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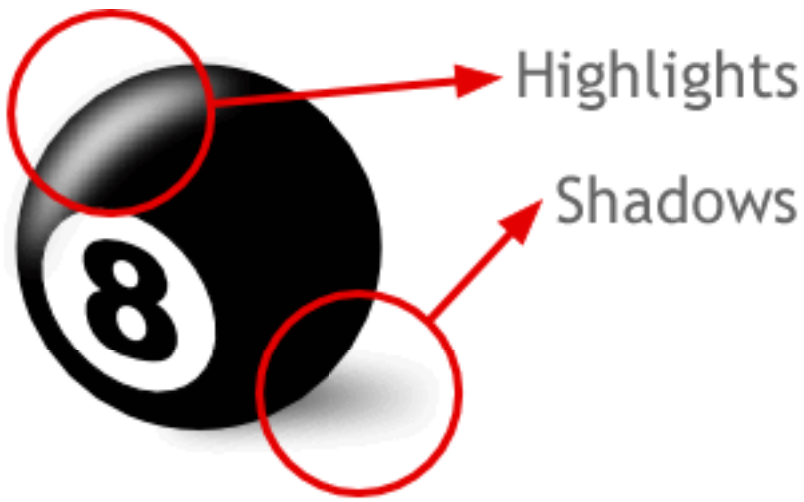
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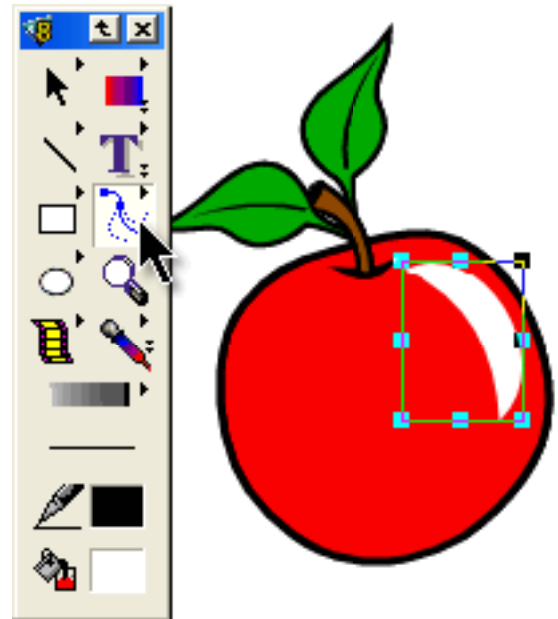
Creating Highlights and Shadows

Let's take a look at some highlight and shadow techniques you might want to try with Canvas to add a new dimension of realism to your illustrations.

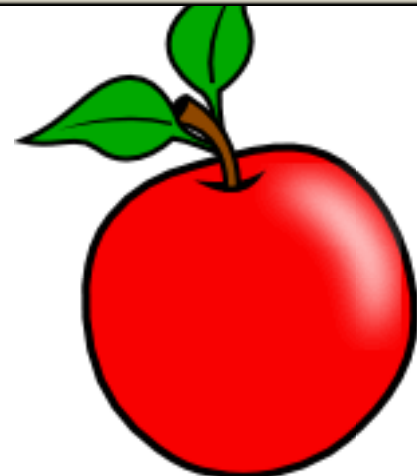
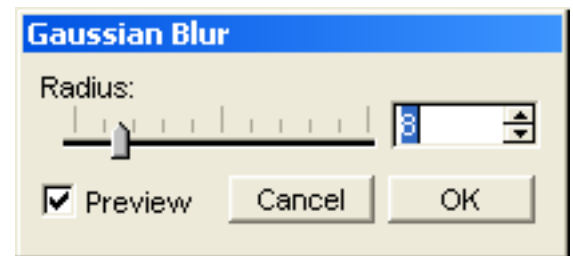
Step 1

Highlight Effects

Here is a simple one. To create a shine in this apple, just draw the shape of the highlight in white using one of Canvas' drawing tools.



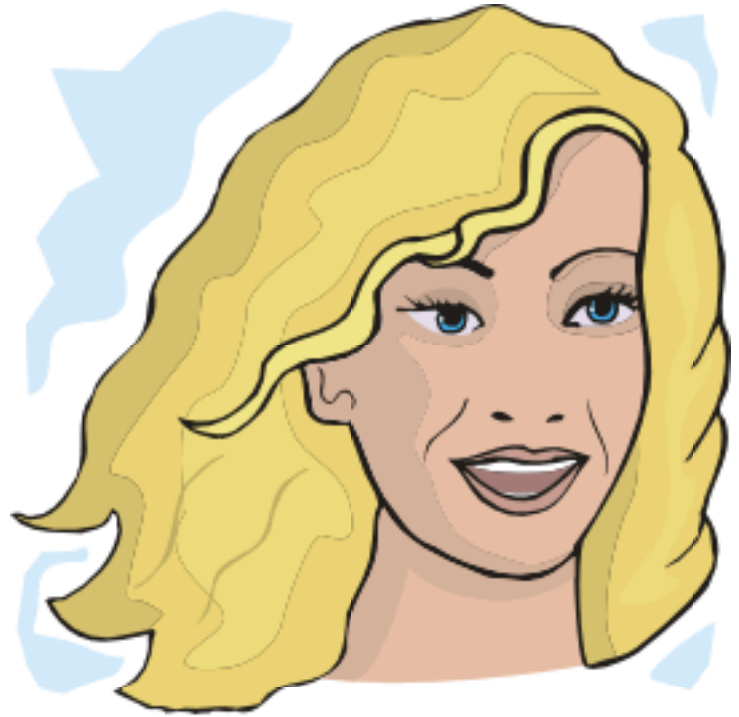
Then, use SpriteEffects to apply a Gaussian blur (Object > SpriteEffects > Add Effect > Blur > Gaussian Blur). For shadows, use same techniques but use a darker shade of color instead of white.



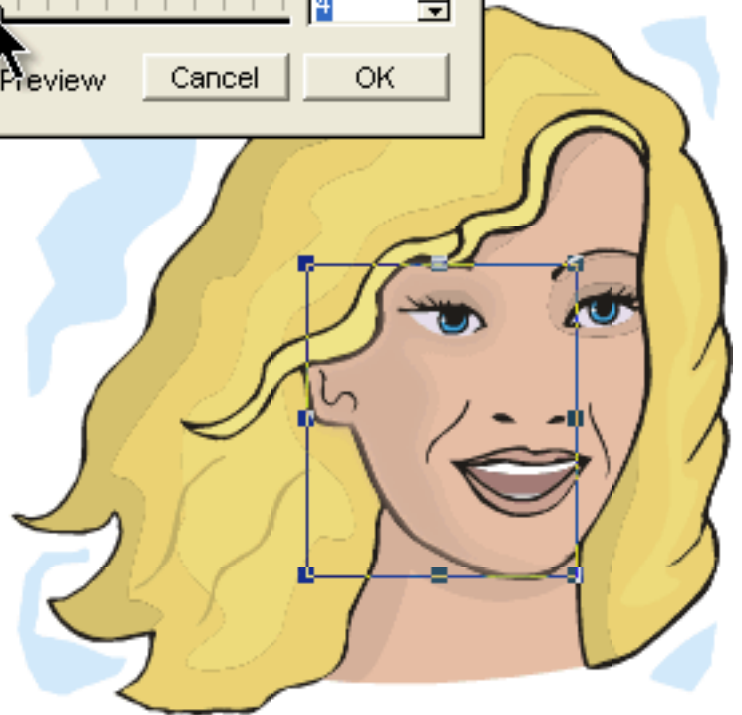
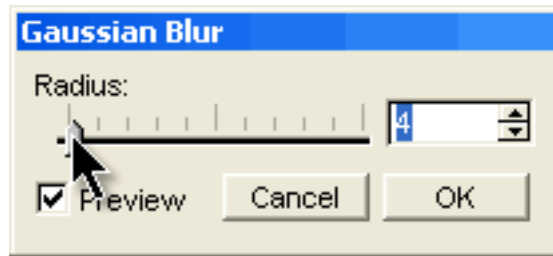
Step 2

Shading

Here is a drawing of a face. As you can see, the shading is sharp and unnatural.



Using a Gaussian blur, we could easily smooth out the harsh shadows. To do this, first select the shadow object. Then open the Gaussian Blur dialog box (Object > SpriteEffects > Add Effect > Blur > Gaussian Blur) and apply a small amount of blur.



Creating Highlights and Shadows (Continued)

Now with the shading on the face complete, we notice that we need to soften and fade out the shadows on her neck. Using the Directional Transparency tool, we can make the shadow fade out softly for a more natural look.

