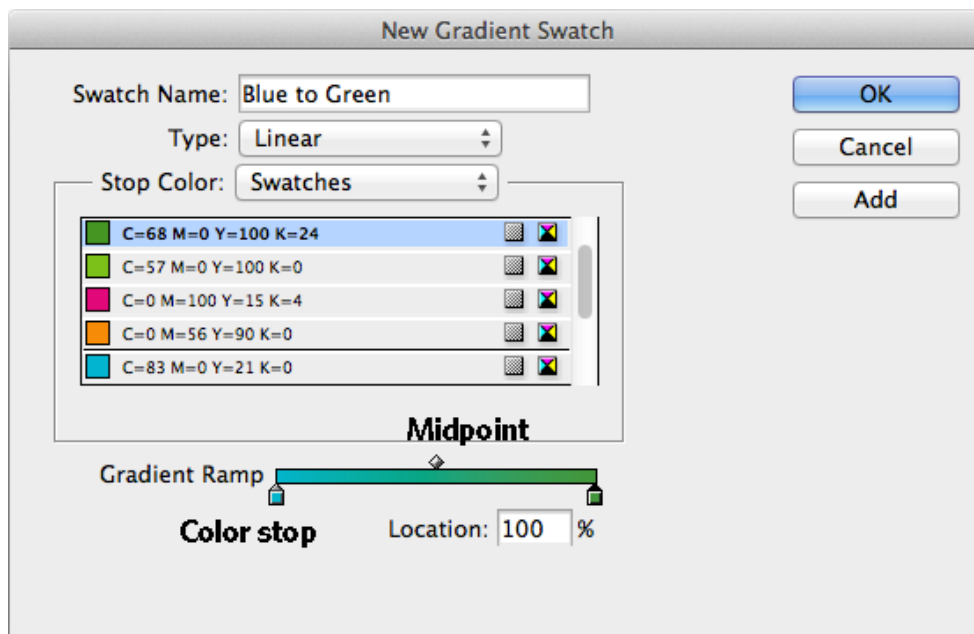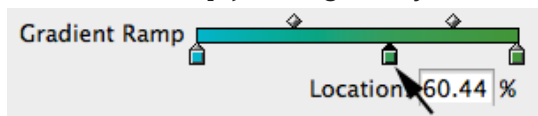# HOW TO CREATE A GRADIENT IN ADOBE® INDESIGN®
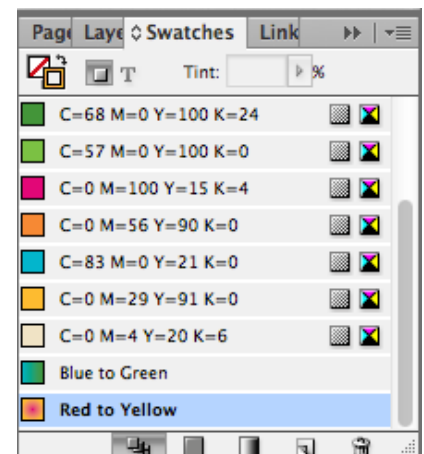
CREATE THE GRADIENT

- Open **Swatches** palette
- Choose **New Gradient Swatch** from the Swatches panel menu
- Type a name for the gradient
- In the **Type:** field, Choose **Linear** or **Radial**
- Click on the **left color stop** in the **Gradient Ramp** (Color stop)
- In the **Stop Color:** field, choose **Swatches** for the color type
- Click on a color from the list
- Click on the **right color stop** in the **Gradient Ramp** (Color stop)
- In the **Stop Color:** field, choose **Swatches** for the color type
- Click on a color from the list
- Adjust the **midpoint control** to change the position where the two colors mix.

- To add more color stops, click below the Gradient Ramp.
- Color stops can be moved to new positions by dragging.
- To **delete** a color stop, just drag it away from the ramp.
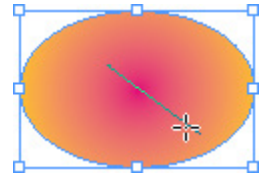

- Click **OK** to add the gradient to the Swatches palette
- Click **Add** to add the gradient to the Swatches palette and be able to define a new gradient.
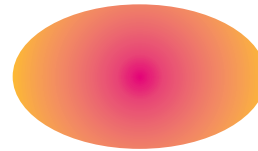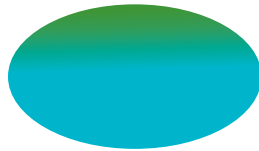
APPLY GRADIENT TO AN OBJECT

- Select the object with the **Selection** tool
- Open the **Swatches** palette
  - Choose the **Fill** icon
  - Click on the gradient swatch
- To adjust the gradient
  - Select the object with the **Selection** tool
  - Choose the **Gradient** tool from the toolbox
  - Drag the gradient tool over the object in the direction the gradient should follow.

Linear Gradients   Radial Gradient

APPLY GRADIENT TO TEXT

- Create the text with the **Type** tool
  - Highlight the text with the **Type** tool or
  - Convert the text to outlines
    - Select the text with the Selection tool
    - Go to **Type>Create Outlines**
- Open the **Swatches** palette
  - Click on the **Fill** icon
  - Click on a gradient swatch
- To adjust the gradient
  - Choose the **Gradient** tool from the toolbox
  - Drag the gradient tool over the text in the direction the gradient should follow.
- A **stroke** can be added to the text also
  - Click on the **Stroke** icon in the Swatches palette to bring it to the front
  - Click on a color in the palette
- To change the stroke size, open the **Stroke** palette
  - **Weight**: Choose a stroke size from the pop-up menu