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GLOWING TEXT TUTORIAL

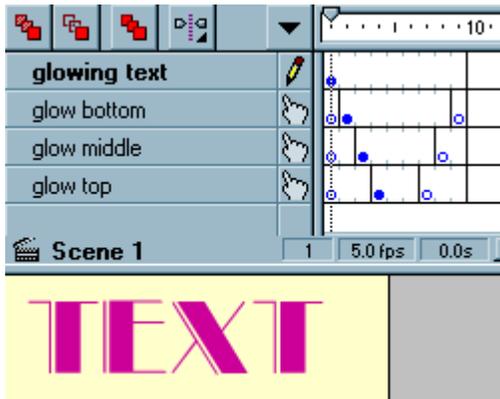
TEXT

I know this .gif is a little bad, but this is the example we are shooting for :)

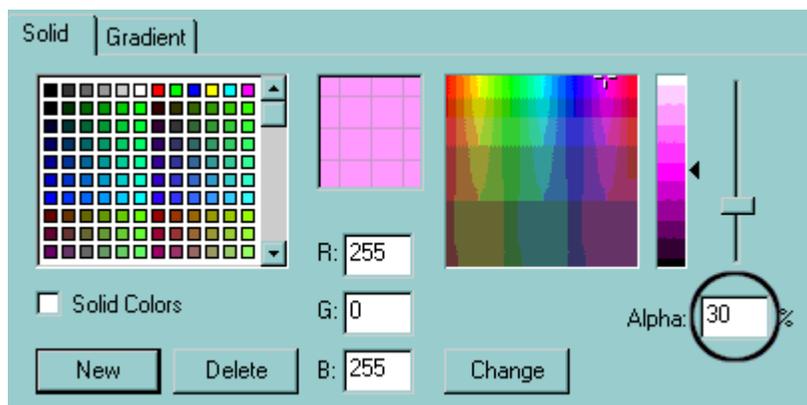
- **SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED**
- Know how to use the Line Tool / Ink Bottle
- Know how to use Alpha settings and change fill colors (although I will give a small screen shot here)

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Here is the example of what your frames will look like:



1. Make the four frames above in the picture and make sure they are in this correct order. In the 'glowing text' layer in Frame#1 type your text with whatever color you choose. Break the text apart & copy it. Insert a regular frame at Frame#8 just to make the text show the whole movie.
2. Now in the 'glow bottom' layer at Frame#2 (and here's where the work comes in), paste your text in using the 'Paste in Place' feature. Using the ink bottle to with a line width of 2 and your color setting with Alpha set to 30% (see picture below) select all of the text and click it with the ink bottle. This should draw a 2 point line around all of your text.



3. Copy the frame you just worked in (Frame#2, 'glow bottom' layer). You should now have something that looks similar to this on the 2nd frame.



4. Paste this frame at Frame#3 at the 'glow middle' layer, and in Frame#4 of the 'glow top' layer.
5. With the 'glow middle' layer selected lock all the other layers. Use your Ink Bottle tool again (which should have the same color settings with the Alpha) and change the line width to 4 of all the lines by selecting them all and just clicking on them. It should change them all at once.
6. With the 'glow top' layer selected lock all the other layers. Use your Ink Bottle tool and change the line width to 6 of all the lines by selecting them all and just clicking on them. Here is what your screen should look like with all the other layers hidden except the one you are working on:



7. SUMMARY: So, now if you show all your layers you should have a glowing effect coming up. The first layer contains the original text, 2nd layer with lines of 2 pt. size, 3rd layer 4 pt. lines, 4th layer 6pt. lines. Now let's make the glow go back down.
8. Since we want the outer edge of the glow to fade away first we need to insert a blank keyframe in the 'glow top' layer at Frame#7. Insert a blank keyframe in layer 'glow middle' at Frame#8. And lastly, insert blank keyframe in 'glow bottom' at Frame#9.
9. THERE YOU HAVE IT!! Test your movie

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