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# QUICK CHROME TEXT EFFECT

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# SIMPLE CHROME

- **SKILL LEVEL: EASY**
- Know how to make & work with Symbols
- Know how to make Gradients
- Know how to create Layers

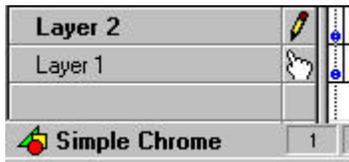
## TUTORIAL

### Step 1:

Create a Symbol called 'Simple Chrome'

In the 'Simple Chrome' symbol, create 2 layers. Add text to the first layer (for this exercise we use 'SIMPLE CHROME').

Try to choose a thick, blocky Font as this will work better for the chrome effect.



### Step 2:

Copy & Paste the text into the second layer and have it sitting just above the first layers text.

A screenshot of the final 'SIMPLE CHROME' text effect. The text 'SIMPLE CHROME' is displayed in a bold, blocky font with a chrome gradient. It is shown twice, with the second instance slightly offset and overlapping the first, demonstrating the layering technique.

### **Step 3:**

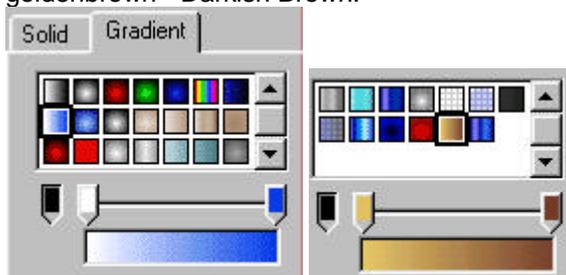
Highlight layer 2's text and choose Modify/Break Apart. Then select the top half of the text and holding down the shift key, click the UP arrow once.

The text should be split in half like so:



### **Step 4:**

Create 2 Linear Gradients, one should be from Blue - White (this one is already made I think) and the other from goldenbrown - Darkish Brown.



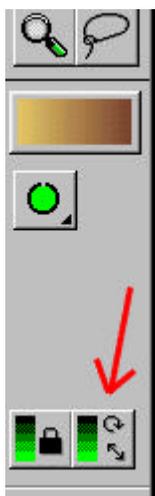
### **Step 5:**

Select the top half of the split text and fill it with the Blue - white gradient. Then select the bottom half of the split text and fill it with the goldenbrown - darkish brown gradient.



### **Step 6:**

Click on the Transform Fill button located just under the color window and then click on the top half of the split text.



A selection square will pop around the text. with a square and circular control points in the top right hand corner.



Click and hold down the circular control point and drag it around counter clockwise 90 degrees so that the blue is at the top.

Then hold and drag the square control(which should now be way above the text) sideways. This will shrink the Gradient Fill.

Drag it so it shrinks down to sit just at the top of the text.

Repeat the same process for for the bottom half of the split text except only this time spin the control point clockwise so that the darkish brown sits on the bottom.

You should end up with something like this :



Unclick the Transform Fill button.

### **Step 7:**

Select the top half of the split text and holding down the shift key, press the down arrow which will reposition the top half where it was.

Like so:



**Step 8:**

Select all the Chromed text and position it so it sits directly over the unchromed white text in the bottom layer and then use the arrow keys to move it diagonally down to the right so it sits just of center of the text beneath. (one down arrow click and one right arrow click)  
This will give it a small beveled edge.



Finished :)

This the classic airbrush way of creating quick chrome effects and is not realistic at all, but to most people who do not have an Art background, their minds fill in the blanks and do the rest for you. All up this takes about 2 minutes to do so its very quick.

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