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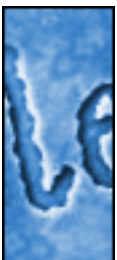
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# Canvas Tips and Techniques



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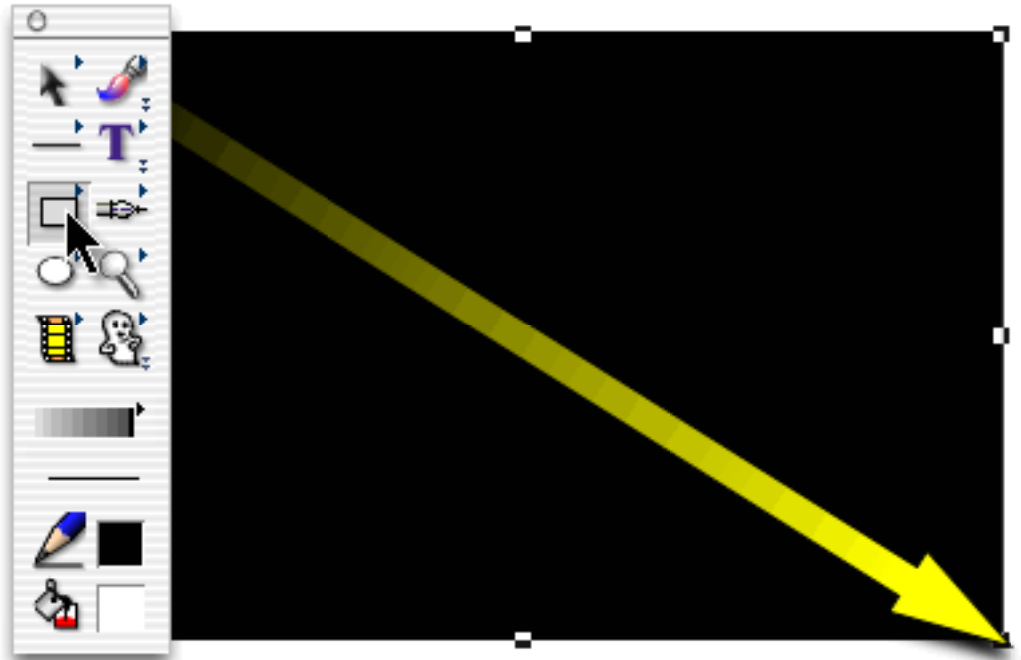
## Neon Effect

Learn how to create a cool neon effect using SpriteEffects.

### Step 1

#### Preparing the Background

A neon effect works best with a black background. In this first step we need to set the document area to have a black paper color (Layout > Document Setup) so you can see the effect. Another way to make the effect visible is to use a black rectangle as your background. Create the rectangle by using the Rectangle tool in the Toolbox and dragging it across diagonally.



### Step 2

#### Outline Art

First take some outlined art, here we using a big fancy font with no fill ink and just the pen ink and a thick stroke.



## Neon Effect (Continued)

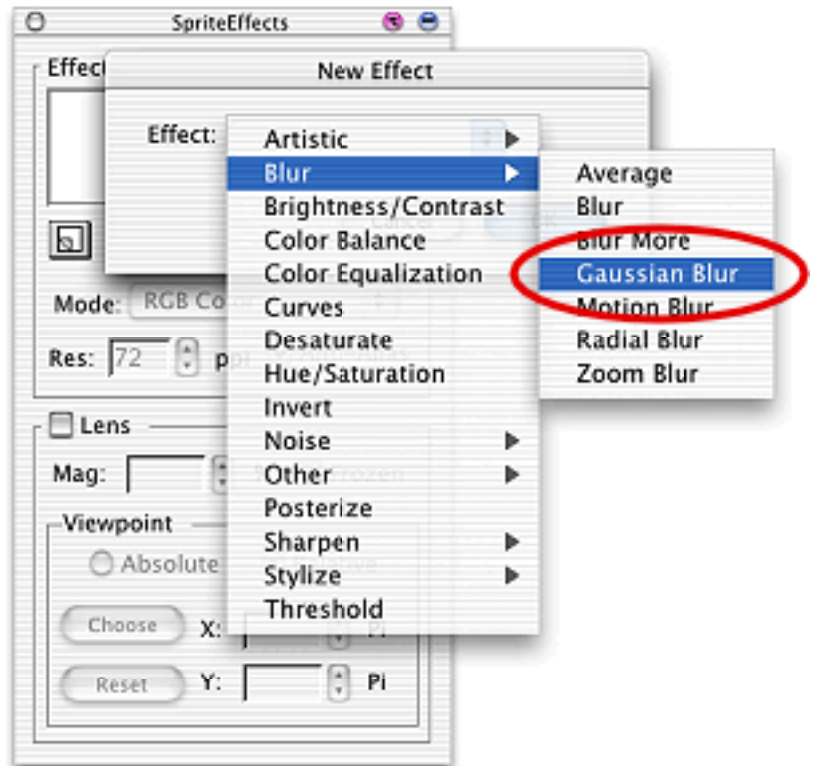
We duplicate this object and change the stroke color to white. You can experiment with other colors to create interesting neon effects.

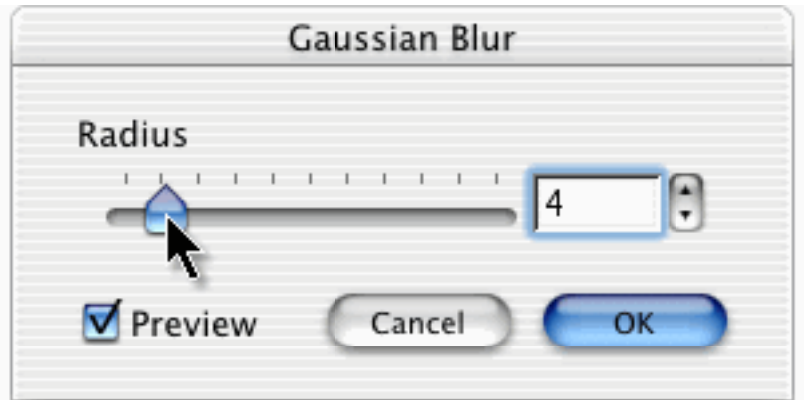


## Step 3

### Using SpriteEffects

Now use the SpriteEffects palette to apply a Gaussian Blur to the yellow OPEN outline object. The settings you use will vary depending on the size of the object and the resolution of the effect; however, you want the back yellow object to be pretty blurry.





Finally, repeat the Gaussian blur on the white OPEN outline text object. Only this time, add a lot less blur and arrange it directly in front of the yellow text object and you are done.

If really you want to define the effect, you can keep adding bright duplicated text objects with less blur and thinner pen weight. Make the center of the neon skinny with a little or no blur to create a really brilliant neon effect.

