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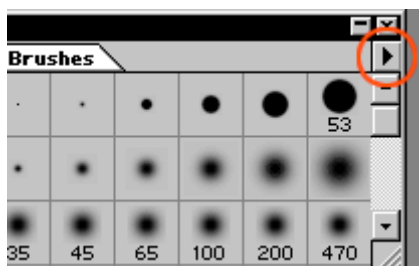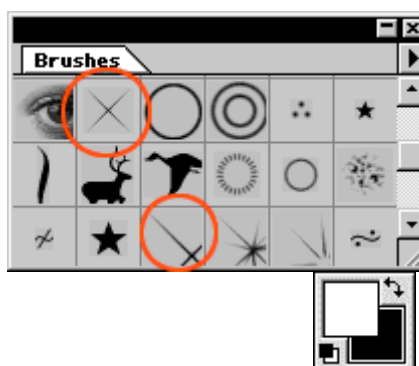
Photoshop Tips
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Sparkles

What would an image be with out a little shine? Many readers ask how to get those little sparkles on images I make. The sparkles are made with some of the brushes included with Photoshop. I'll show you how!

1 First go to the Brushes palette **(Windows>Show Brushes).** Click on the top arrow pointing right, select "Load Brushes".

2 Next, browse to the Photoshop application folder on your hardrive and go to the "Brushes" folder. To get there go to: **Photoshop/Goodies/Brushes.** Load the file "Assorted Brushes.abr".

3 Next you will see a new collection of brushes appear in your pallet. Choose the brush tool and click on one of the star/sparkle shaped brushes.

4 Choose White as the foreground color.

5 Make a new layer above all layers. Click on a highlighted or sharp pointed area to add the sparkle. Press the mouse button a few times in one spot if it's not bright enough.

6 For an even stronger shine, make a new layer below the sparkles layer and use a small soft brush and paint/click once over each sparkle you've created.