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## AKVIS Frame Suite 2.5

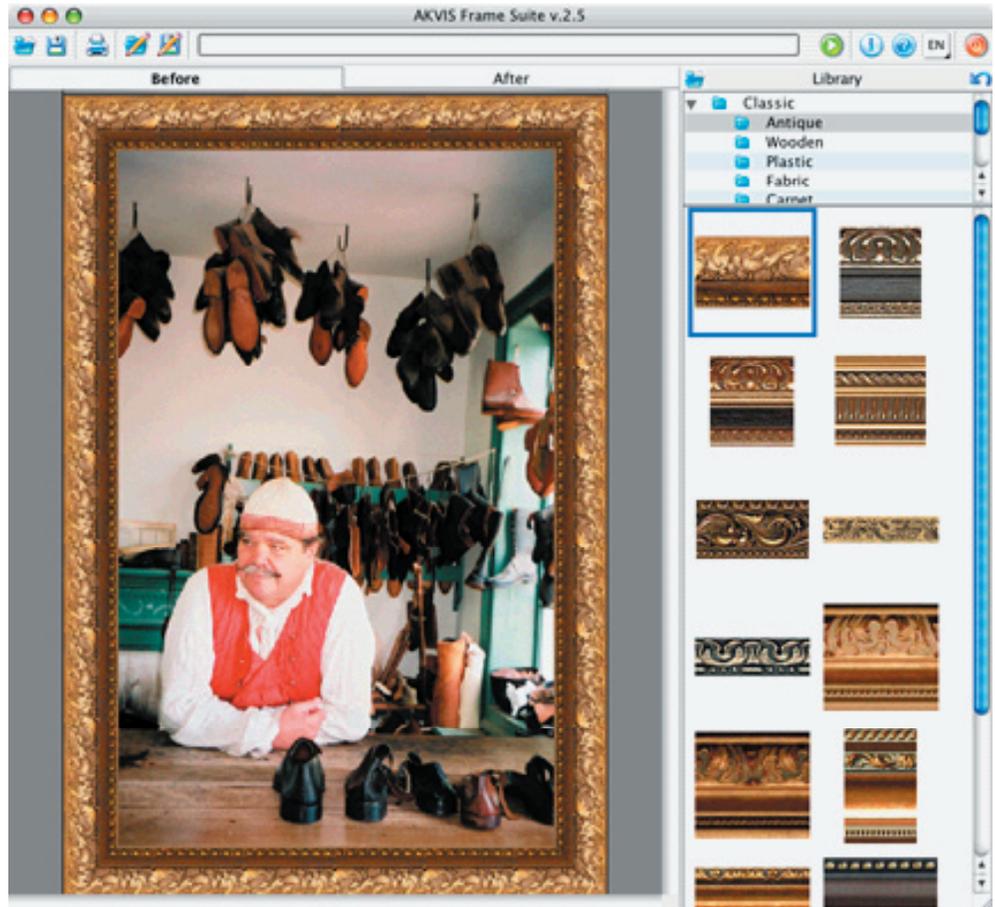
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AKVIS Frame Suite is designed to spruce up the look of your photos by adding a frame or edge effect.

There are eleven different frame/edge distortion categories that you can apply to your photos: Classic, Patterns, Strokes, Scratches, Page Curl, Squares, Ragged, Spray, Artistic, Frost, and Artistic Crop. A twelfth category is called Texture. Instead of modifying the edge of the photo, it will let you apply a pattern (to give it a bumpy appearance) to the whole picture. All categories give you settings that you can modify so you can get the frame/effect you are looking for.

AKVIS Frame Suite's workspace is divided between the Image Window (with before and after tabs), a Control panel (that runs across the top of the window), a Navigator window and a Settings panel (that runs along the right edge of the window). If you choose the Classic frames category, the Navigator window and Settings panel disappear. They are replaced with eight folders that contain a variety of different frames (these are the type of frames you would see on a painting in someone's house). The different Classic categories are: Antique, Wooden, Plastic, Fabric, Carpet, Brick, Animals, and Miscellaneous. When selected, the contents of a folder is displayed below the list of folders (see the screen dump). You can apply the frame as-is or you can flip it, (in the screen dump the gold outside portion would trade places with the dark brown inside strip). You can also change the width of the frame from very thin to very thick or change its color, brightness, and intensity.

AKVIS Frame Suite comes in two different versions- a plug-in and a stand-alone application. So you can still use the program even if you don't have a qualifying photo editor needed to run the pug-in. 🍏



AKVIS' Frame Suite lets you add frames and edge effects to your photos.

### The Skinny

**Evaluation:** AKVIS Frame Suite is easy to learn and use. I like that if it doesn't have a frame that you want-you can import your own designs. I also like the fact that it has a stand-alone version. Typically, AKVIS' programs come as plug-ins. So if you don't have a compatible photo editor, you can't use their plug-in. Not any longer. I noticed that four out of ten of their programs now have stand-alone versions.

**Requires:** (Minimum) OS X 10.3.9, PPC G3, 512 Mb RAM, 1024 x 768 resolution, 60 Mb HD, (Recommended) OS X 10.4.6 or higher, Intel/G5, 2Gb 1024 x 768 resolution, 2 Gb HD, Adobe Photoshop 5+, Adobe Photoshop Elements 1+, or GraphicConverter 5.6+

**Company:** [AKVIS LLC](#)

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