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Russian Photo Colorist Brings New Life to Historic Photographs

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A former German language professor, Olga Shirnina is best known worldwide by her online alias, klimbim, with which she signs her unique artwork. Shirnina colors historical photographs using Photoshop, offering a new take on history and the figures that shaped her world. Behind this seemingly straightforward coloring exercise are hours of meticulous research — after all, the eye colors of the Russian imperial family aren't the first thing mentioned in the history books. Here is a look at some of the defining moments of Russian history in the colors of the present:



Vladimir Lenin at a military parade on Red Square, May 1919. **M. Nappelbaum / klimbim2014**

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