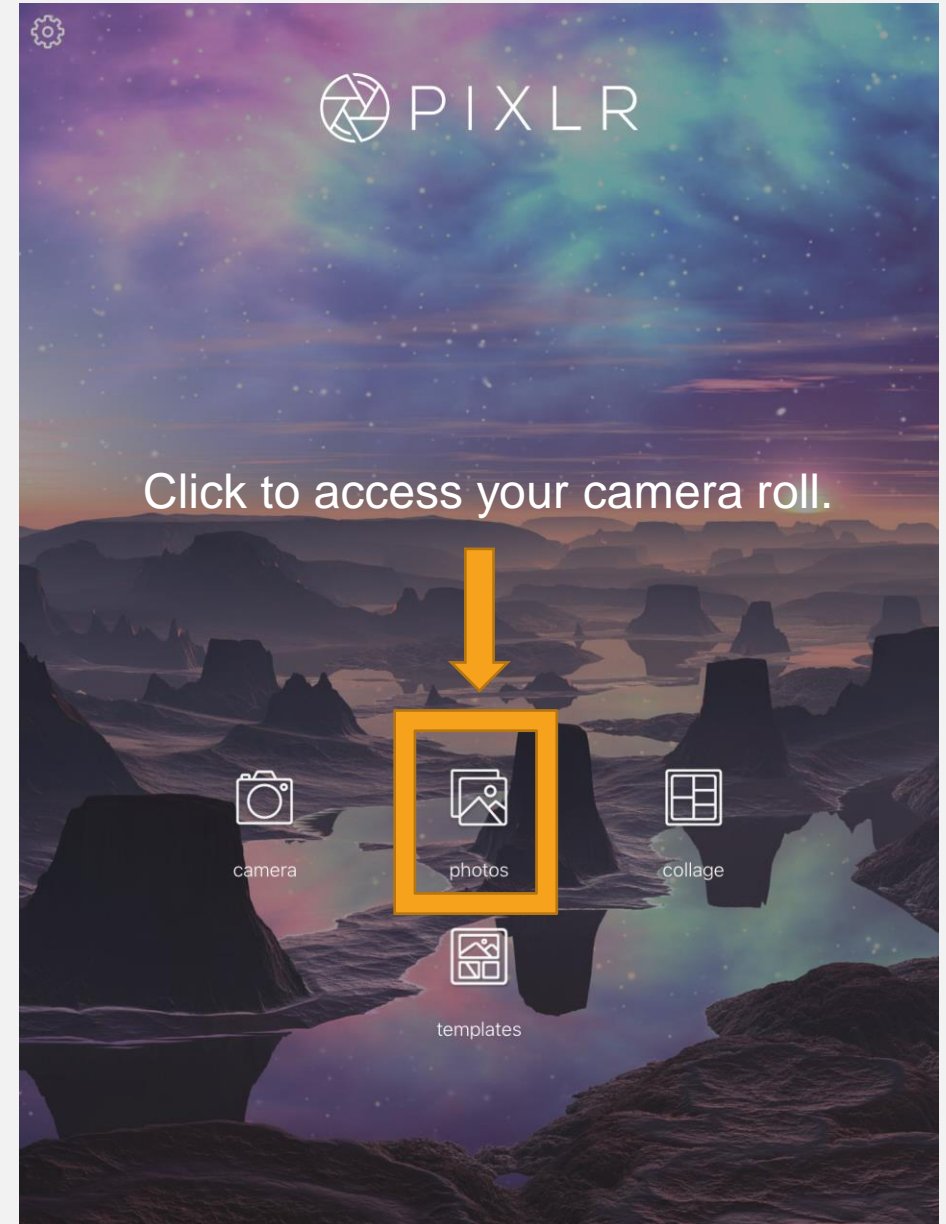
- The app is free to download from the Apple App Store or from Google Play.
- It has very good **free** functions.
- There are occasional **ad pop-ups**. Click on the **X** in the top-right of the ad box to clear.
- **It costs for full PREMIUM functionality – Do NOT be tempted to try a FREE TRIAL unless you intend subscribing, or can remember to cancel before the trial ends. If you don't you will be charged.**

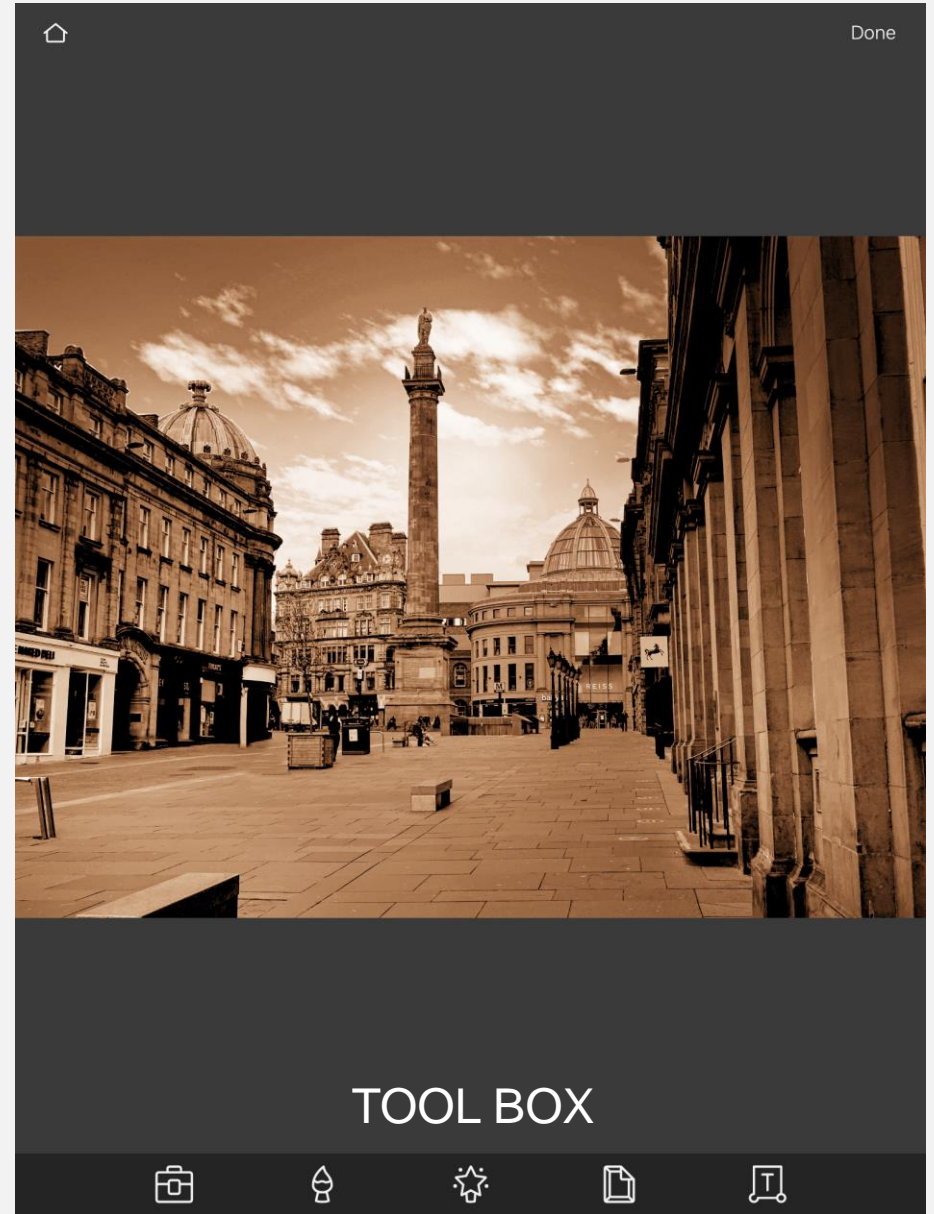


After downloading and installing the app, open it by clicking on the logo.

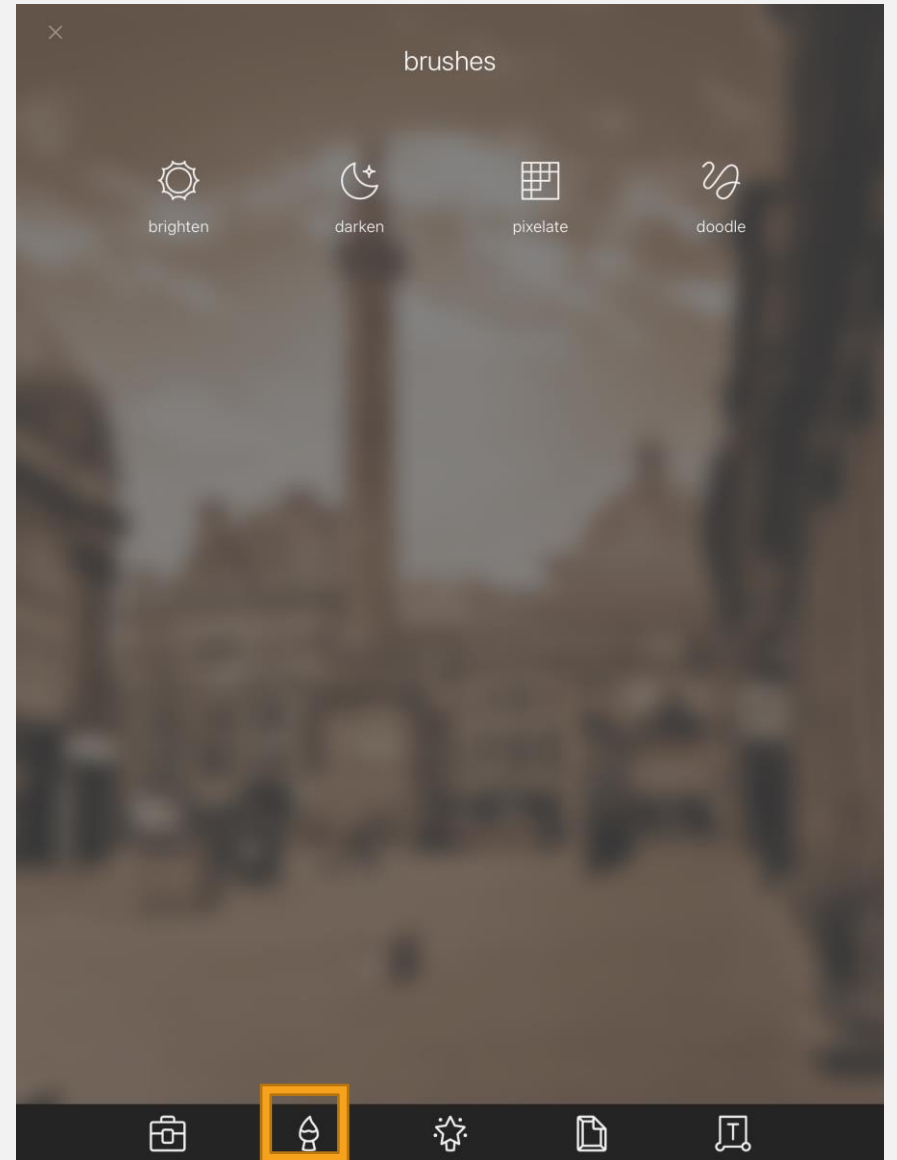
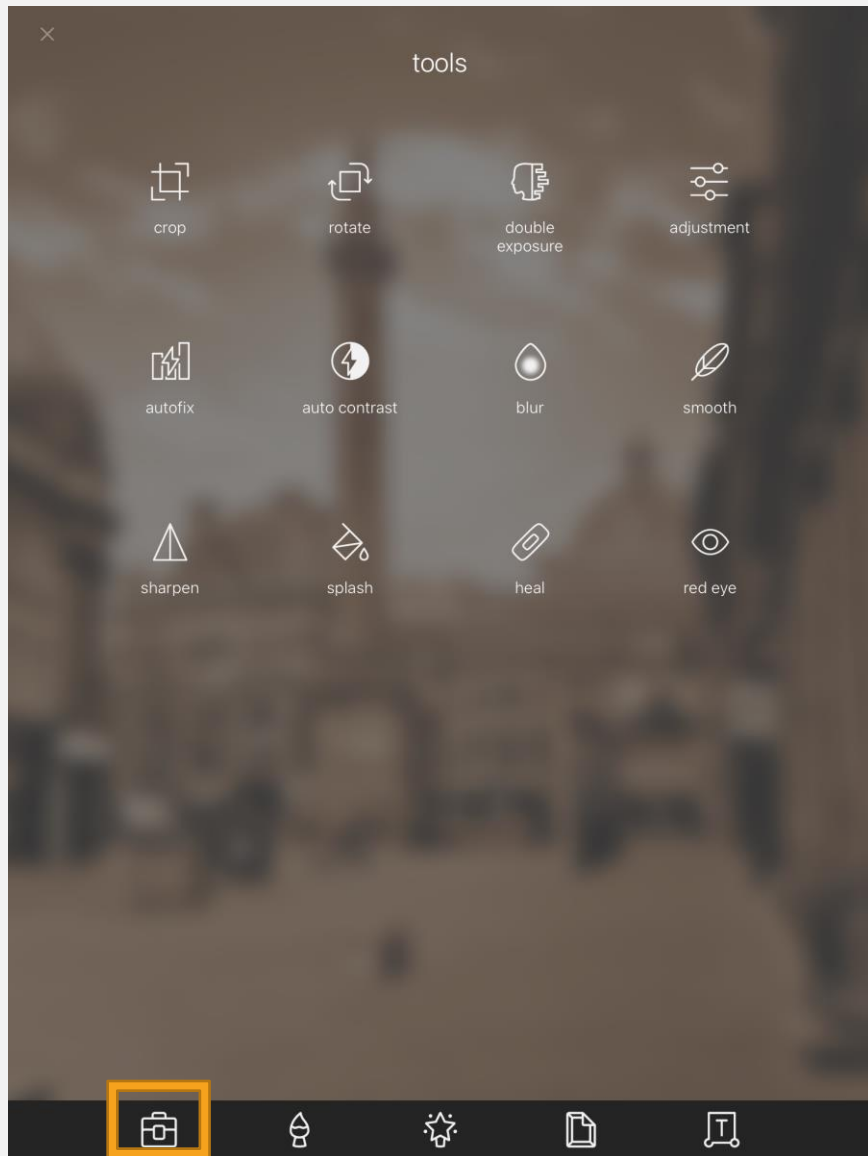


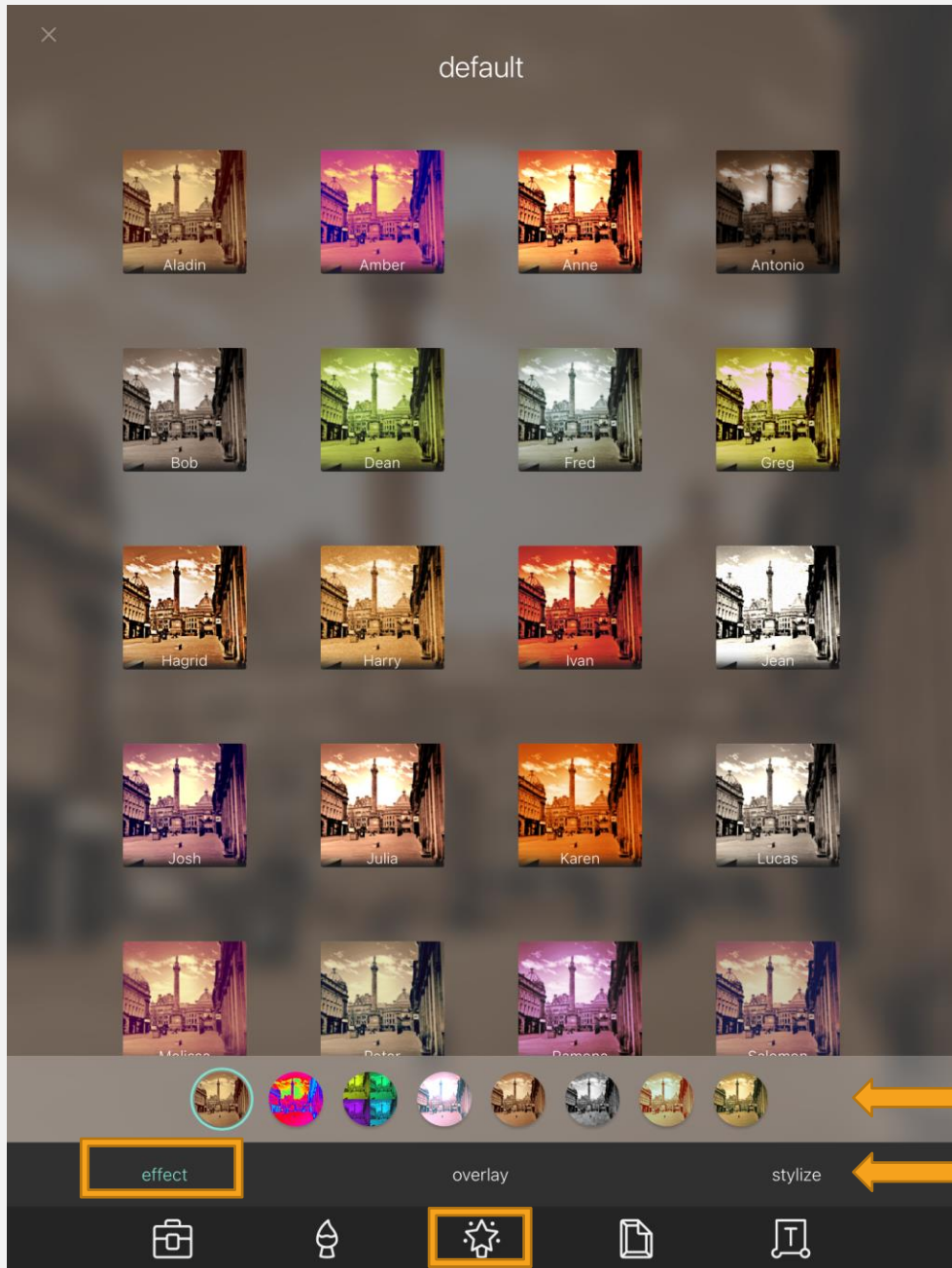
## PIXLR HOME PAGE











The *Magic Wand* tool is great for adding effects and filters to your photo. There is a menu above the toolbox: *Effect/Overlay/Stylise*.

*Effect* lets you chose the type of filter for your photo.

*Overlay* lets you add elements like bokeh, lens flare, scratches and dust etc.

*Stylise* lets you chose an effect such as *Posterise*, *Silk* and *Watercolour*.

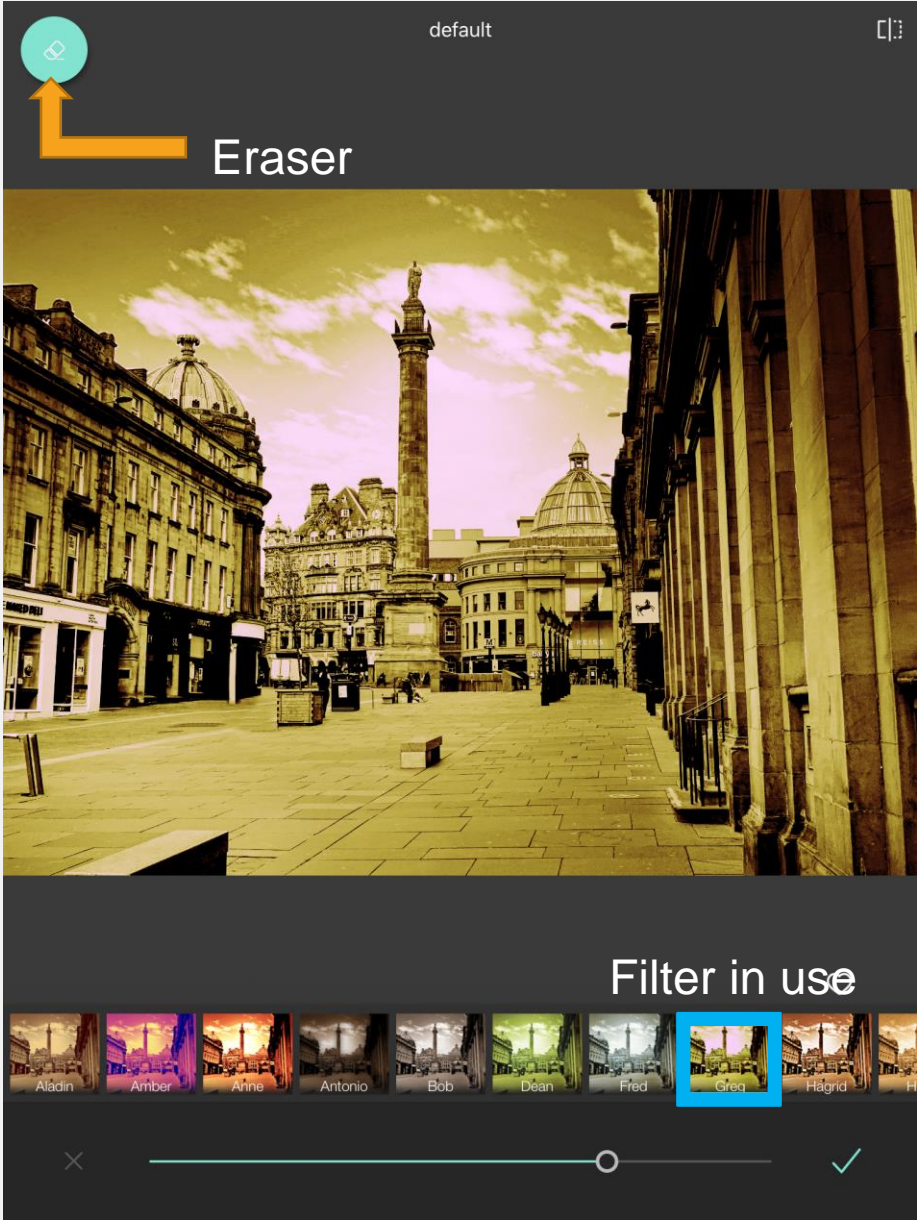
Types of filter.

Effect/Overlay/Stylise

Magic Wand

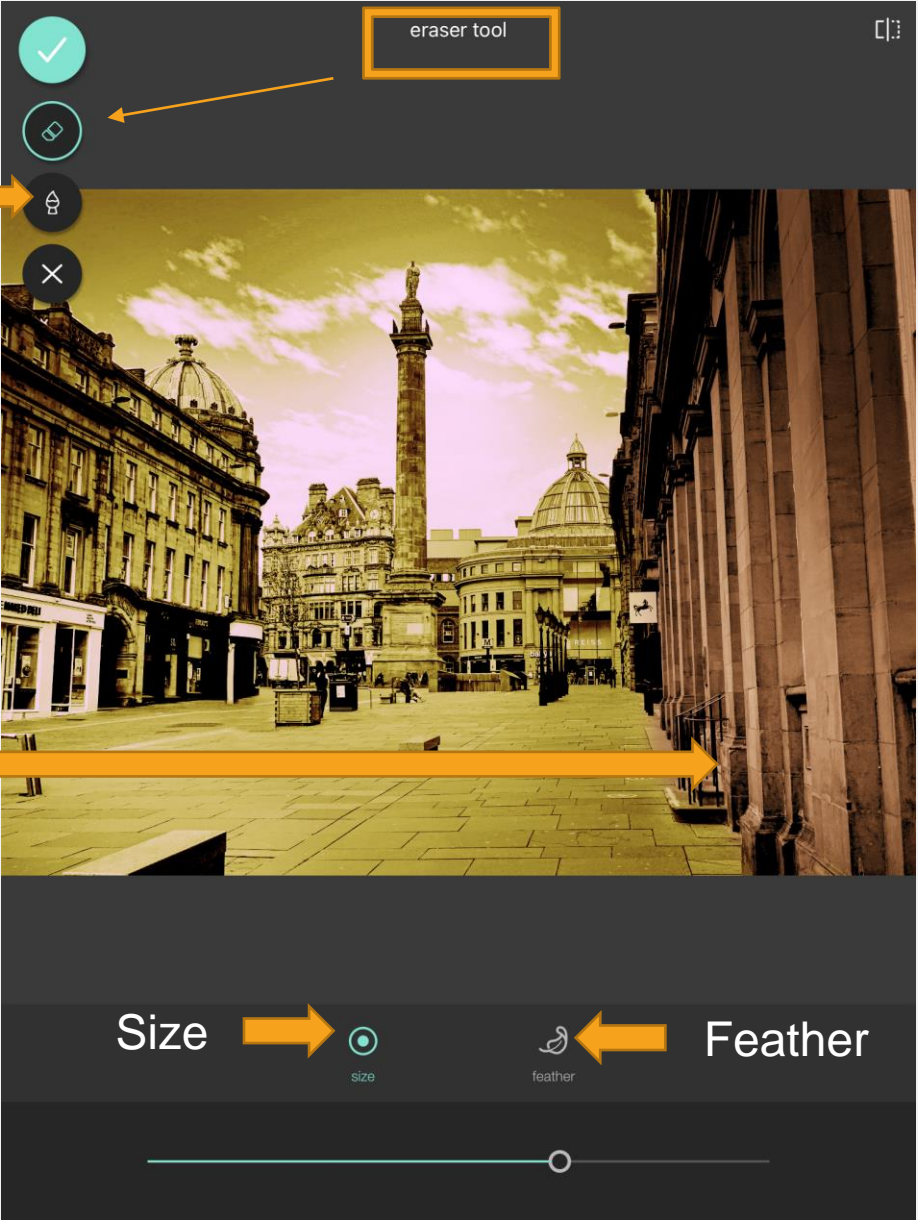


Once you have chosen your filter, click on the **TICK** at the bottom of the screen.

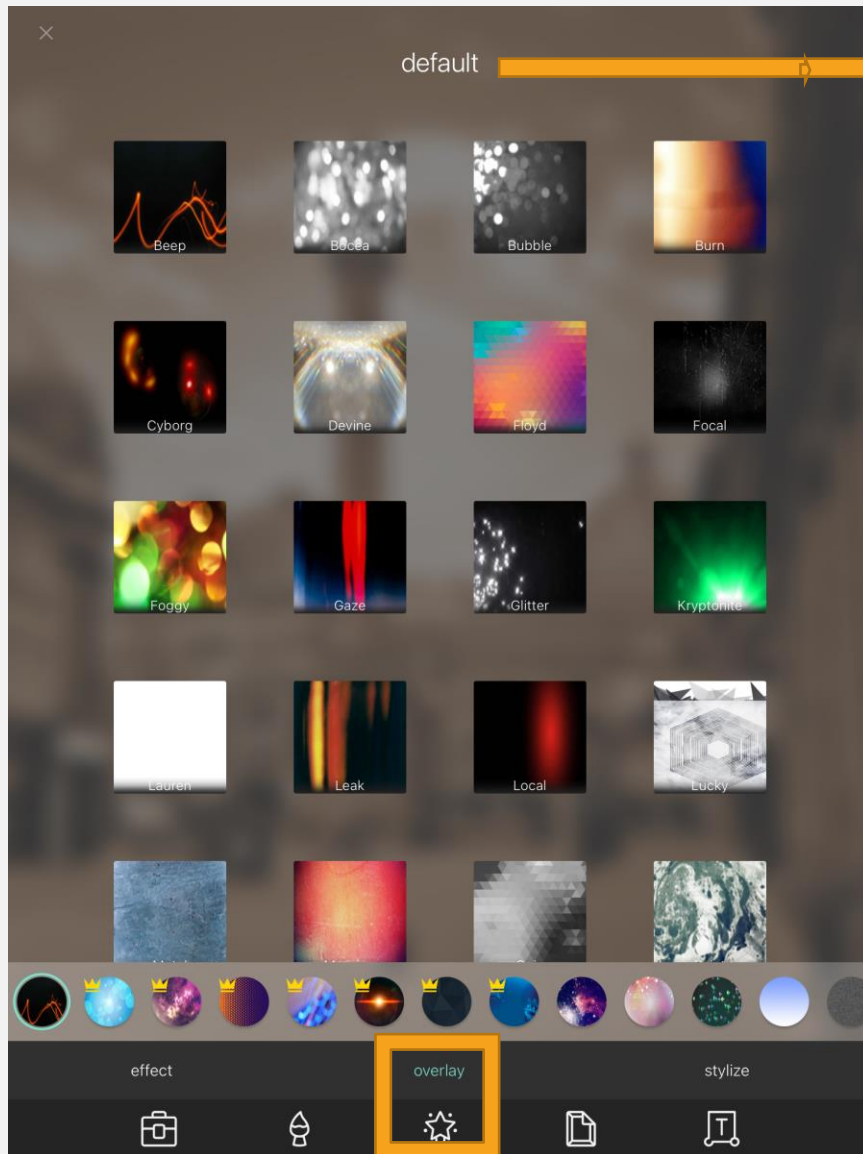


Draw Tool

Remove parts of the filter by using the *Eraser*. The original photo will appear.



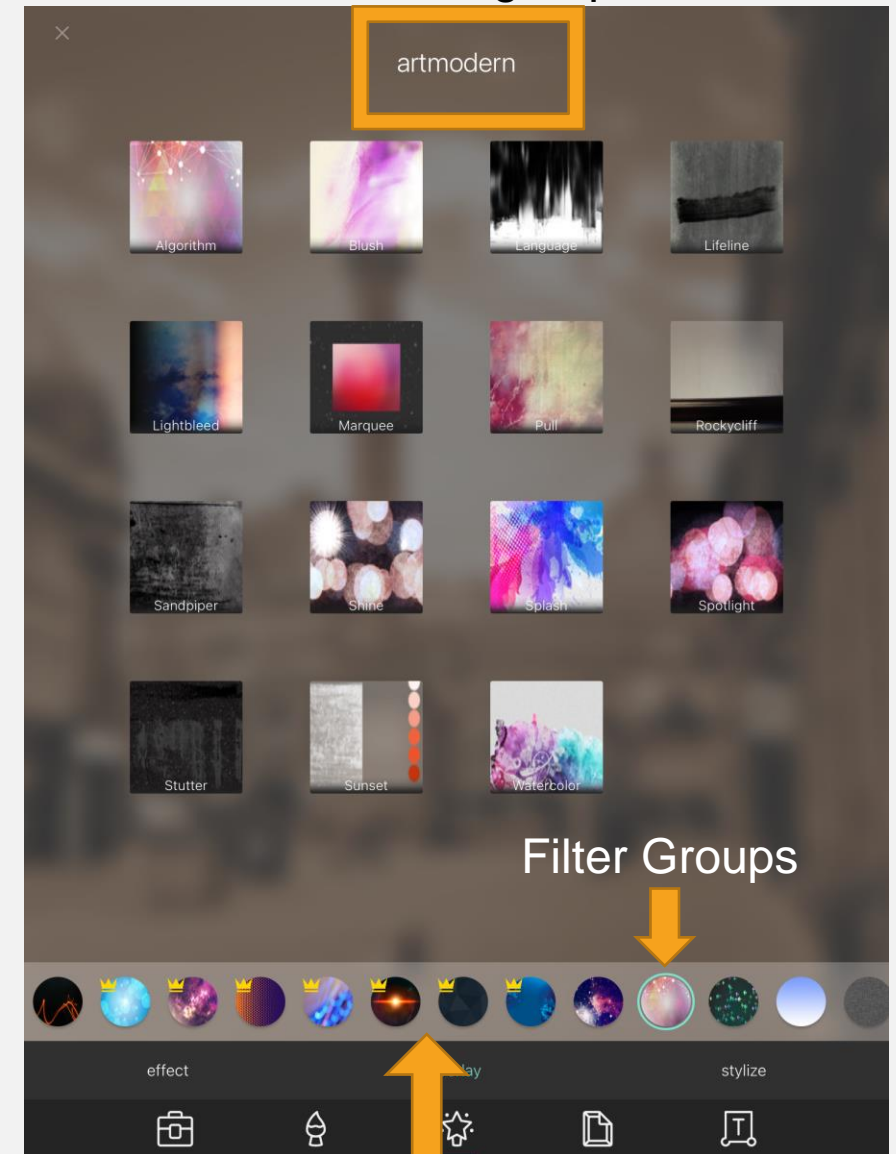
# Using *OVERLAYS*.



*DEFAULT OVERLAYS* are useful for adding effects to photos. They can be layered on top of each other to give spectacular effects. The transparency of each overlay can be altered by a slider.

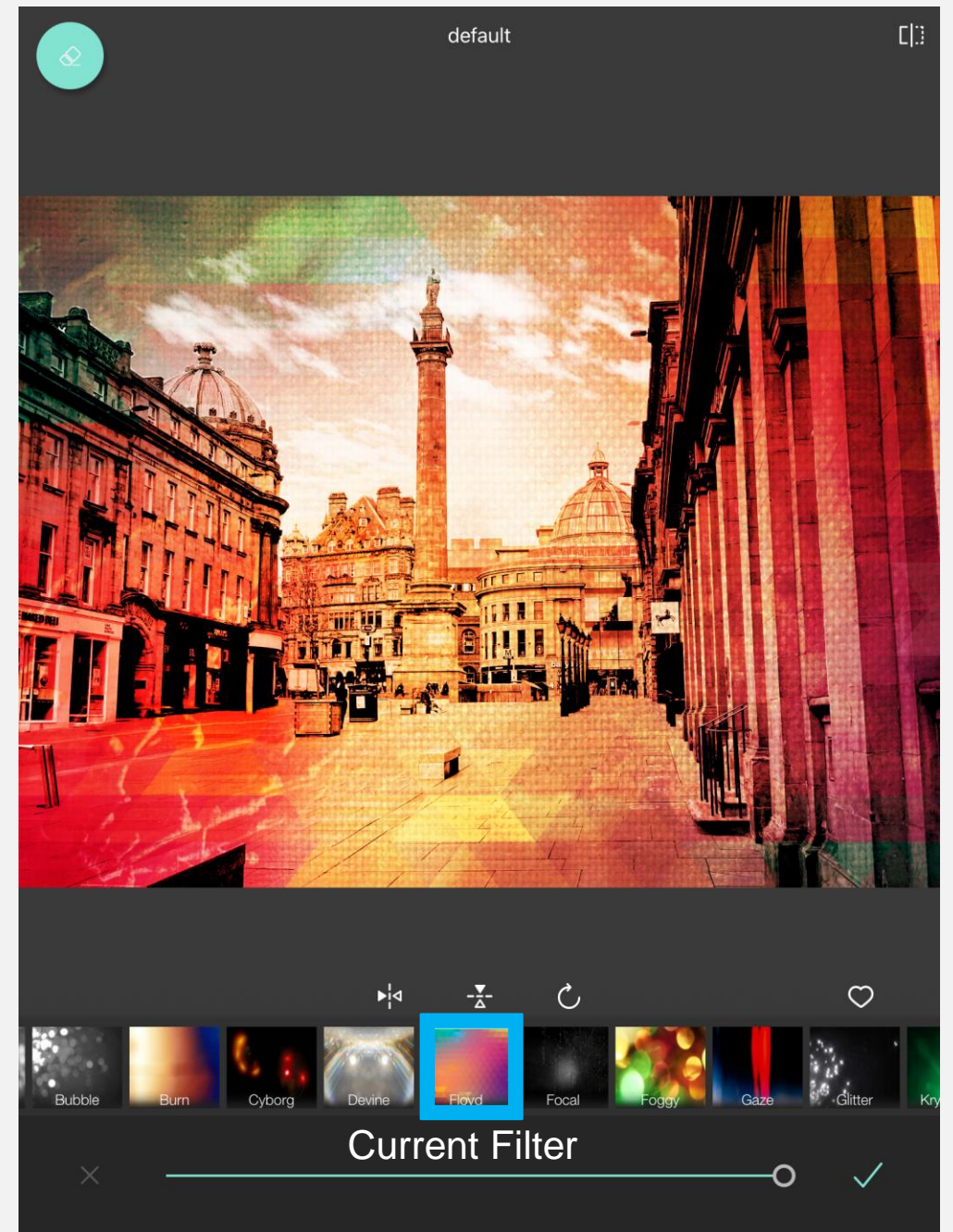
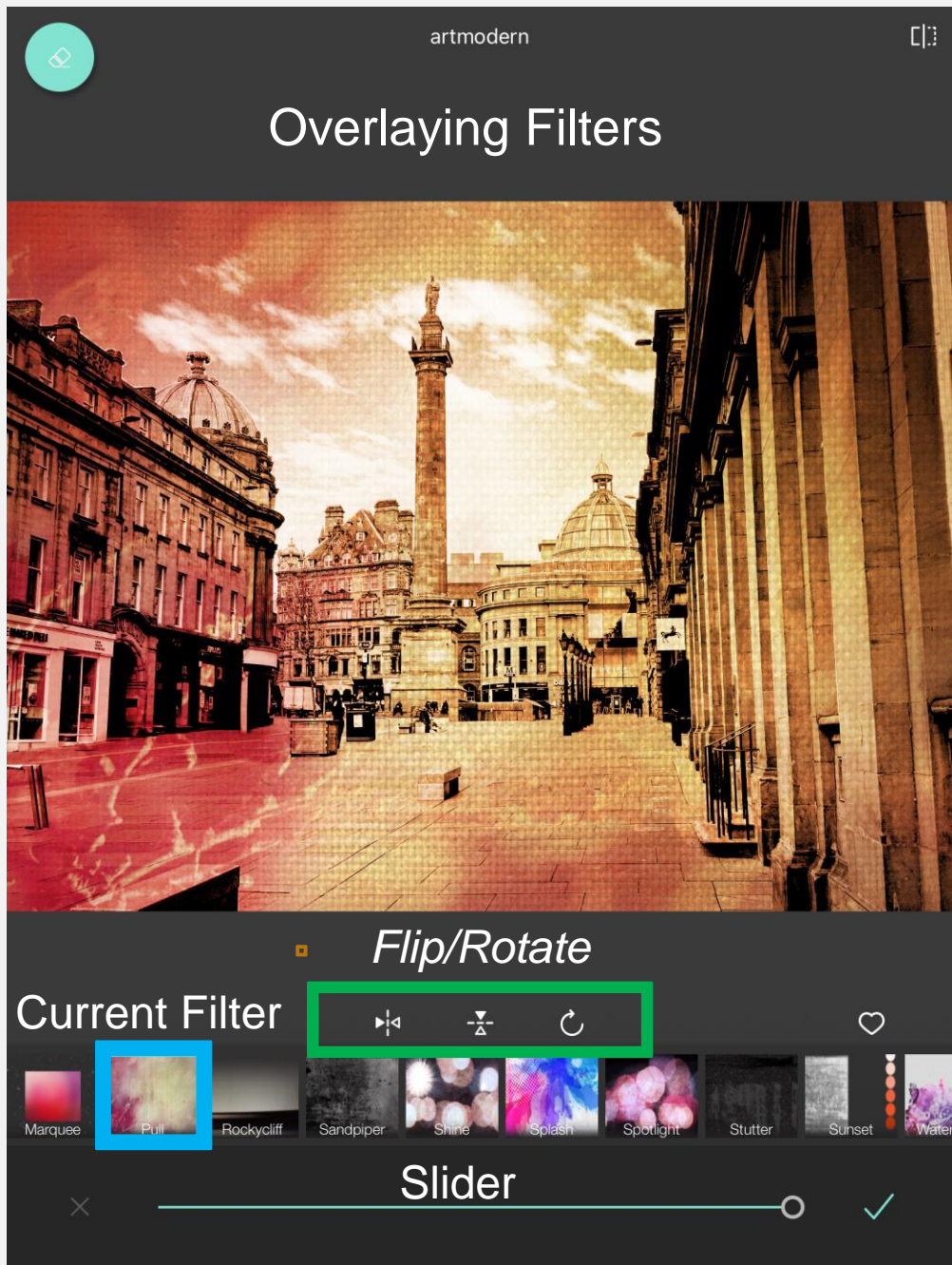
Do not click on overlays highlighted with a yellow crown symbol. These are **PREMIUM** features.

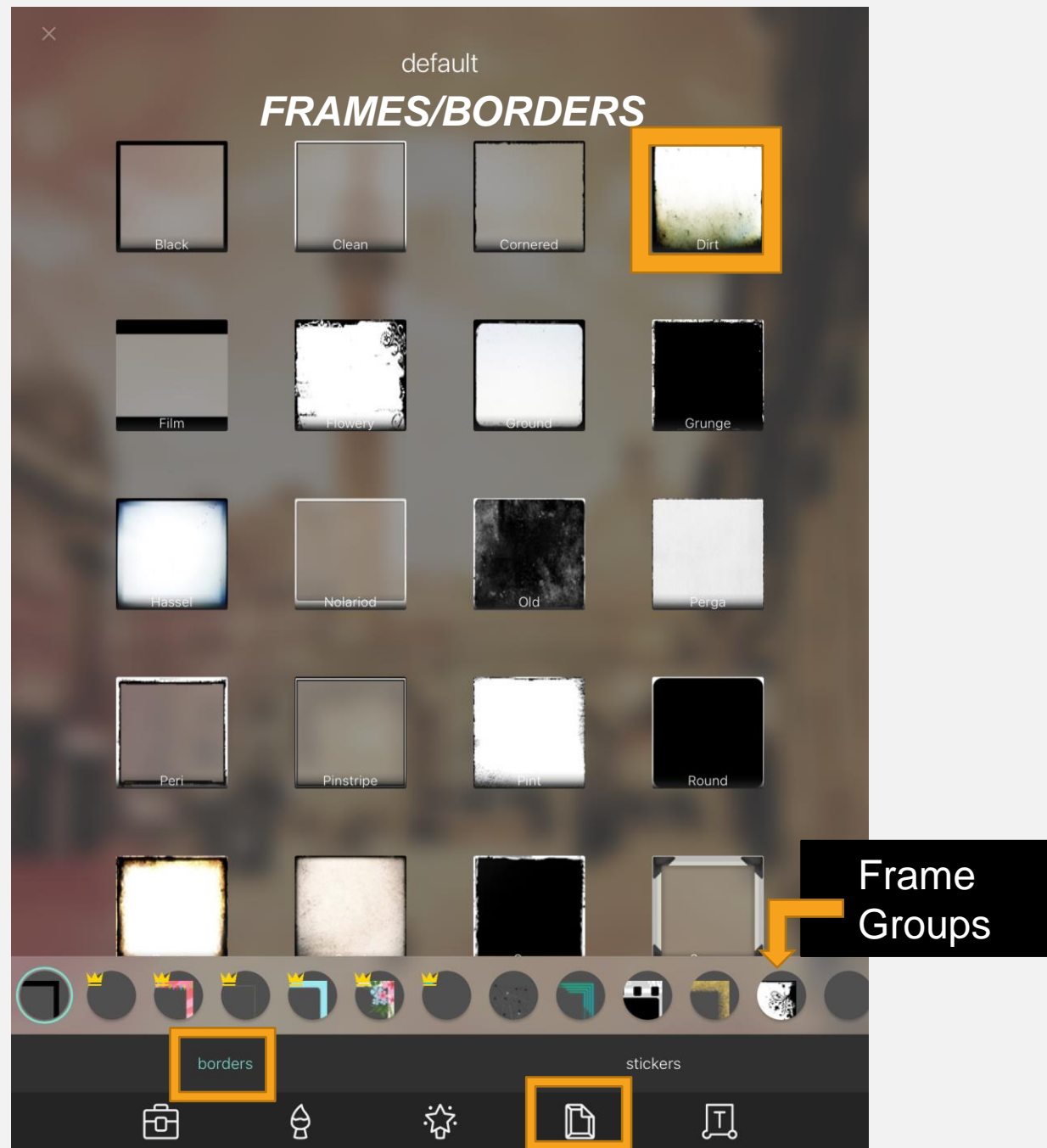
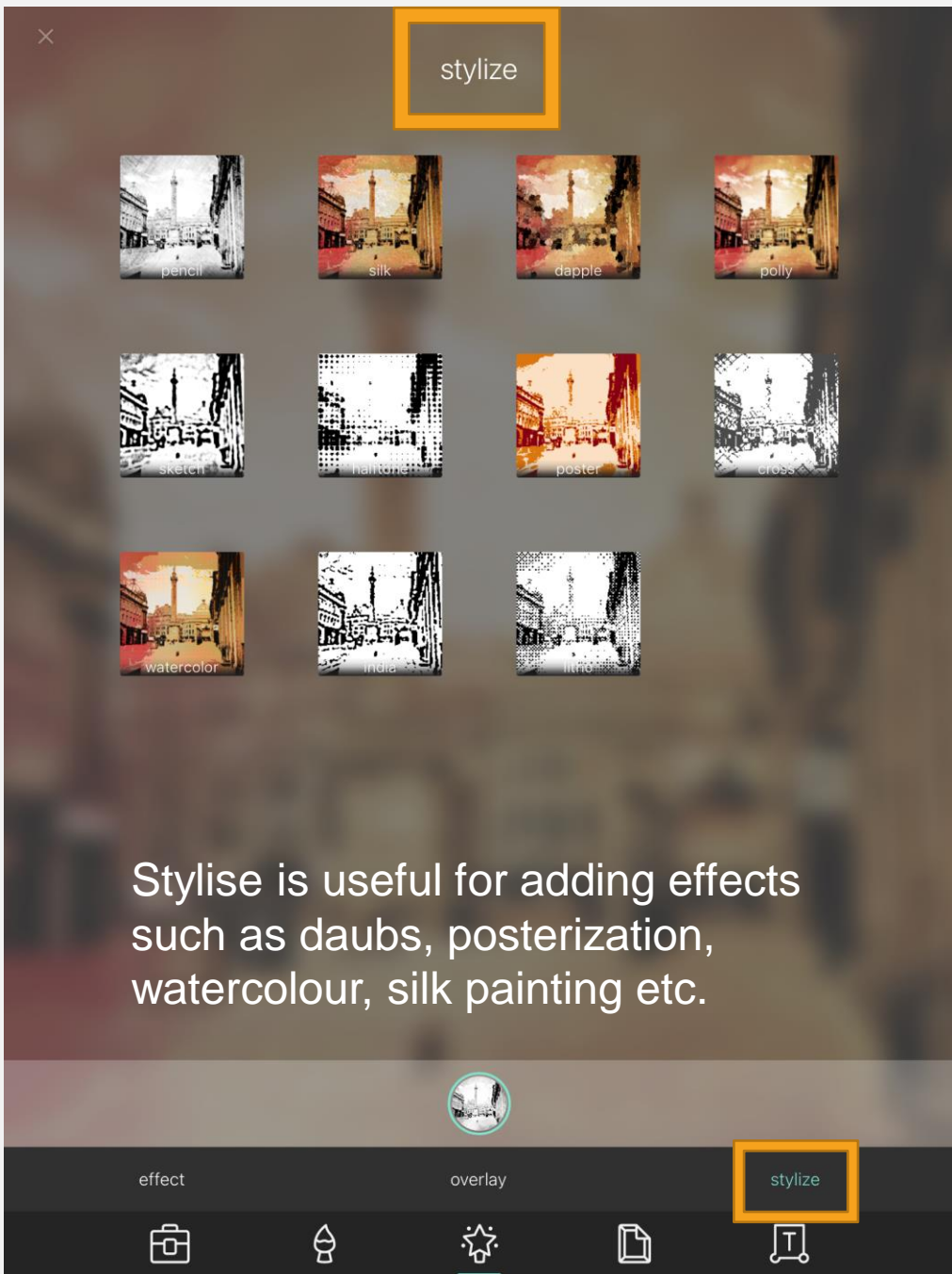
Title of filter group in use.



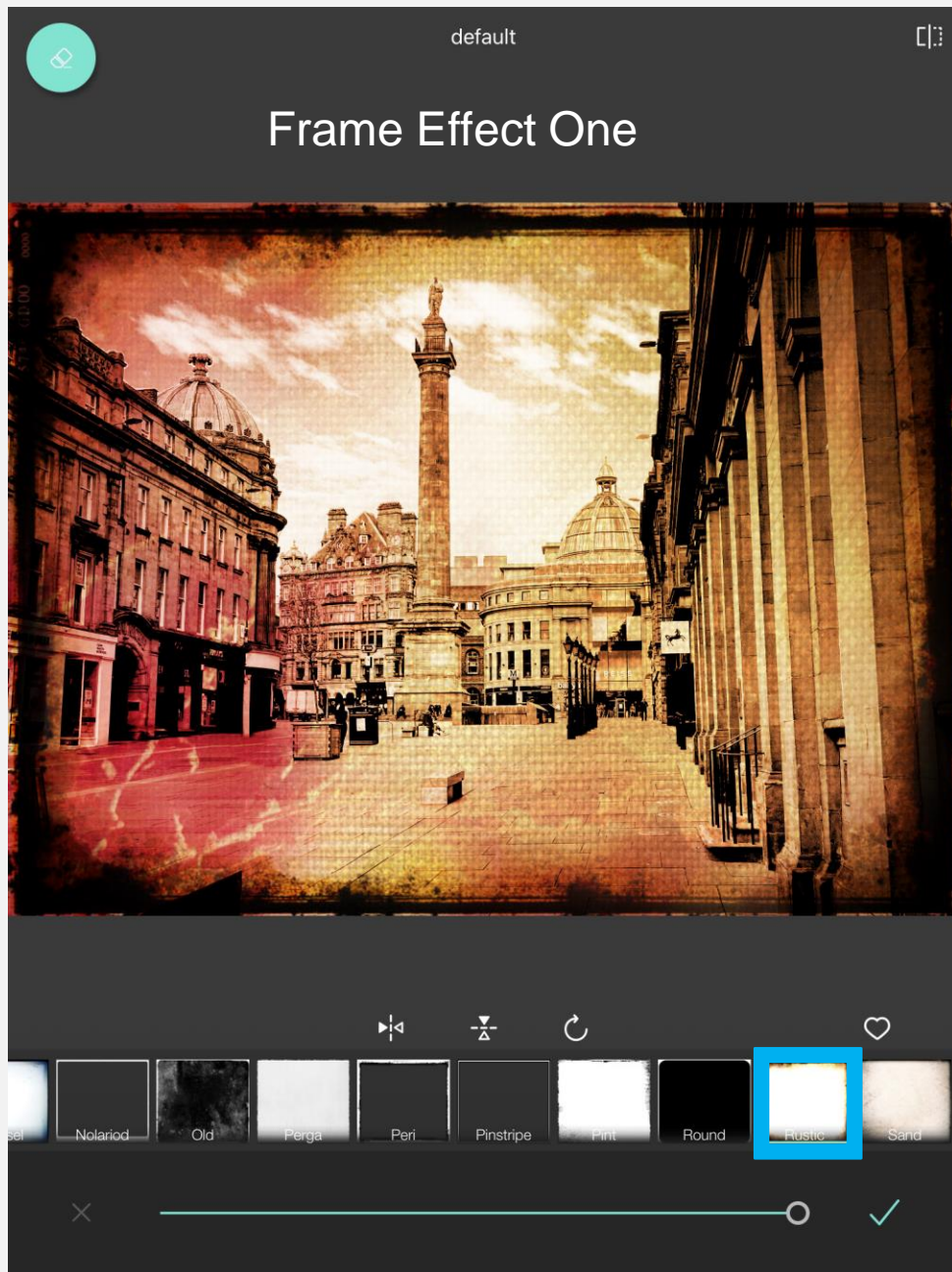
Filter Groups



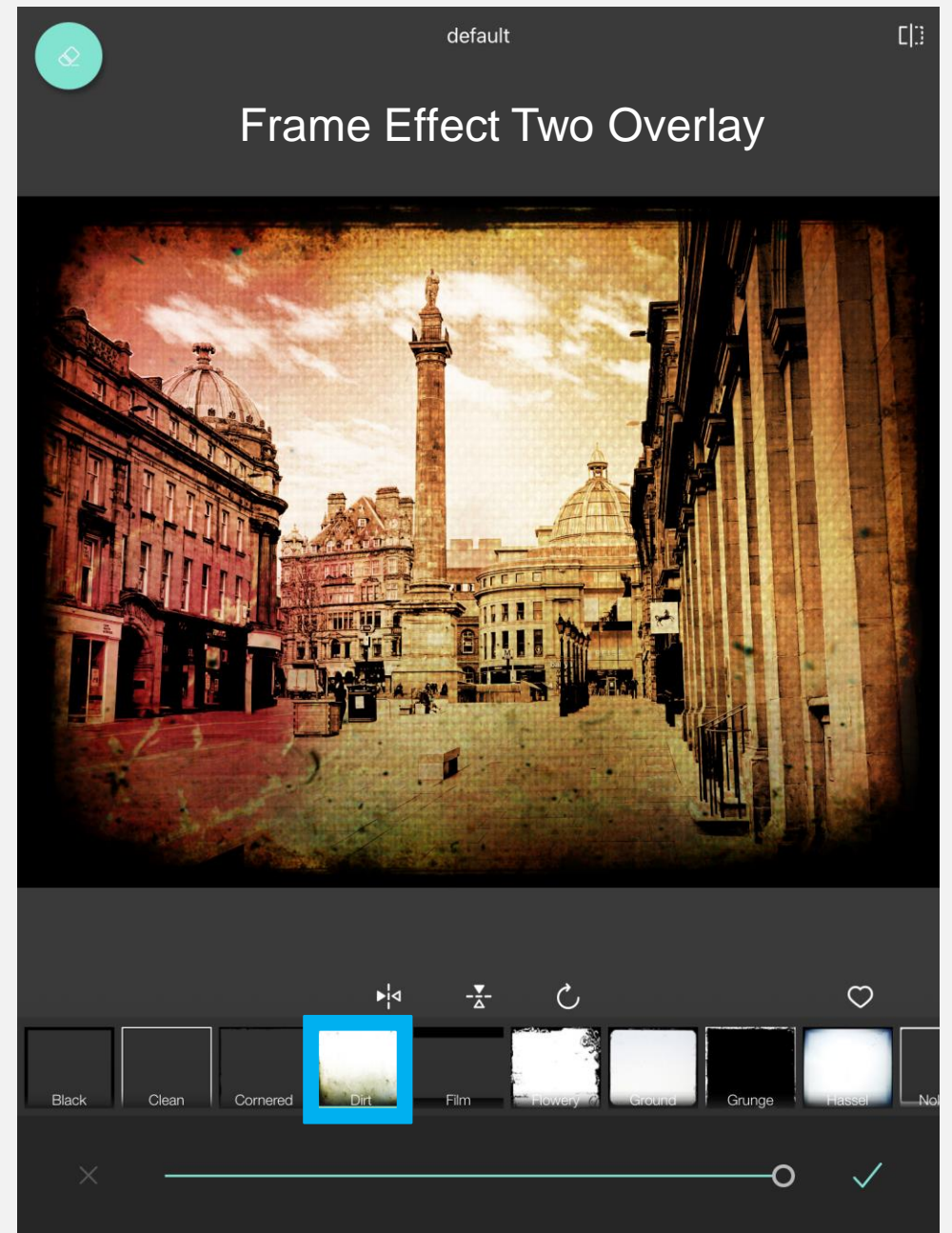




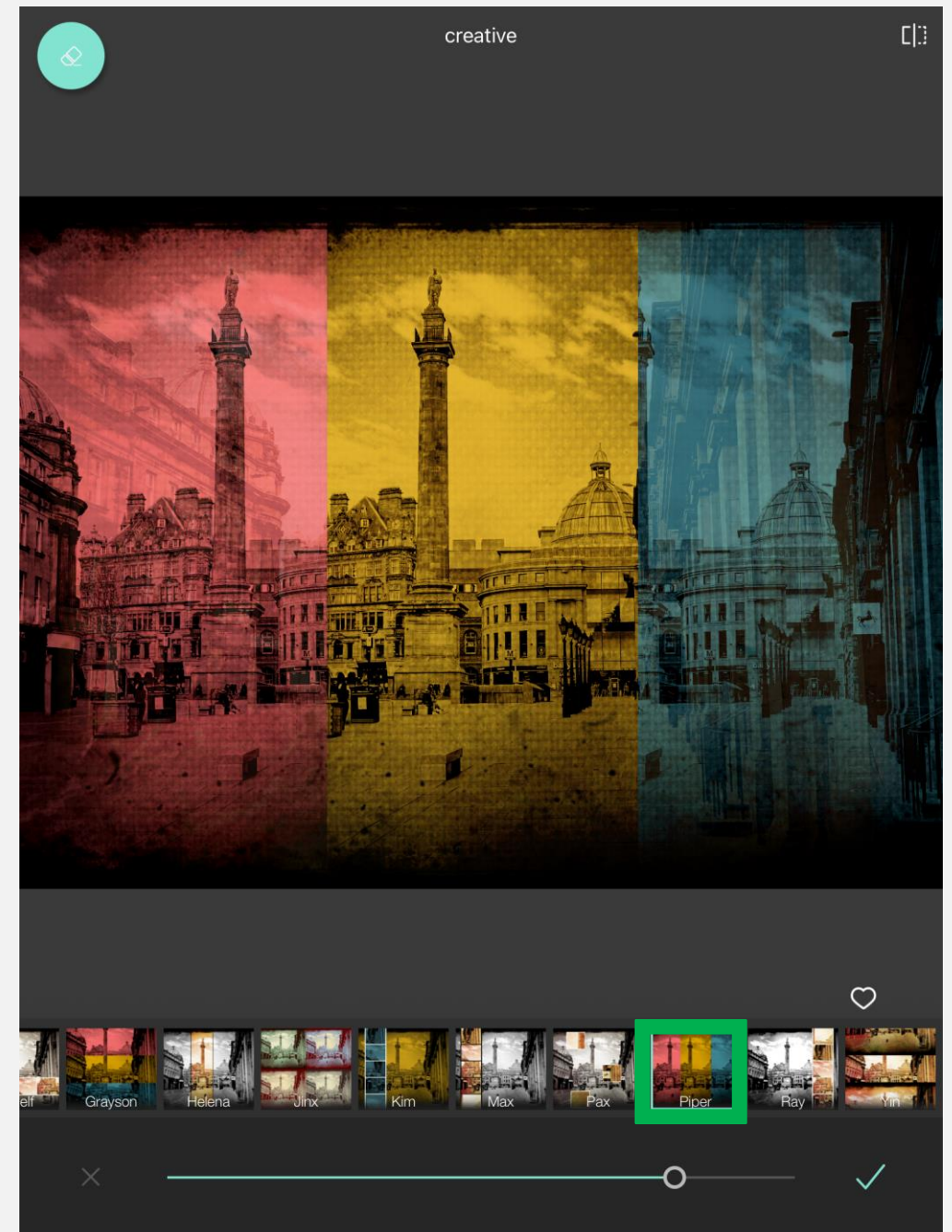
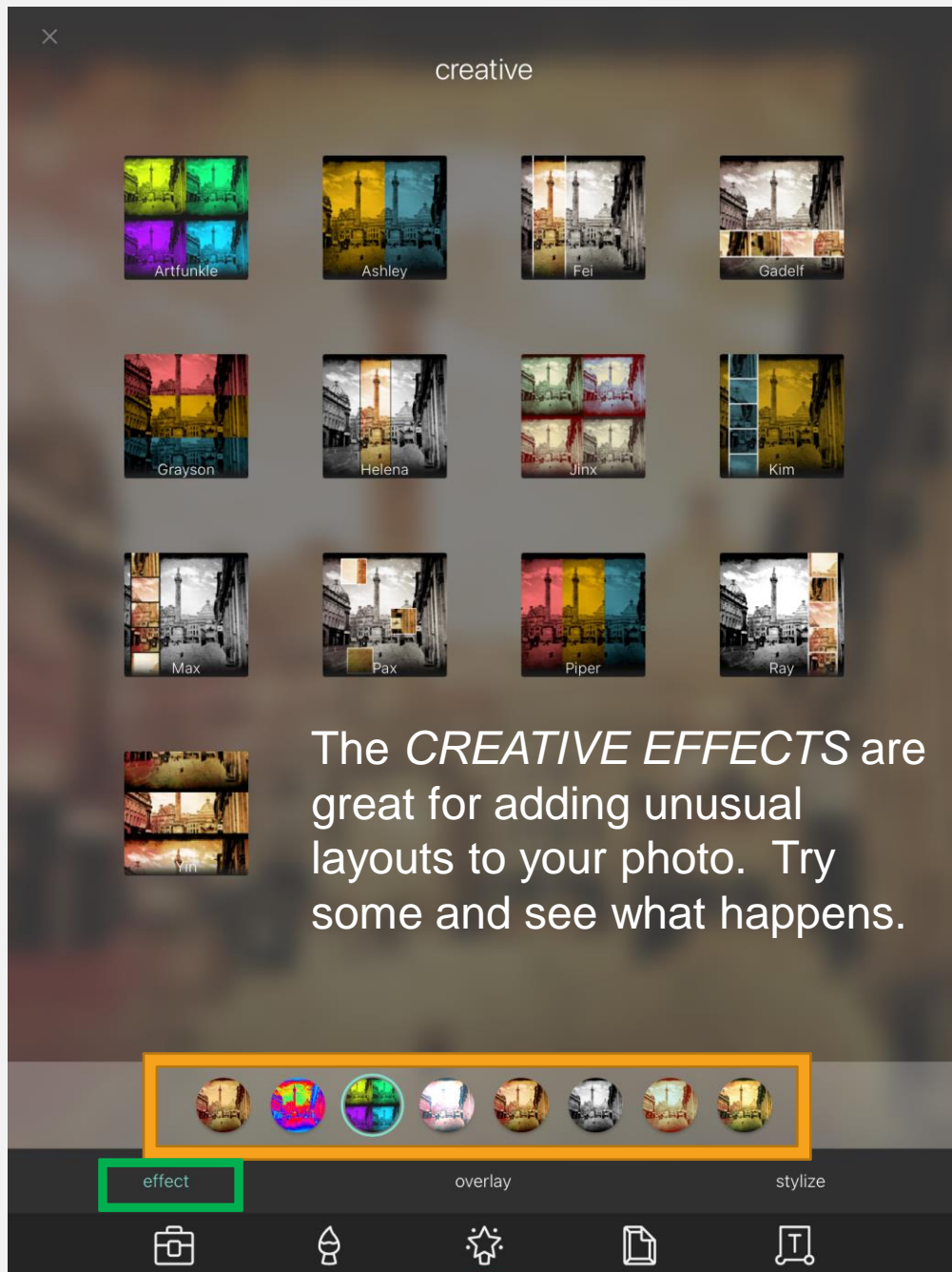




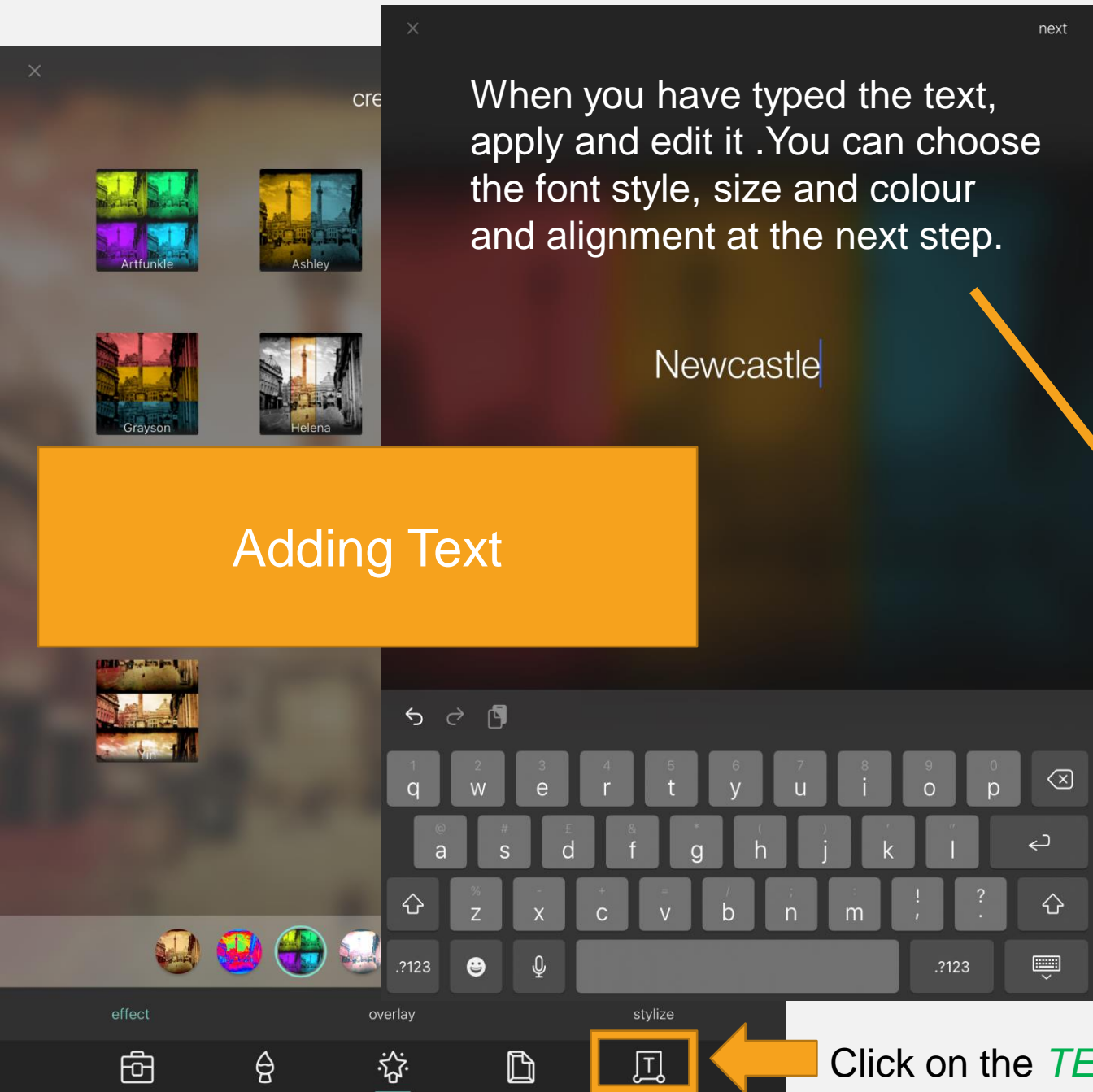
Remember to click on the **TICK** to apply each selection.



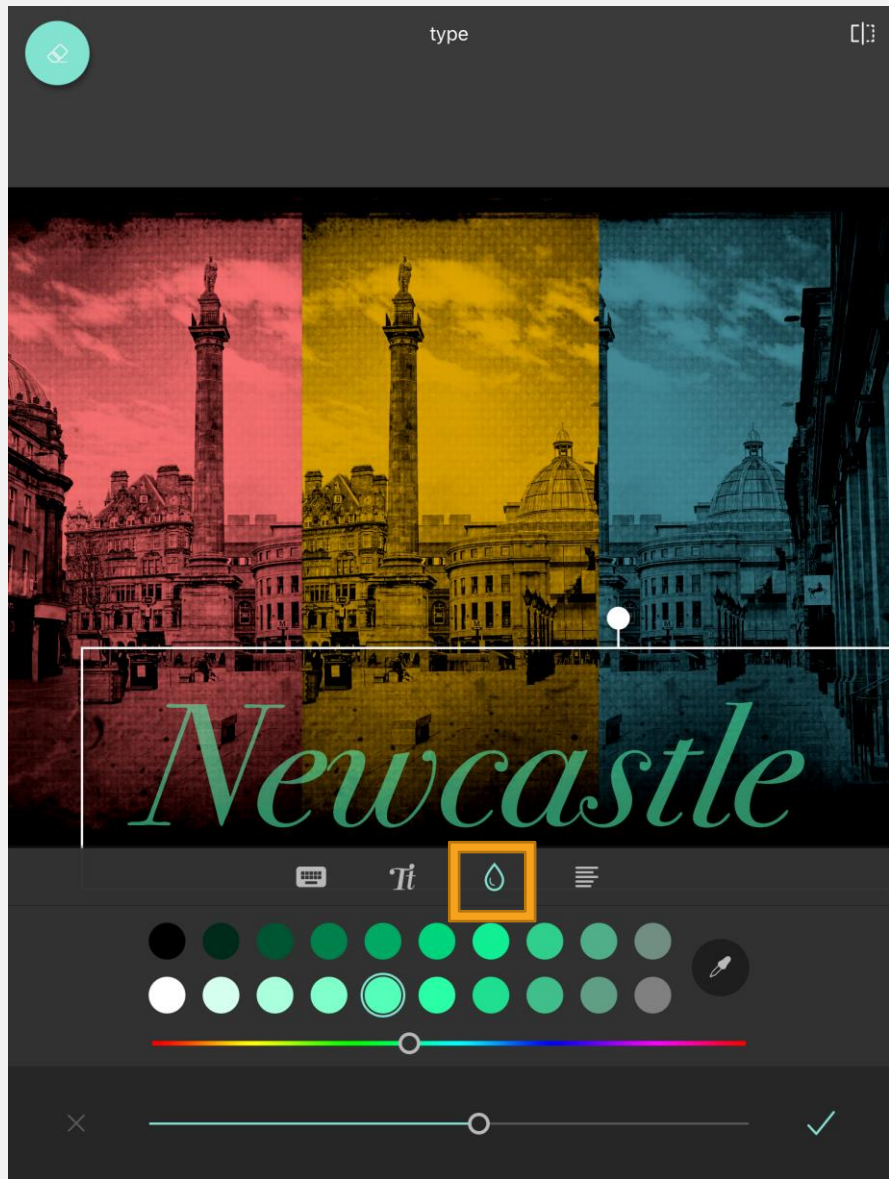








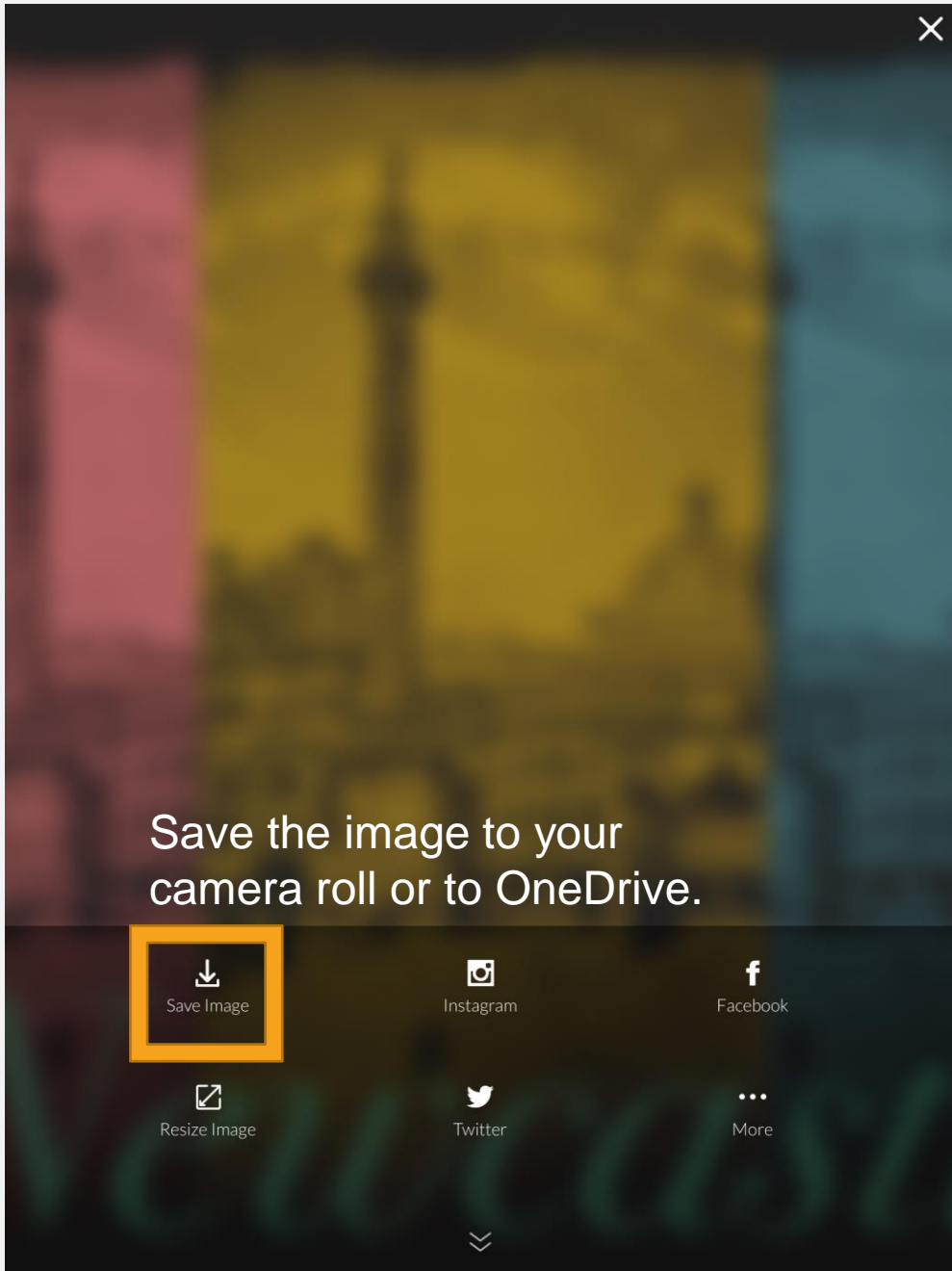
Click on the **TEXT** symbol.



Colour palette, picker and slider.  
Click the **TICK** when you have chosen.







Original Image



Final Image

