Snowflake Fun

They say that no two snowflakes look alike. I've seen a couple of different snowflake tutorials out there, all with slight variations and techniques, but whichever one you choose, unless you never change your settings...soon you too can create your own snowflakes...of which no two will ever look alike.

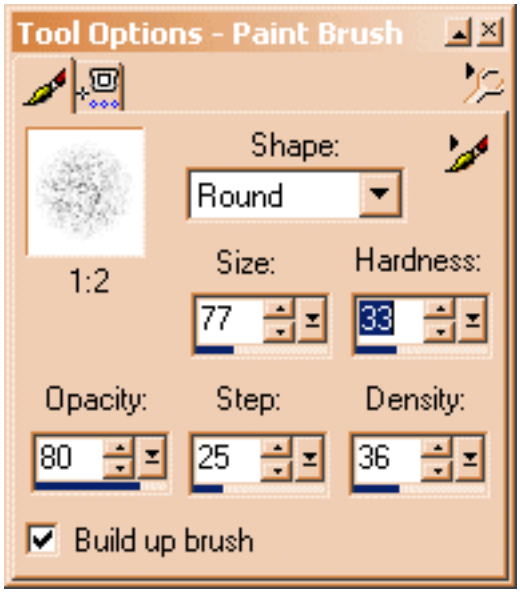
This tutorial also works well for making doilies or lace. I planned this to be part one of a four part tutorial...maybe I'll get the rest of it written someday. :-) Or at least before Christmas of this year.

PSP version and tools used

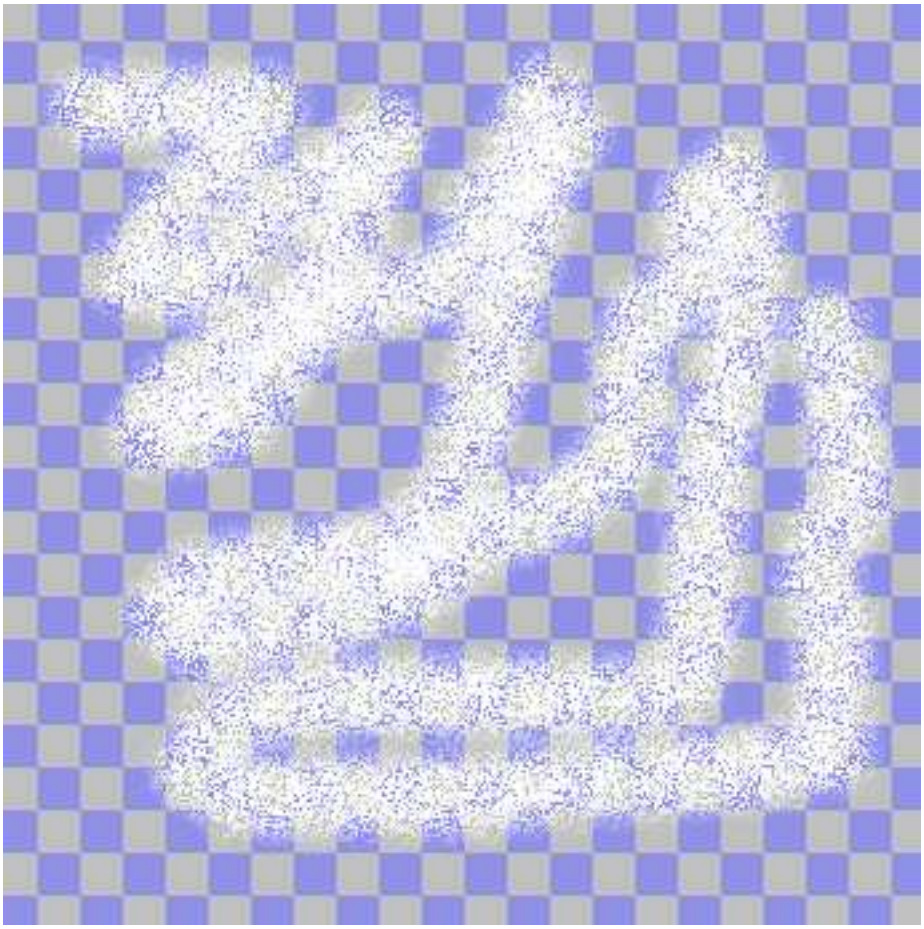
PSP 6 or 7	Paint Brush
Magic Wand	Kaleidoscope

Step 1: First, open up a new image 400 x 400 with your background set to transparent and set your foreground color to white.

Step 2: Next, choose your paint brush tool, normal brush, round, and lower the hardness and density. These are the settings I used for this tutorial, but you don't have to be exact.

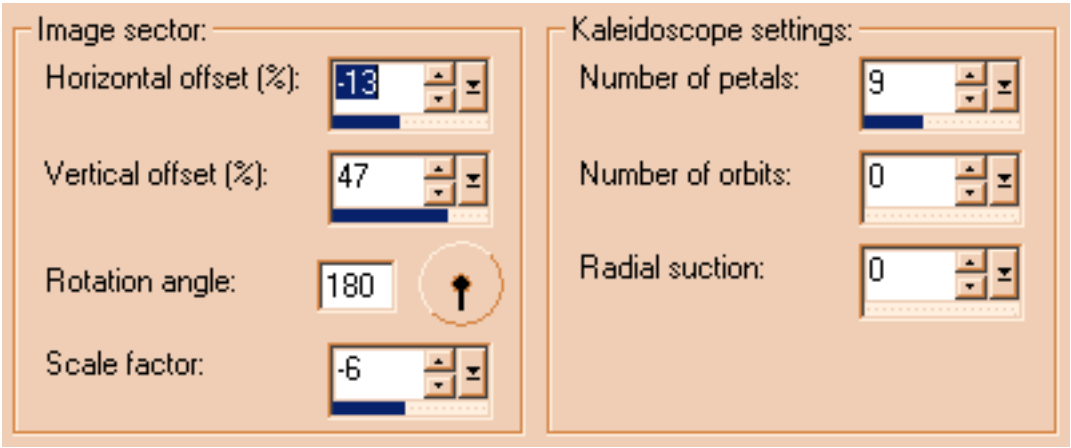


Step 3: Paint a bunch of random lines, squiggles, but don't fill up the whole layer. You can even adjust the hardness and density and paint some more.



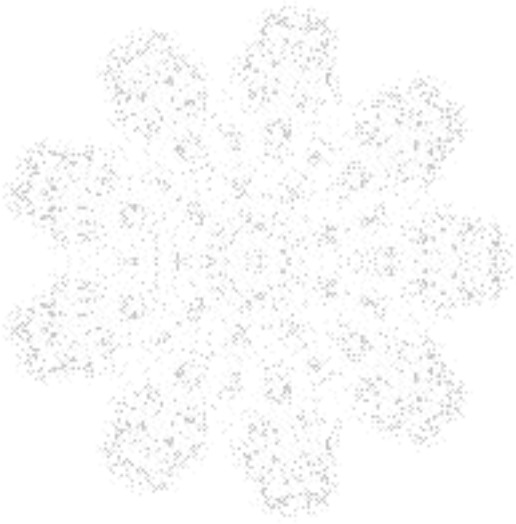
Step 4: When you are satisfied, switch to the kaleidoscope tool. **PSP6 users**, go to image, effects, kaleidoscope. **PSP7 users,** go to effects, reflection effects, kaleidoscope.

Just like with the paint brush tool, you do not need to use exactly the same settings as I am going to post, you can adjust any of the kaleidoscope settings until you get the look that pleases you. NOTE: If you end up with an empty space in the center of your snowflake and you don't want it to be empty, increase or decrease the radial suction.



Step 5: You may have some outer stray pixels that you don't want and now we are going to get rid of them. Use your magic wand to select the part of the snowflake that you want to keep. **PSP6 users**, use the all pixels setting, no feathering. **PSP7 users**, use the all opaque option, no feathering. Now go to selections, invert, and use the eraser tool to erase any of the stray pixels, or just hit your delete key on your keyboard.

Select none. That's basically it. This also makes great lace and decorations for Christmas ornaments.



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