
What makes a good main image?

Posted by doglover27 - 2009/10/22 15:54

I've seen a lot about mosaic size, colorization, among other things... but I can't seem to find anything on what makes a good 'main' or 'source' image. Is it good to have a lot of colors or only a few? Is it better to have a lot of detail or only a little?

What should I be looking for when choosing a main target image?

Thanks in advance!

Re:What makes a good main image?

Posted by kentstater - 2009/11/12 13:10

This is a great question. I've had a few mosaics made and it seems that contrast is one of the biggest factors. You don't want objects to blend together, or people to get lost in the background. And too much detail is just as bad as not enough.

As long as there's good contrast between people and objects, and a balanced amount of detail, it should make a great main image!

Re:What makes a good main image?

Posted by graf_x - 2012/01/23 12:02

I know these posts were made a long time ago, and kentstater's post was very helpful, but I'm wondering if anyone has a good example of a source image that would work. More specifically a good landscape photo. I was thinking a generic city skyline or country landscape and was worried about the detail and color. Would there be too much green and blue on a country landscape?

Thanks in advance!

Re:What makes a good main image?

Posted by doglover27 - 2012/01/23 12:49

Hi graf_x

I totally forgot I made this post until I received a notification that you posted on my thread! I even had to look up my password, haha.

I found that selecting the right source image was a bit tricky. I ultimately ended up ordering a mosaic through Picture Mosaics and they really helped with choosing which image to use. I was able to attach an image to an email and send it to them, before I even placed my order, and they helped me understand whether it would work or not.

I don't have the original image I used to show you, but I actually went with a landscape myself. I found this example on Picture Mosaics website and it's pretty close to the one I had done.

<http://www.picturemosaics.com/gallery/zoom.php?i=64&rows=3&page=6&term=>

The final result was incredible by the way. Strongly recommended. Good luck!
