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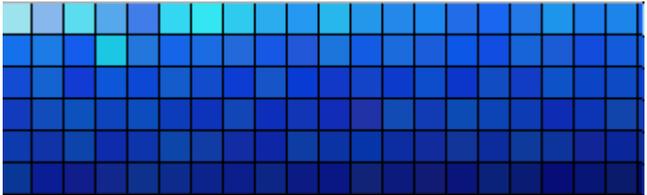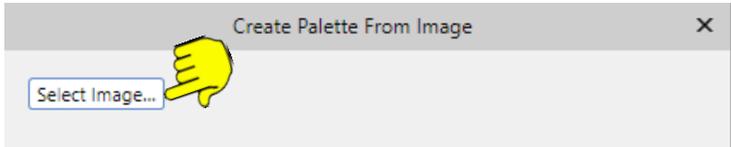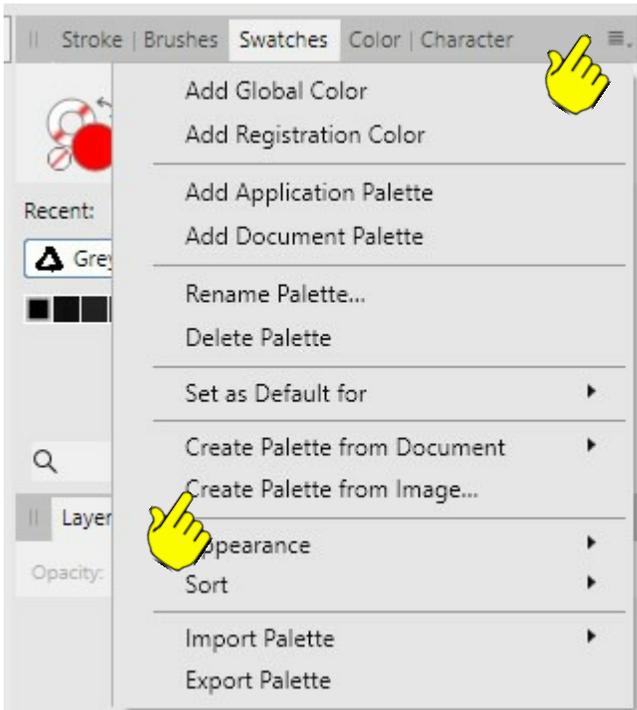
SWATCHES

In Affinity Designer, you can create your own custom swatches. There are various types of swatches that one can make. In this tutorial, we will be creating a swatch based on the colors in an image.

LET'S GET STARTED

1. Download the swatches.zip file from the link above. It contains 6 royalty free images from one of my photo collections. This will save you time looking for an image to use. Unzip the images into a folder where you can find them.

2. Open a **New Document,** 800x800 px.

3. Open the **Swatches** tab. Open the **Menu** on the upper right corner and select **Create Palette from Image**.

4. A new window will open. Click where it says **Select Image.**

5. Navigate to where you unzipped the photos. Select one, click **Open**.

The window will open showing the image you picked along with several options. You can change to a different photo at any time by selecting a new one.

CREATING THE PALETTE

1. Move the slider to select the **Number of Colors** you want in your palette.

2. Click the **Preview** button to see what the palette will look like.

   Location Drop-down menu:

   - **Application** means the palette will be "attached" to Affinity Designer and will load each time you open the application (use this option for this tutorial).

   - **Document** means the palette will be attached to the current document when you save it. It will only show up when you re-open that document.

   - **Currently Selected Palette** means this palette will be added to the colors to the current palette.

3. When you are happy with your palette, click **Create**. You should see your new palette in the **Swatches** tab.

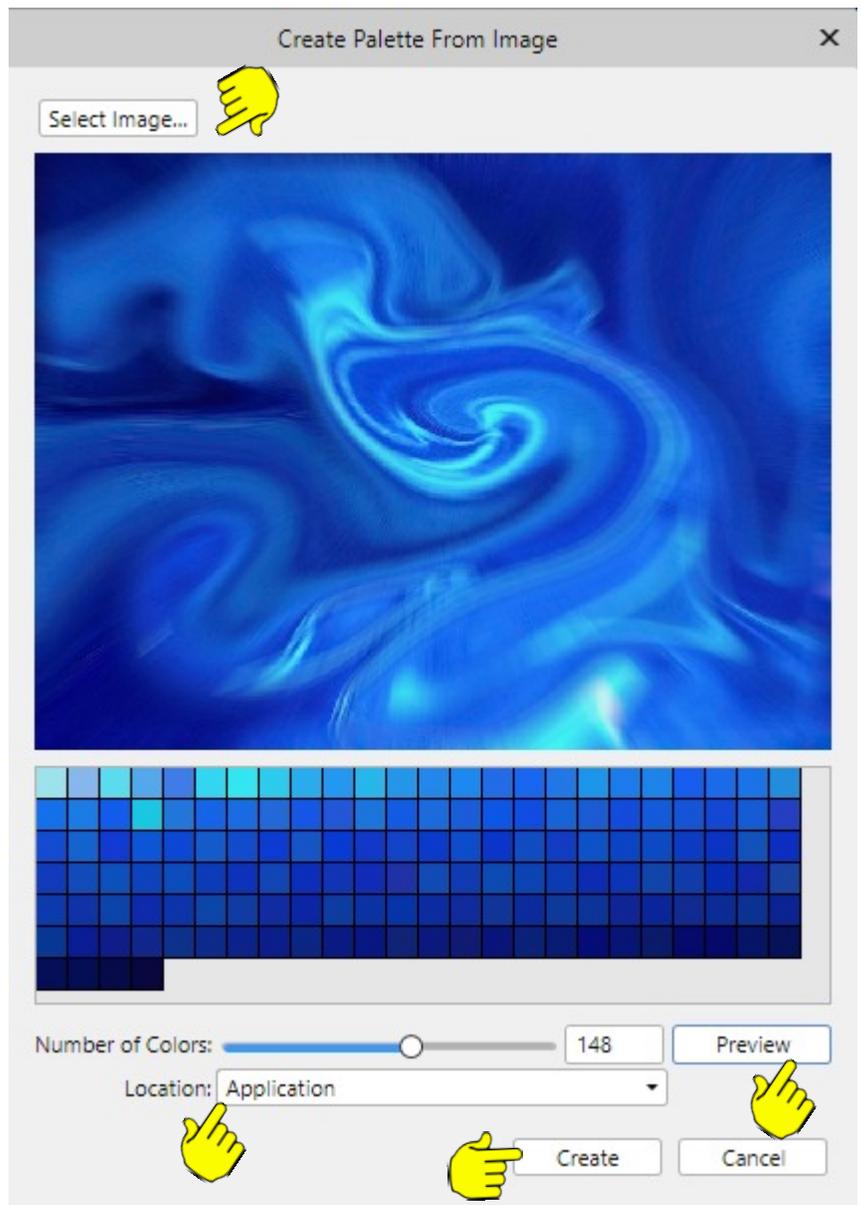4. Open the **Swatches** menu and select **Rename Palette** and give your palette a name of your choice.

If you should decide you don't want to keep the palette, make sure the palette is open, then open the **Swatches** menu and select **Delete**.

You can delete any individual color by clicking it with the right mouse button, then select **Delete.**

That's it! You're done.

Have fun experimenting with different photos. Some of them will surprise you with the interesting palettes they create!

Enjoy!

Create Palette From Image

Select Image...

Number of Colors: 148   Preview

Location: Application

Create   Cancel

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