Notes on photo to sketch software

Five programs tested:

     Gimp 2.6
     PhotoS
     Photo to sketch
     Foto Sketcher
     Photoshop

All programs easy to use

Fotosketcher isn't an installed program

Gimp very similar to photoshop and seems the best

Images were change to sketch from colour or after being converted to grayscale

Missing variations were unusable and therefore not represented

Gimp from colour

Origional Photo

Photo to sketch colour
Can be lightened

Gimp from bw

Photo To Sketch bw

Foto sketcher from black and white
Only really works with orginal bw images

PhotoS colour

Photo S BW

Photoshop BW

How to convert in photo to outline using Photoshop

1. Open the image in photoshop

2. In the Image drop down menu, select mode→grayscale

3. Often images are too dark and require adjustment.
Go to Image drop down menu, adjustments → Brightness/Contrast
Increase brightness and contrast to lighten image without severe bright patches.
4. In the Filter drop down menu, select Filter Gallery

5. In the Sketch menu, select photocopy

6. From here, adjust darkness and detail until desired outline is reached.

Note: There are many other options for adjusting images that can sometimes be useful but require experimentation. Under the Filter drop down menu, these can include:

- Accented edges under the Brush Strokes menu
- Ink Outlines under the Brush Strokes menu
- Find Edges under the Stylize menu

Hopefully some of this information will be of use to pyrographers however all major outlines can be copied from a normal photocopy by paying attention to important features.

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