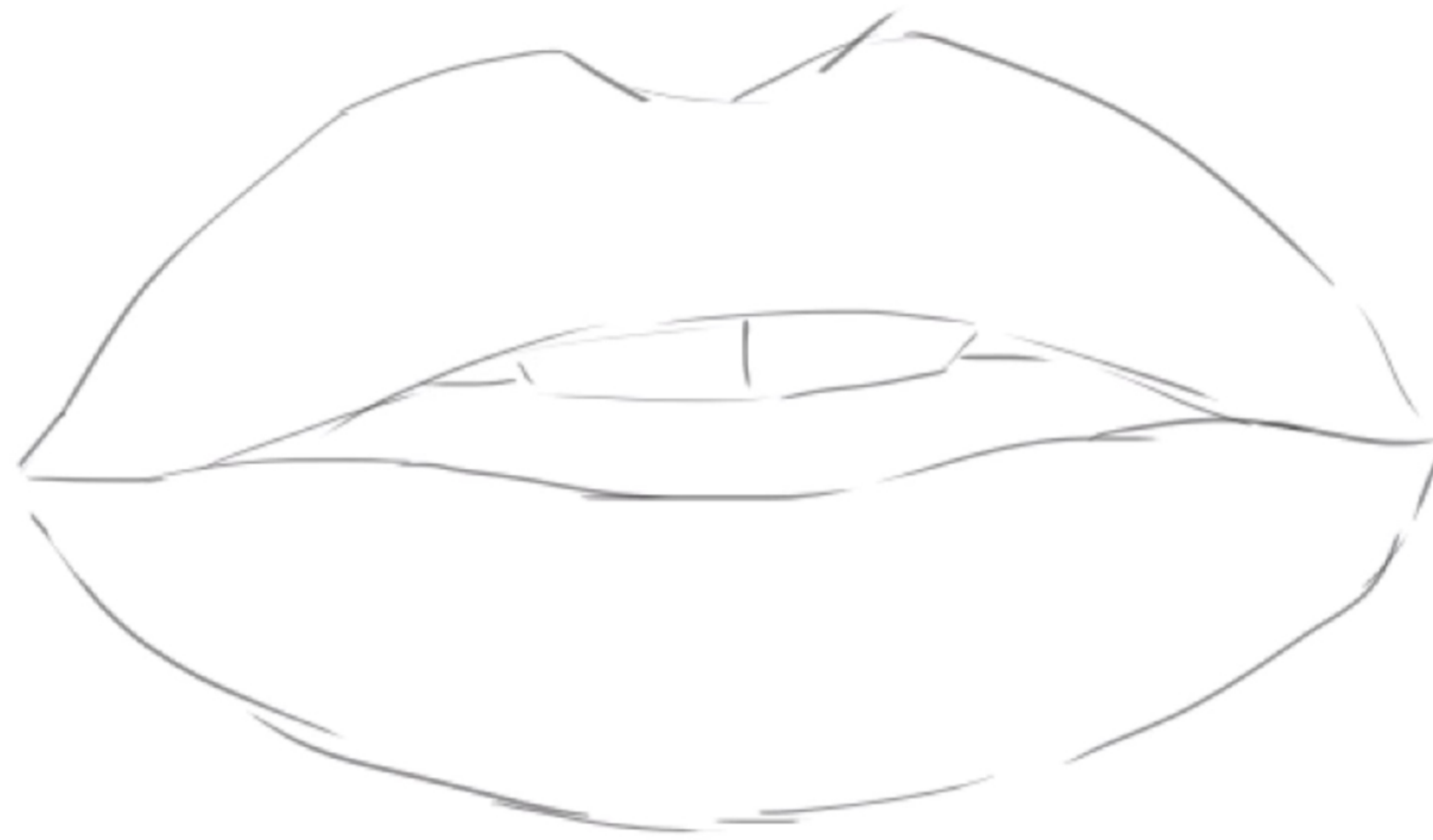


# **PAINT GLOSSY LIPS**

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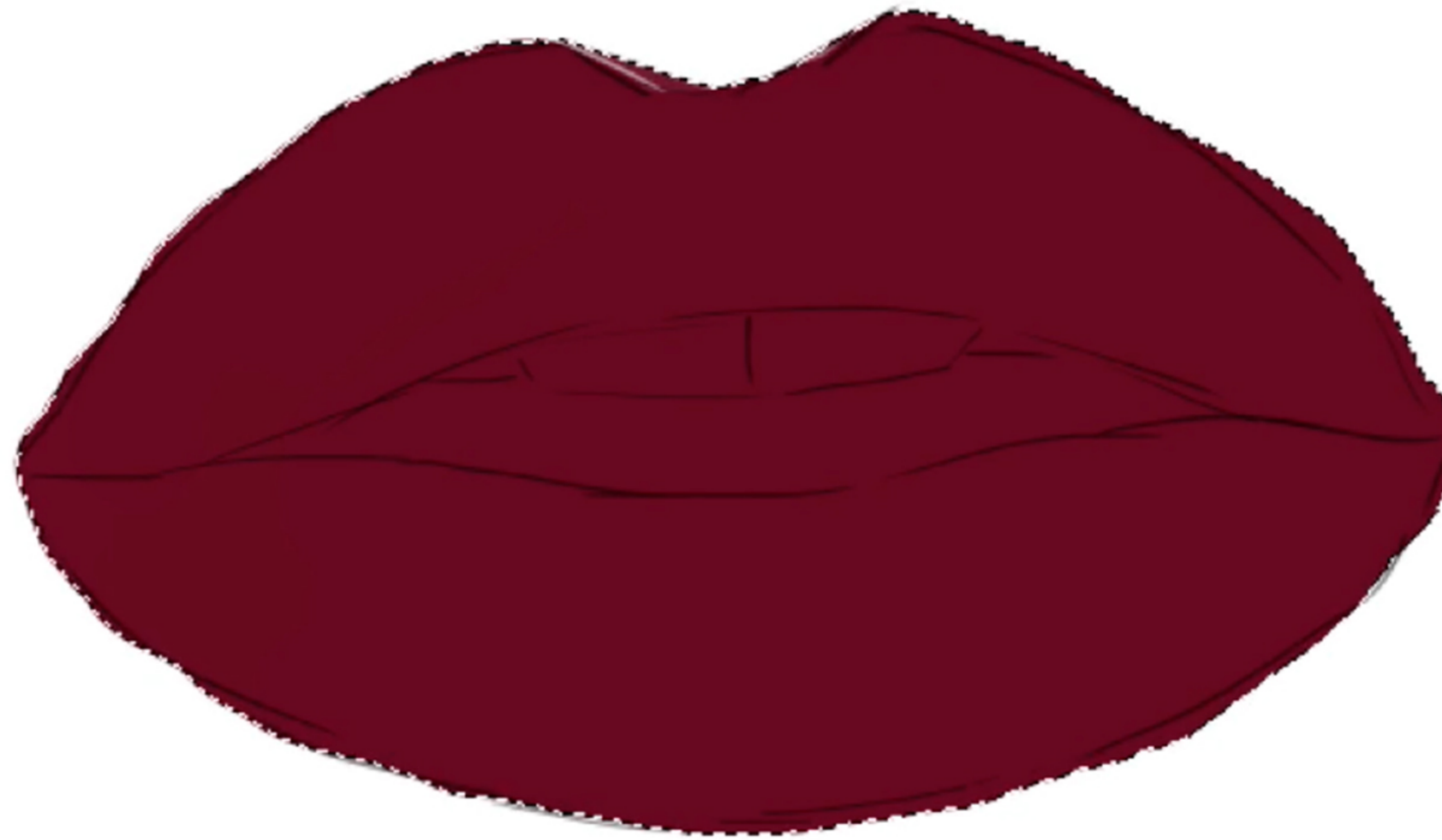




01.

Start by loosely sketching the outline of your lips, as well as any teeth or tongue that may be showing.





02.

Make a rough selection of the shape of the lips, and fill this selection in a midtone red (neither too bright nor too dark). Press CMD/CTRL-H to hide the selection lines.





03.

Using a hard-edged brush, begin to block in the color of other elements such as the teeth and the inside of the mouth.





04.

Switch to a relatively large, soft brush and begin to create the 3D structure of the lips, painting shadows around the edges and highlights in the middle (assuming the light source is in front of the lips).



05.

Using a smaller, hard-edged brush, create a few vertical lines across your lips. These will become the natural wrinkles in the lips. Use them to create a 3D look by following the curves of the lips on the left and right.



06.

Use a much smaller and slightly darker brush to further define the wrinkles. Continue to add highlights and shadows to the lips as well as to the teeth, especially right under the top lip.





07.

Fill in the background color. Use a large, soft round brush set to a low opacity on a layer underneath the lips, to create a slight shadow around them. Use a texture brush to create some stylized highlights and shadows around the lips.





08.

Add more contrast to the lips by adding brighter highlights. On a new layer, first brush liberally over the lips with a textured brush to add some interesting details. Then, use a textured brush to erase from this layer again, leaving just little specs of details.



09.

Repeat this process with a few different colors to add some more interesting details. Add some white highlights with a very small, hard edged brush to create a glossy look. If necessary, use a Color Balance and/or Levels Adjustment Layer to make final tweaks.



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