Apply

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Gradient

To

Selected

Graphics

PSD CC
Level: Beginners

Apply a gradient to selected graphics in PSD

PSD Version: CC

Skill Level: Beginners

This effect is easy to achieve and consists of just 3 layers:

* Gradient

* Graphics layer (alt-clicked to the gradient layer above)

* Background colour

1. Open a new document.

2. Fill the background layer with a dark colour.

3. Ceate your graphics ; import them from a separate package or use brushes, patterns, etc, in PSD. If you import vectors, etc, save as Smart Objects in PSD. If you use PS brushes, note that some are more solid than others so you might need to drop the opacity on the brush setting to see he full gradient effect.

4. Double click the graphics layer to display the layer styles. I used the following settings leaving the others to default values but the effects vary so much from image to image these are guidelines only. Change them around and have a play with the settings till you're happy.

My 'go to' Layer Style Settings:settings:

Bevel & Emboss

Outer Bevel

Depth: 100

Size 1

Inner Glow

Colour: white (FFFFFF)
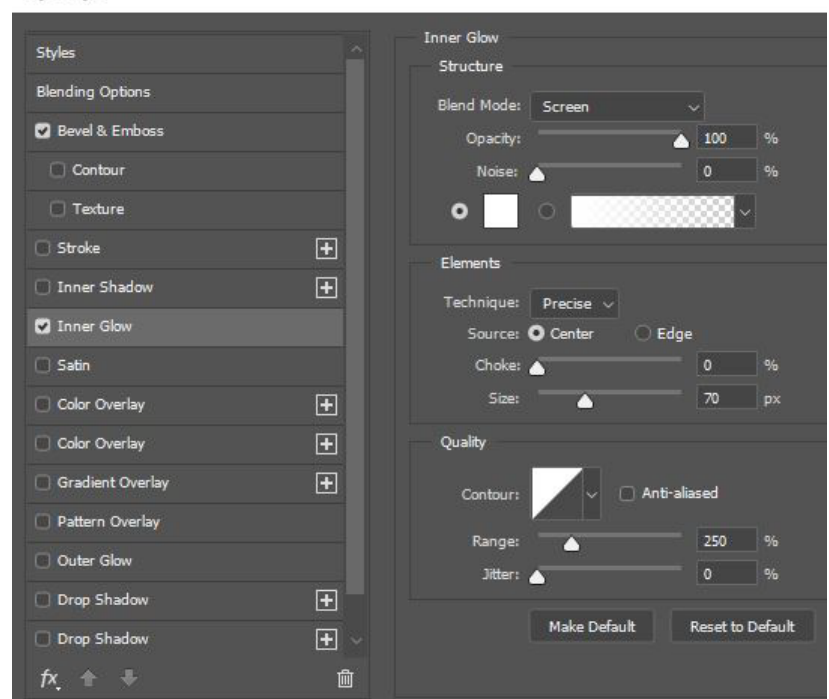
Blend Mode :Screen

Opacity 100%

Size 70

Range 50

5. Create a new layer at the top of the layer stack.

6. Select or make a new gradient. Apply it then go set the Blend Mode for that layer to Soft Light (overlay works as well but is less bright).

7. Alt-Click between the graphics layer and the gradient layer to apply the gradient to the graphics layer only.