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Dropshadows/Glows/Blurs The EASY Way

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- SKILL LEVEL: EASY
- NO .FLA
- Requires very little knowledge of Flash

Flash



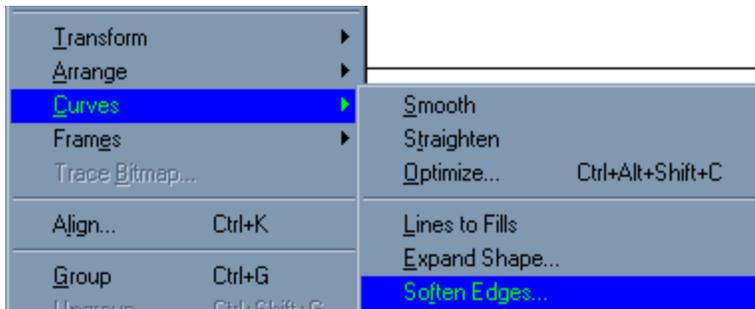
100% View

Part of Letter A Viewed at 1500%

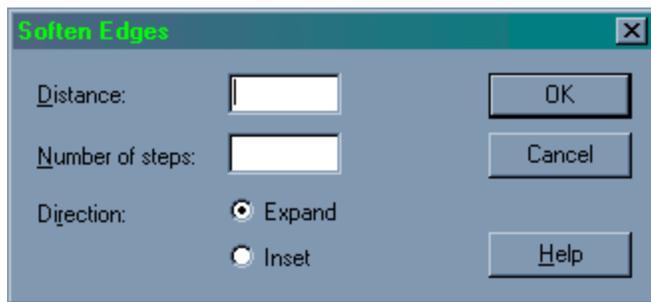
Note: Every time I've tried this I run into some trouble with certain letters such as S's (see above). So just take note, that some things may not turn out the way you want them to and you'll have to tweak them a bit. But for the most part everything comes out real nice =)

If you ever used Flash 3 then you know how much of a pain it was to do a glow/blur or dropshadow effect... Well not in Flash 4!! Take 1 minute and you have an effect that would take you 1 hour to do in Flash 3. Here's how:

1. Simply create the object you want to 'blur'. Text or whatever it may be. Then break it apart using Ctrl + B.
2. Select the object and go to the menu **Modify > Curves > Soften Edges**.



3. It will then bring up a screen where you can tell it how much you want the object to blur.



Distance = how far out the object will blur in pixels.

Number of steps = how many layers it will create. (See top picture of the letter A)

Expand/Inset = which direction the object will blur

Hit OK and there ya have it!

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