



HOW TO CREATE A GRADIENT IN ADOBE® PHOTOSHOP®

Gradients can be used to add special effects to graphics, text and backgrounds.

CREATE A SOLID GRADIENT

Create a new file

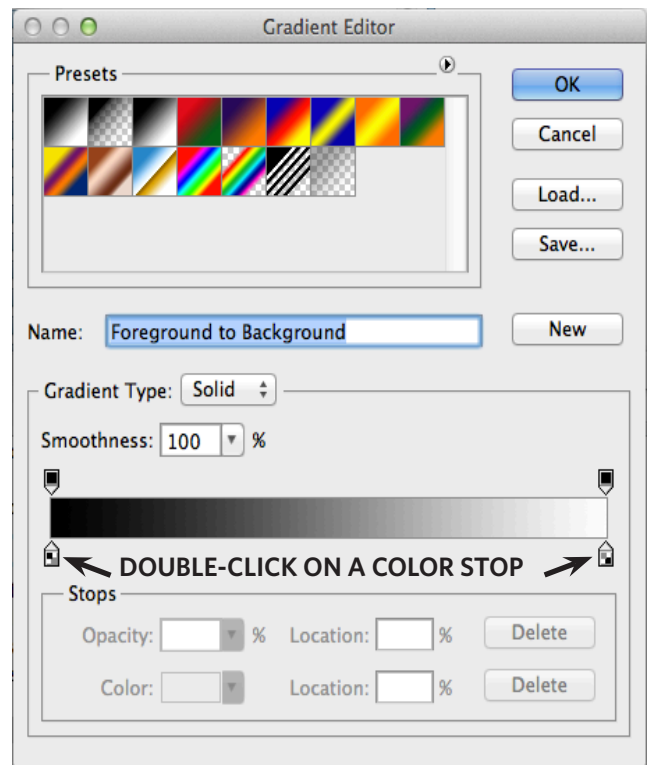
- Open an existing Photoshop file or
- Go to **File > New**
- The size should be the same as the size of the space it will fill on the page
- Resolution should be 300 pixels/inch
- For four-color pages, make sure the Color Mode is CMYK color
- If you keep the mode as RGB, your plant will convert it to CMYK but there may be a color shift on conversion.

Create a new gradient

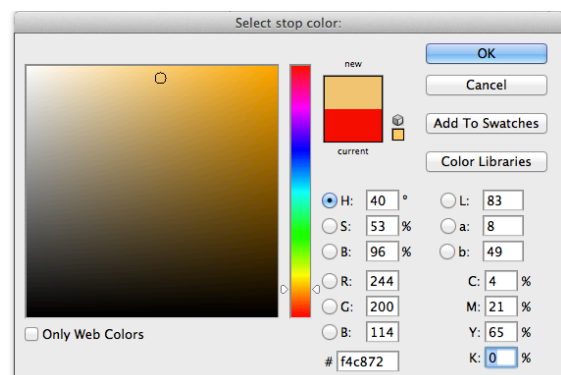
- Select the **Gradient tool**
- Click on the gradient sample to open the **Gradient Editor**



- Edit the default gradient or click on a different preset to edit it
- **Gradient Type** should be **Solid**
- To change a color in the gradient, double-click on a color stop



- The **Color Picker** dialog box opens
- Choose a color from the **Colors** poster or from Pantone swatch
- Type the numbers in the CMYK fields

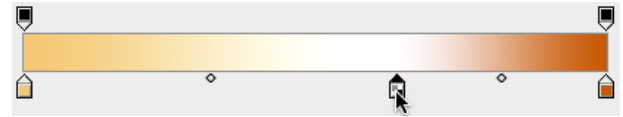




- Click **OK** to close the Color Picker

Add a new color stop

- To add another color stop:
- Click under the color bar to add another color stop
- Drag the stop into position
- Click on the stop to open the **Color Picker** and define the color for it
- Click **OK** to close the Color Picker

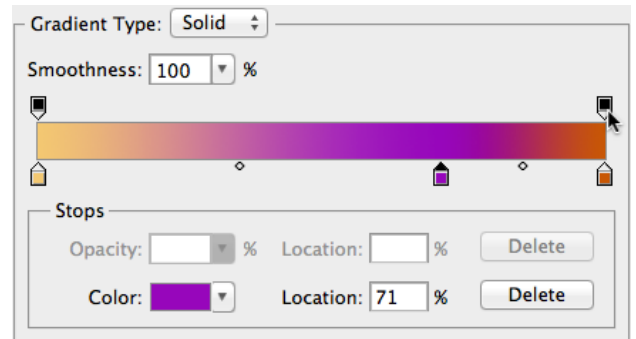


Move a color stop

- To move a color stop, click on the **Color Stop**
- Drag it to a new position

Delete a color stop

- To delete a color stop
- Drag the color stop away from the color bar or
- Click on the color stop
- Click the **Delete** button (bottom right corner)

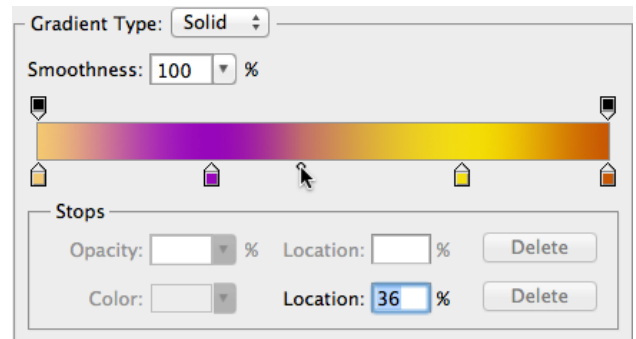


Change gradient opacity

- To change the opacity along the gradient
- Click on the **Black** color stop on top of the color bar
- Change the **Opacity** in the **Stops** section

Change a midpoint

- To change a color midpoint or the place where the color is an even mix of the start and stop colors for that section
- Click on a Color Stop
- Drag the **Midpoint** to a new position



Save the new gradient

- Type a name for the gradient in the Name field
- Click **New** to add to the **Presets**
- To save the gradient, click **Save**
- Save it in the **Photoshop's Gradients** folder
- Click **OK** when you are finished
- The gradient appears in the gradient sample field



NOISE GRADIENT

Create a new gradient



- Select the **Gradient** tool
- Click on the gradient sample to open the **Gradient Editor**
- Edit the default gradient or click on a different preset to edit it
- **Gradient Type** should be **Noise**
- The **Roughness** can be changed by using the slider or typing a new percentage
- The colors can be adjusted in the **Color Model** section by moving the sliders
- Click **Randomize** to change the colors in the gradient
- Continue clicking until you find an appropriate color scheme



Click to edit the gradient

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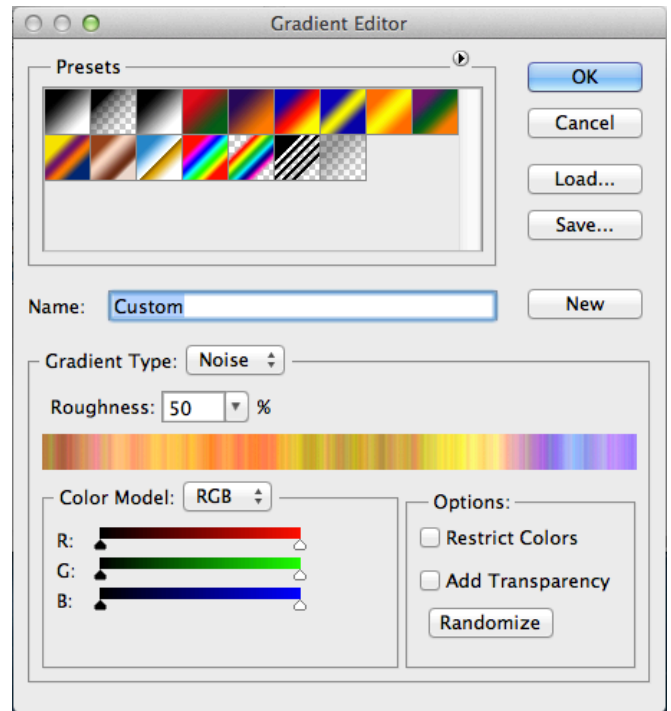
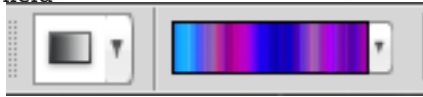
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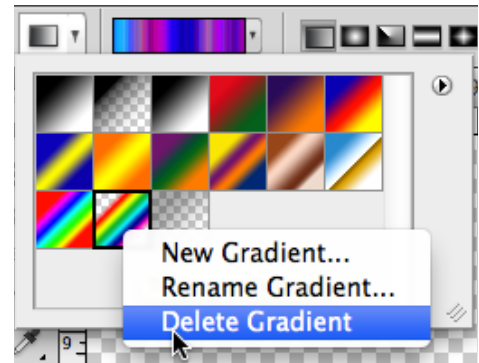
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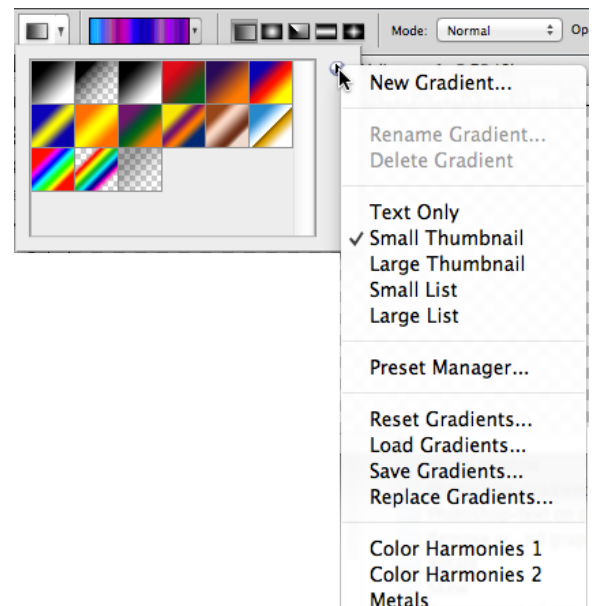
Delete a gradient

- Windows: Right Click on a gradient chip
- Mac: Ctrl+Click on a gradient chip
- Choose **Delete Gradient** from the contextual menu



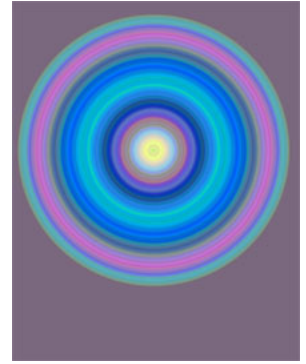
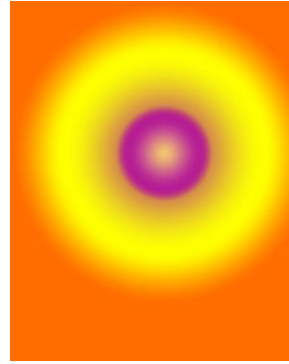
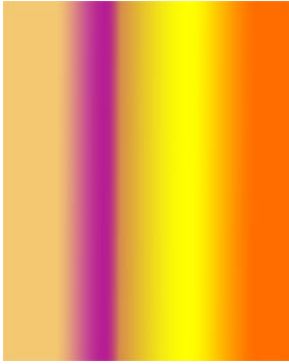
Draw with the gradient

- Click on the **Gradient** tool
- Open the **Gradient Picker** by clicking on the arrow to the right of the gradient sample
- Click on the newly created gradient
- Click on the palette menu for more options
- Choose a **Gradient Style**
- **Linear, Radial, Angle, Reflected** or **Diamond**
- Click and drag to draw the gradient
- Experiment starting and stopping at different places

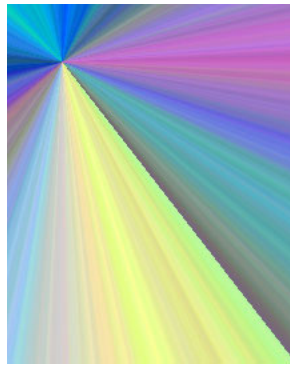
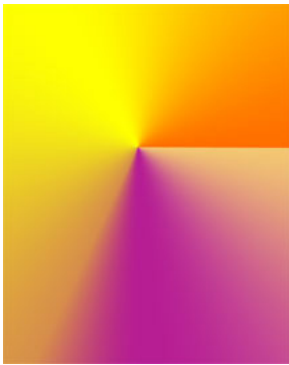




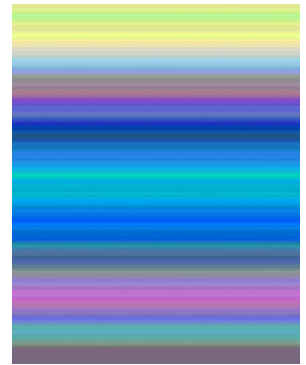
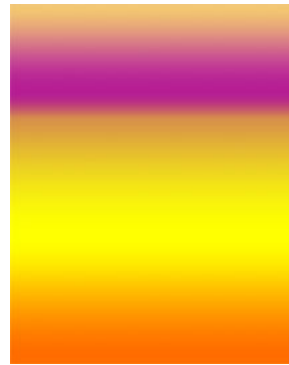
- When you are done, save the file



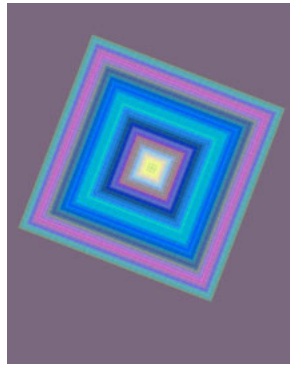
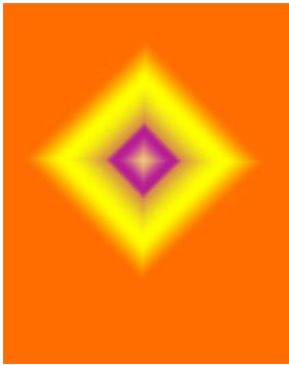
Linear: Solid & Noise



Radial: Solid & Noise



Angle: Solid & Noise



Reflected: Solid & Noise

Diamond: Solid & Noise

Save the file

- If the gradient is for a four-color page and the mode is RGB:
- Go to **Image > Mode > CMYK color** to change the mode
- **InDesign**
- Go to **File > Save**
- Type a name for the file
- Choose Photoshop (.PSD) from the Format drop-down menu
- Click **Save**

Place the file

- Place the file in InDesign by using **File > Place**

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ADD GRADIENT TO TEXT

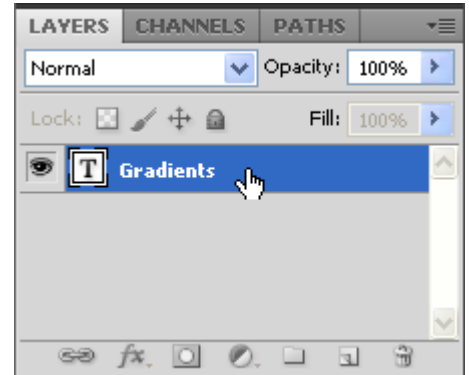
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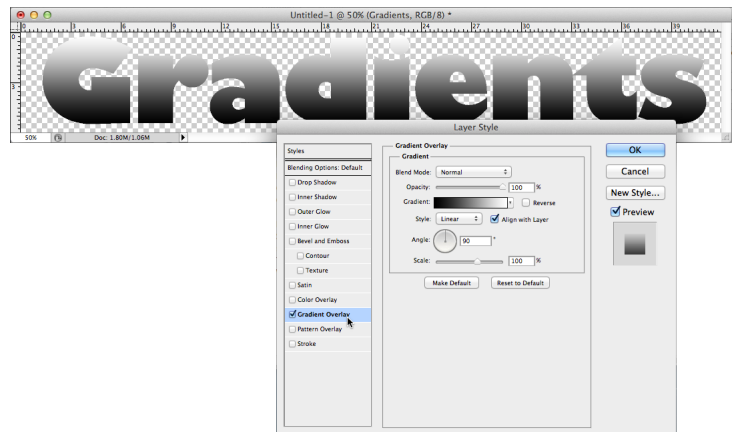
- Create a new document or use an existing document
- Click on the **Type** tool in the toolbar
- Click in the document and start typing
- Highlight the text to change the font or size



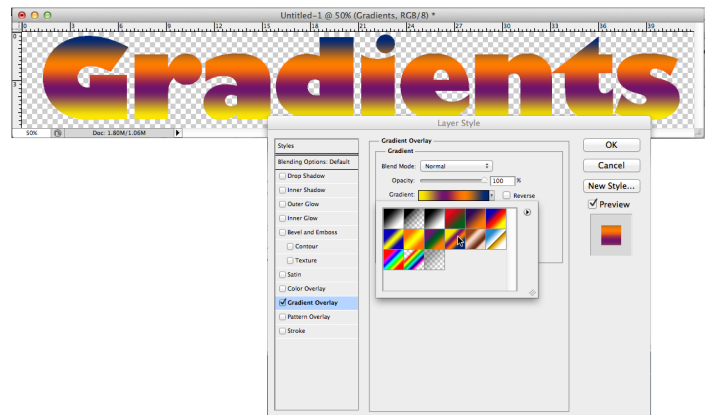
- Click the **checkmark** when the text is properly styled
- Double-click the text layer in the **Layers** palette to open the **Layer Style** dialog box



- Click on the **Gradient Layer** text



- Choose a gradient from the **Gradient:** drop-down
- The **Opacity** and gradient **Angle** can also be changed
- Check **Reverse** to reverse the order of the gradient colors
- Click **OK** when done



Save the file.

- Go to **File > Save**
- Type a name for the file
- Choose **Photoshop (.PSD)** from the **Format** drop-down menu
- Click **Save**