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Creating 3D Interface Items

There are many ways to create the 3D interface look. The technique we are going to show you uses only built-in Canvas effects to achieve a nice result. This is a popular Web page element that adds a little dimension to your site.

Step 1

Creating Rounded Buttons

Let's start by creating a button. We draw a round rectangle using the Rounded Rectangle tool from the Toolbox.



With the Rounded Rectangle tool selected, drag the cursor diagonally to create the interface button.



Next, drag the shaper handle to square off the corners of your rectangle a bit.

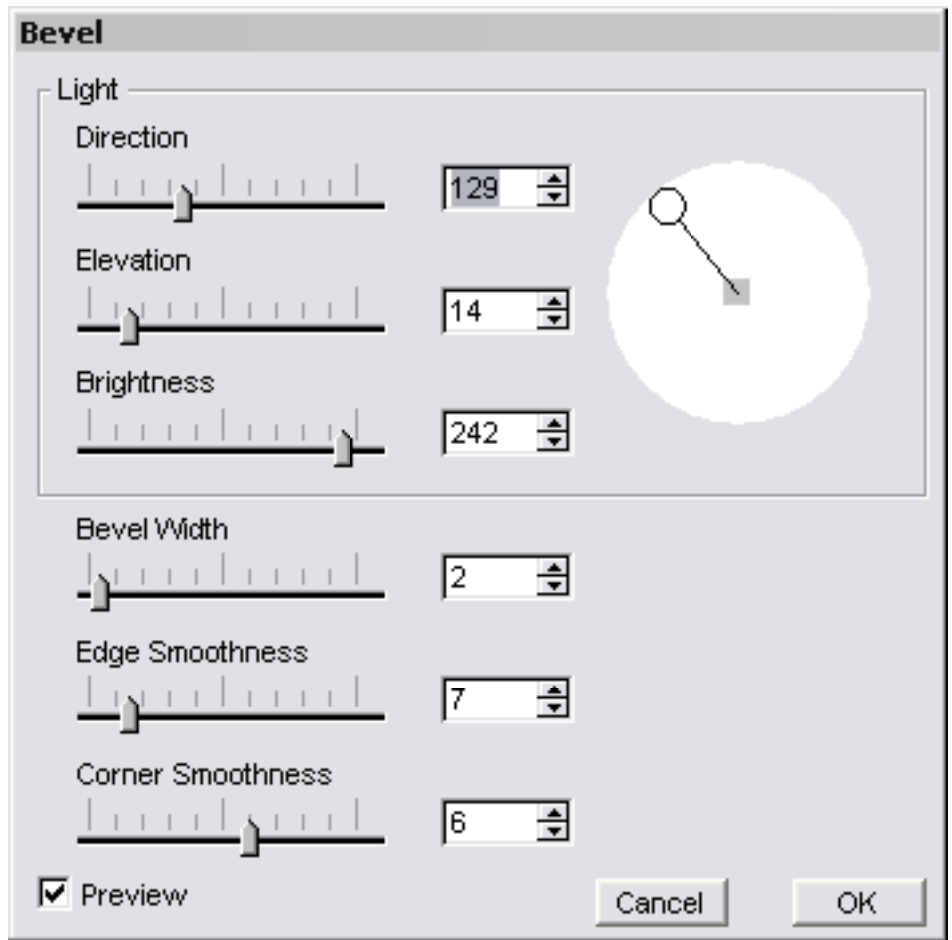


Step 2

Applying 3D Effects

To give your button that 3D effect, we are going to use the Canvas Bevel effect. To use Bevel, first select the rounded rectangle and open the Bevel dialog box (Objects > Sprite Effects, > Add Effects > Stylize > Bevel).

Adjust your setting to match the example on the right and press OK.



The resulting button should look similar to our example.



To complete the 3D effect add a shadow (Effects > Shadow) to the button.



When you are done, select both the button and the shadow and group them by pressing Ctrl + G (Windows) or Command + G (Mac OS).

With this group still selected, press Ctrl + D (Windows) or Command + D (Mac OS) to duplicate the button and shadow you just created. Make a total of three buttons and place them in line.



Step 3

Placing Text

Finally using the Text tool, place text inside the buttons and you are done.

