

Adjusting the Look of Images

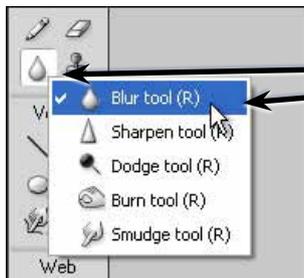
FireWorks offers a range of tools that allow you to adjust the colour and texture of images and photographs.

Loading a Sample File

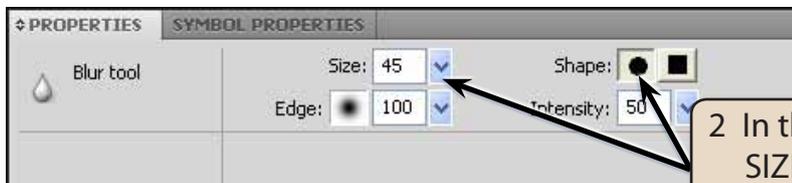
- 1 Load FireWorks or close the current file then click on the OPEN icon in the OPEN A RECENT ITEM section of the FIREWORKS WELCOME screen.
- 2 Access the FWcs5 SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 6 folder and open the LONDON image.
- 3 Press CTRL+0 or COMMAND+0 to set the view to FIT ALL.

The Blur Tool

The BLUR TOOL softens hard edges in an image to reduce its detail. Let's make one of Big Ben's clocks a little less detailed.

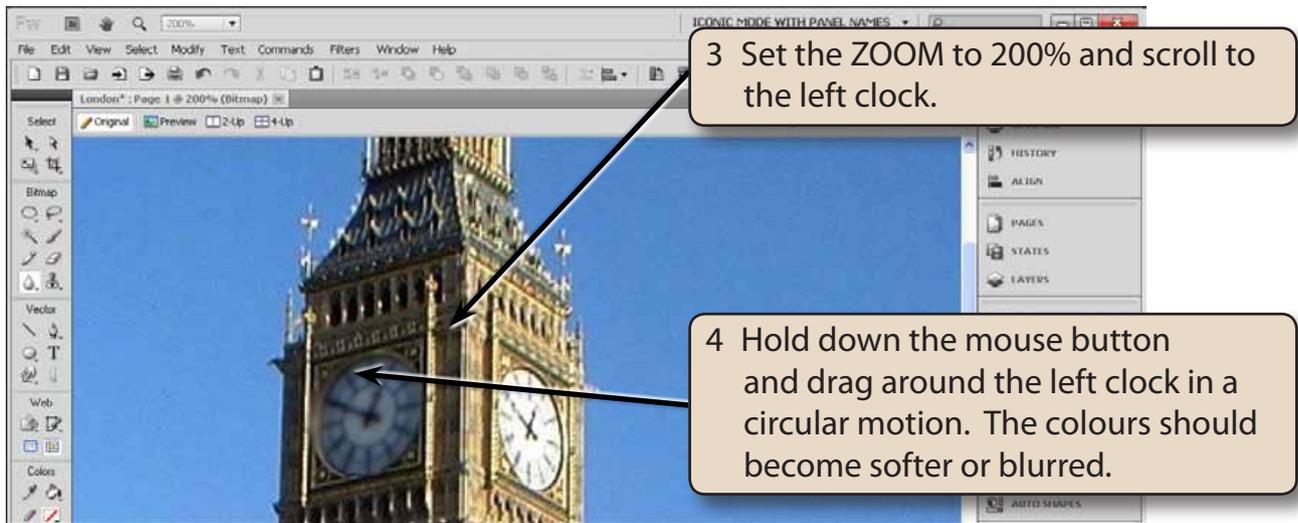


1 Click and hold down the mouse button on the tool below the PENCIL TOOL and select the BLUR TOOL.



2 In the PROPERTIES panel set BRUSH SIZE to 45 pixels and the SHAPE to ROUND.

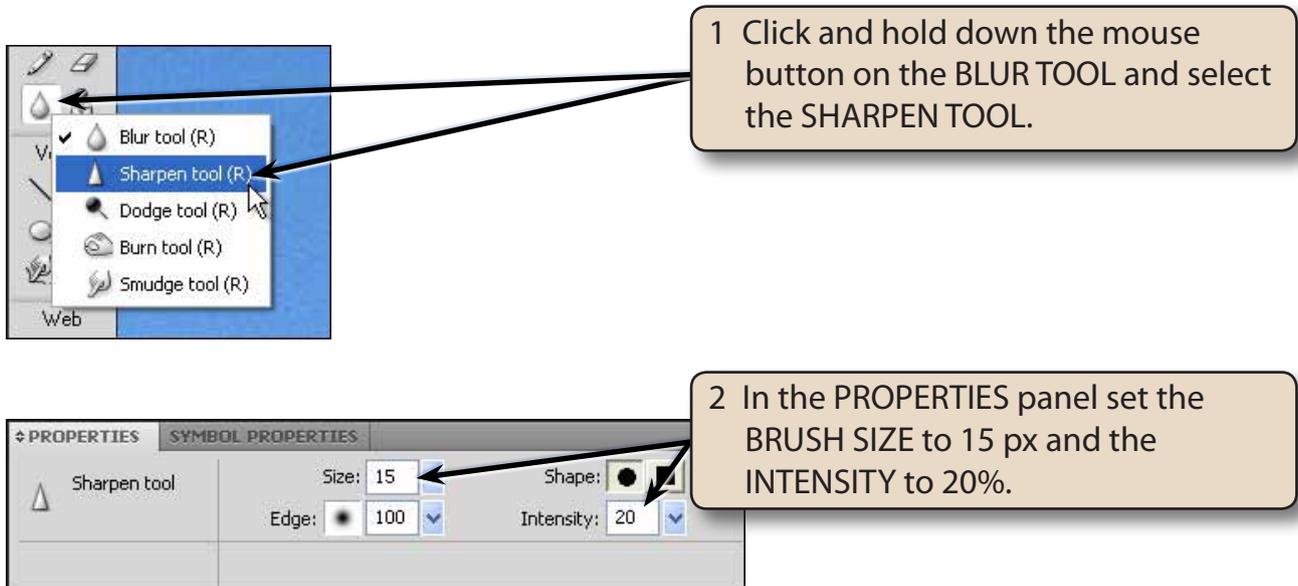
NOTE: You can also change the EDGE of the BRUSH and the INTENSITY of the blur that is applied.

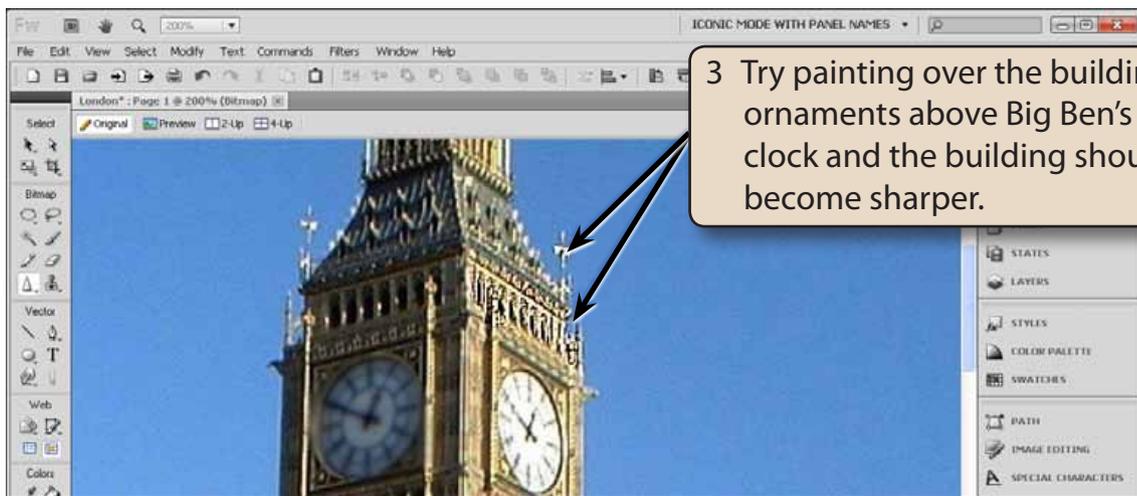


- 5 Try changing the BRUSH SHAPE to SQUARE, increasing the INTENSITY and painting some more over the clock.
- 6 Press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to undo any changes that you are not happy with.

The Sharpen Tool

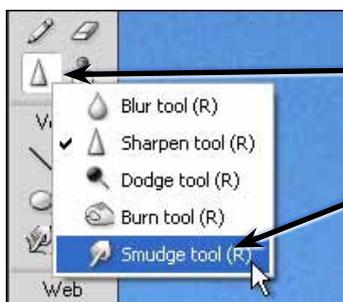
The SHARPEN TOOL has the opposite effect to the BLUR TOOL. It sharpens soft edges to increase the clarity or focus.



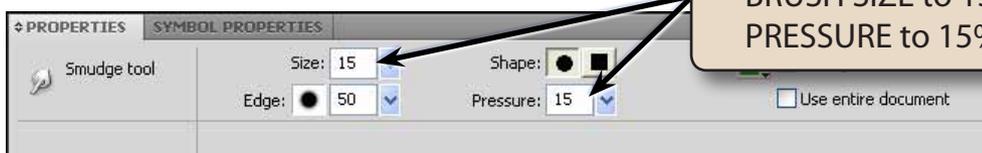


The Smudge Tool

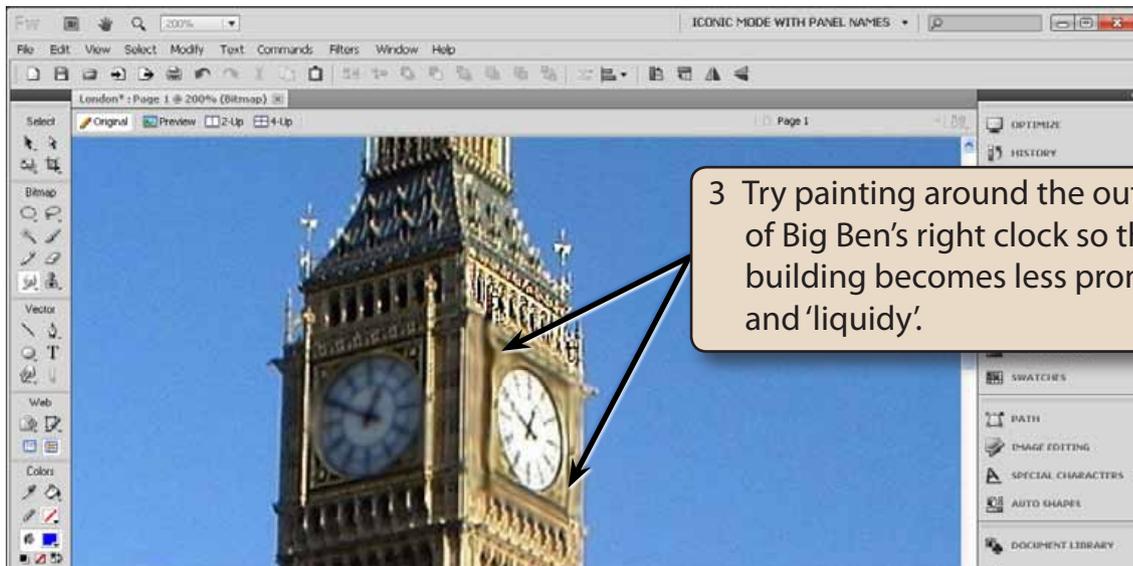
The SMUDGE TOOL picks up the colour where your cursor is and pushes it in the direction that you drag so that colours run into one another.



1 Click and hold down the mouse button on the SHARPEN TOOL and select the SMUDGE TOOL.

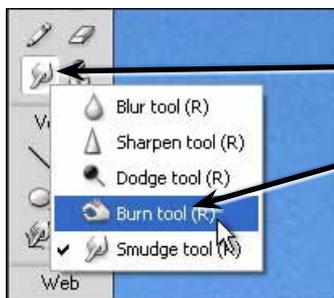


2 In the PROPERTIES panel set the BRUSH SIZE to 15 px and the PRESSURE to 15%.

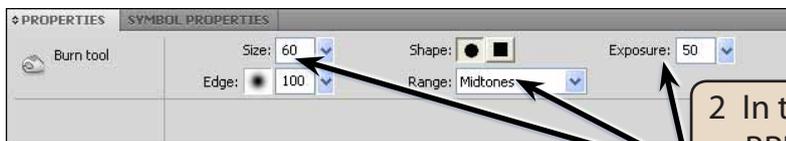


The Burn Tool

The BURN TOOL darkens areas of an image or reduces its exposure.



1 Click and hold down the mouse button on the SMUDGE TOOL and select the BURN TOOL.



2 In the PROPERTIES panel set the BRUSH SIZE to 60 pixels, the RANGE to MIDTONES and the EXPOSURE to 50%.

3 Press CTRL+0 or COMMAND+0 to set the view to FIT ALL so that you can see the whole photo.