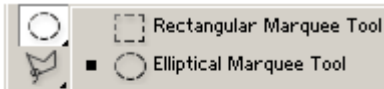


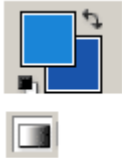


Glossy Button

Description: In this tutorial, i'll show you how to make a simple button to use on your navigation and homepages. You dont have to follow my instructions exactly, experiment with other settings and you may come up with something more spectacular.



Start with a white background, then use the **elliptical marquee** tool to create an oval shape.

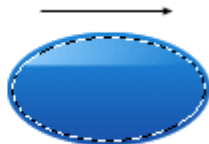


Set the foreground colour to Blue (I used #**1A85D7**) and Background (I Used #**1954AB**) to Dark Blue then use the **gradient tool** to fill the selection from top to bottom using the foreground and background..




Create a new layer then go to "**SELECT > MODIFY>CONTRACT**" then enter 2. Click ok.

Go to **SELECT>Feather** and enter 1 then Click OK.

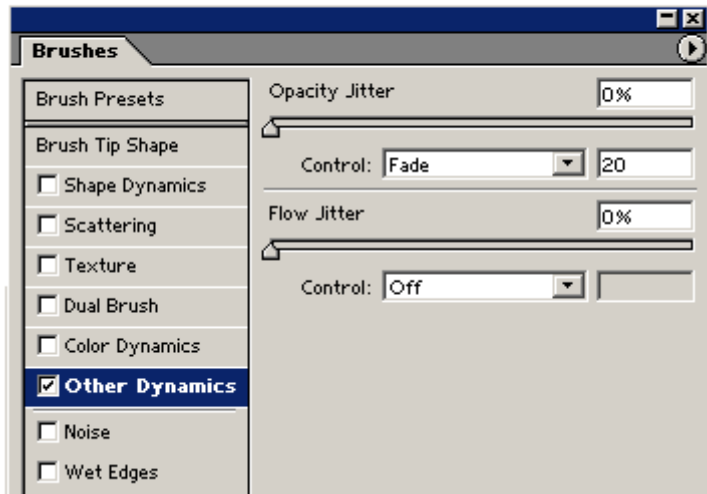


Select the **Brush** tool and choose a **15 Pixel Hard Brush**.

Now open the **Brush Dynamics** palletete (by click the  icon on the top bar. Select "**Other Dynamics**" Set as follows:

Opacity Jitter=0, Control = Fade and enter **20** into the box next to it.

Brush: 16  ← CLICK



Set the Foreground color to #89C9FB then while holding down the shift key, use the brush tool paint from left of selection to right. It should fade out like the screenshot on the left.

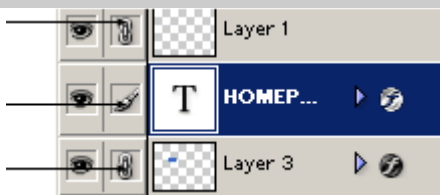


Hit **CTRL+D** to deselect. now add a **dropshadow** to the first layer by double clicking on it or go to **LAYER>LAYER STYLE>DROP SHADOW**

Your image should now look like this (left).`



You can add any text with any effects to the button. I just add a simple text with a drop shadow.



You can turn this button into some cool shape buttons by applying the distort filter to it. But first, link all layers (except the background) together then hit **CTRL+E** to merge the layers, or go to **LAYER>MERGED LINKED**.



Now go to **Filter>Distort** and play with some of the filters, works best with **Wave, Twirl, Ripple** and **ZigZag**.



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