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Glossy Emblem Text Effects – Photoshop Tutorial

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With just one text layer and a few layer styles you can have yourself a deliciously glossy emblem text effect in no time. Since the entire effect is done on a [vector](http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/out/vectorstock)(<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/out/vectorstock>) text layer, you'll be free to change the font face or letters to suit your needs and still retain all of its styling. As a final touch, we'll add a simple shadow to give it some perspective and realism.

Recommended Reading: [More Photoshop Text Effects!](http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/tag/photoshop-text-effects/)(<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/tag/photoshop-text-effects/>)

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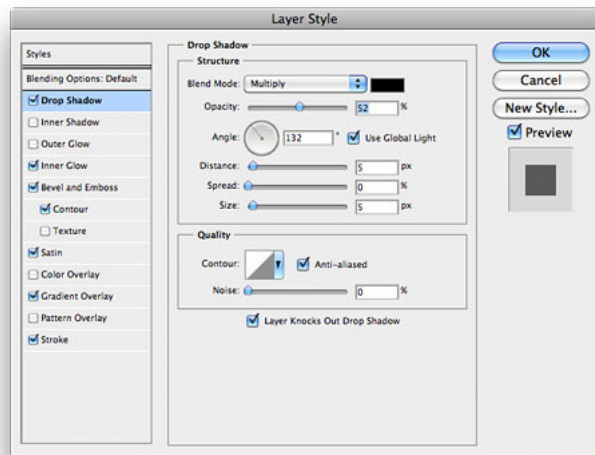
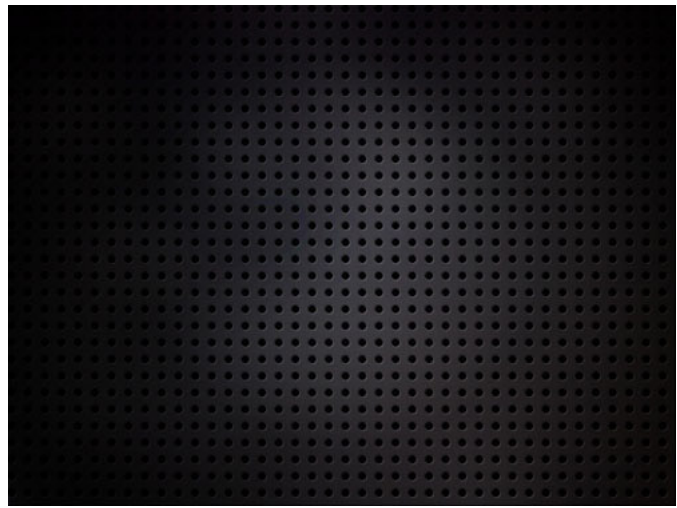
Fire up Photoshop and **set your canvas to 800x600**. We'll be using a dark perforated material for the background. This can easily be made by cutting out a pattern of circles from your background and applying a subtle bevel. Feel free to [grab the background from the PSD file](http://media02.hongkiat.com/ps_text_effect_glossyemblem/glossyemblem_text_effect.psd)(http://media02.hongkiat.com/ps_text_effect_glossyemblem/glossyemblem_text_effect.psd) or use another texture if you wish.

Step 2

Next, **lay out your type**. I'm using black Trajan, 425px in size to cover most of our area. A couple of letters will do for now.

Step 3

Now lets slap on a barrage of layer effects. Start off by selecting your text and going to **Layer > Layer Style > Drop Shadow** and **enter in the settings below**. Then continue down the list



while paying close attention to each setting and blending mode. Also take note of the different contour maps being used. You can find a larger array of contour maps.

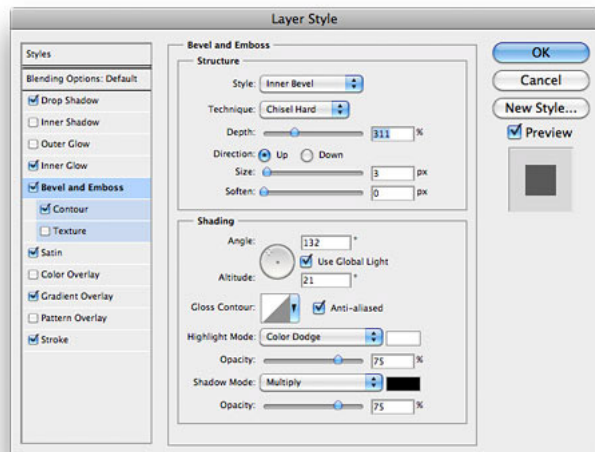
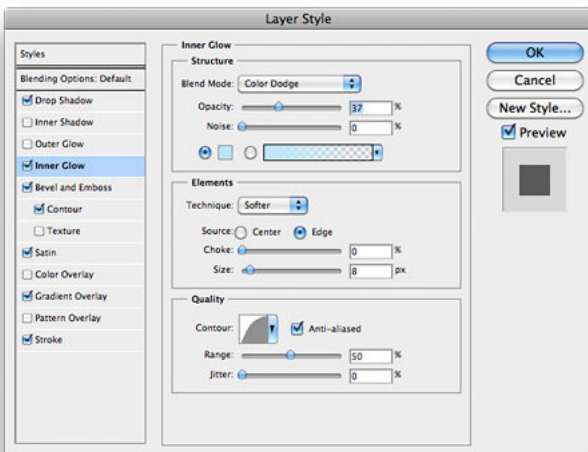
A closer look at the color ramp for your **Gradient Overlay**:

And here's what your stroke's gradient should look like:

You should now have a beautifully reflective emblem with metal trim. But lets add that last shadow for a little depth.

Step 4

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(Command for Mac) + click on your text layer's thumbnail (the white box with the capital 'T') in the layer's palette to select it. Now create a new layer underneath your styled text by pressing **Ctrl + Shift + N**. Fill this selection with black and **Ctrl (Command for Mac) + D** to deselect. Apply a **Motion Blur** filter with a -85 degree angle and 39px of distance. Finally, nudge this layer down a tad so most of the shadow falls below your type.

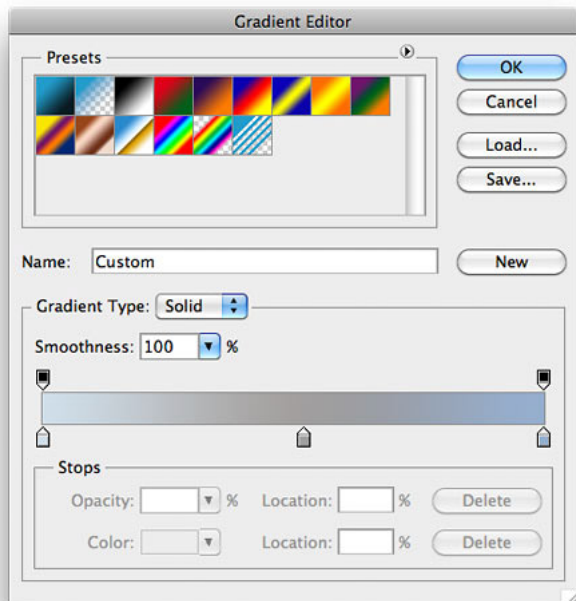
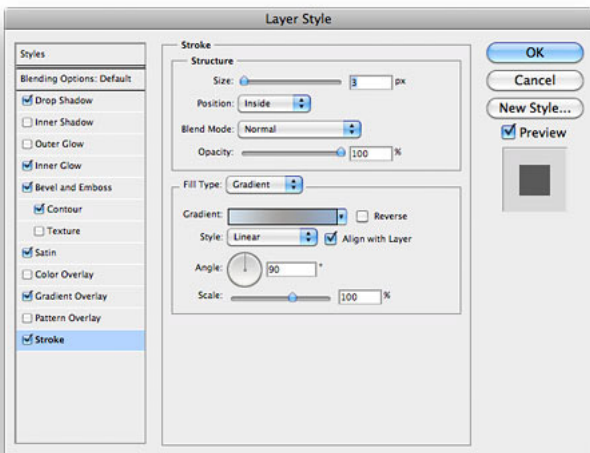
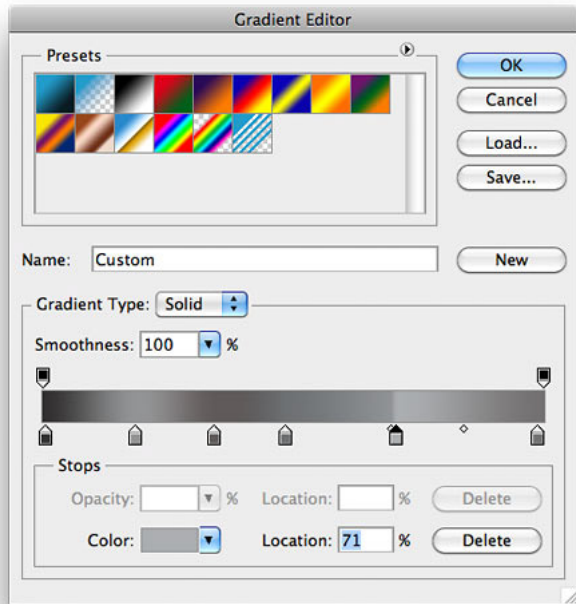
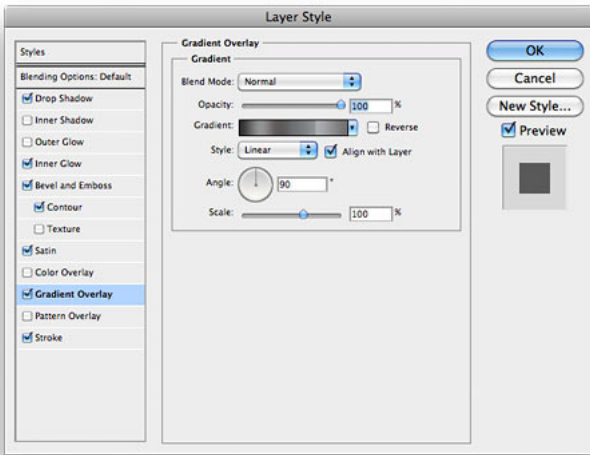
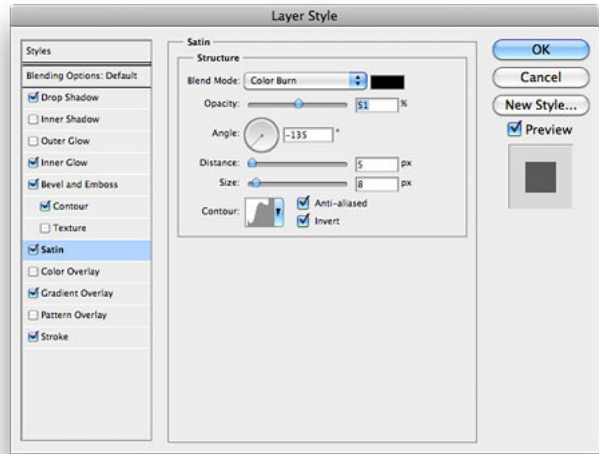
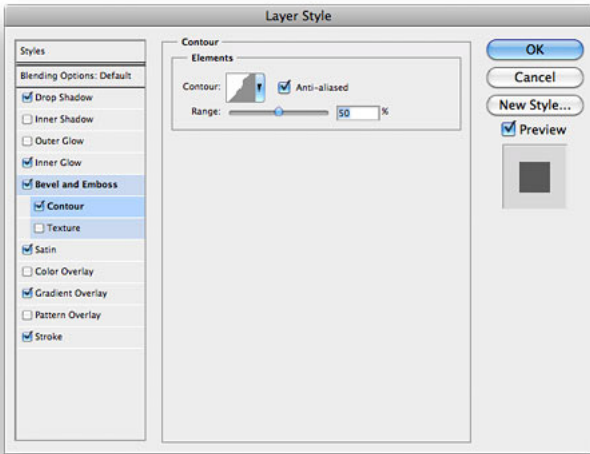
Congratulations, you've created a slick type effect in minutes that'll compliment your next project and maybe even garner praise from your boss, friends or peers.

[Download final PSD file](http://media02.hongkiat.com/ps_text_effect_glossyemblem/glossyemblem_text_effect.psd)(http://media02.hongkiat.com/ps_text_effect_glossyemblem/glossyemblem_text_effect.psd)

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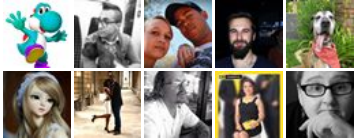
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