

TURNING YOUR NEW DIGITAL PORTRAITS INTO ANTIQUE PHOTOS

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Many old photographs--especially those made in the 1800s--were colored with a brown pigment known as *sepia* during the development process. Not all antique photographs are sepia toned, but it turns out that sepia is especially resilient. As a result, it's the distinctive sepia-tone photographs that have survived into modern times.

Adding that familiar brownish hue to your own photos is an easy way to evoke an old-time feel. Some digital cameras include a sepia setting--just put your camera in the correct mode, and anything you take will be automatically sepia toned. You don't have much control over how your photo comes out, however, and if you ever want the original color version, too bad.

This presentation will show you how to easily turn any photo into something that looks like it was taken a hundred years ago.

Several commercial products, including Photoshop Elements, can act as a time machine. However, most of these programs have a price tag. There is a free antiquing program on the Web that just may work for you.

Antiquing on the Web: <http://labs.wanokoto.jp/olds>

Visit this incredible Japanese Web site and discover a way to add an excellent old-time effect to your photos. You can upload any photo and have it turned into an antique right before your eyes. The effect is superb, much better than what can be accomplished with many of the commercial photo editing software programs.

To try it out, click the Browse button (it's the only word in English on the page), select your photo, and then click the button immediately under the Browse button and wait for your modified photo to appear. Be patient for it takes several seconds for the photo to upload to the site and then have it processed. Click your photo to see a slightly larger view. You can right-click the photo to save a copy, but unfortunately there's no way to save it in the full resolution of the original photo.

This is a site that you just might want to place in your Favorites.