



Make a rainbow brush and  
intertwine text with a rainbow path

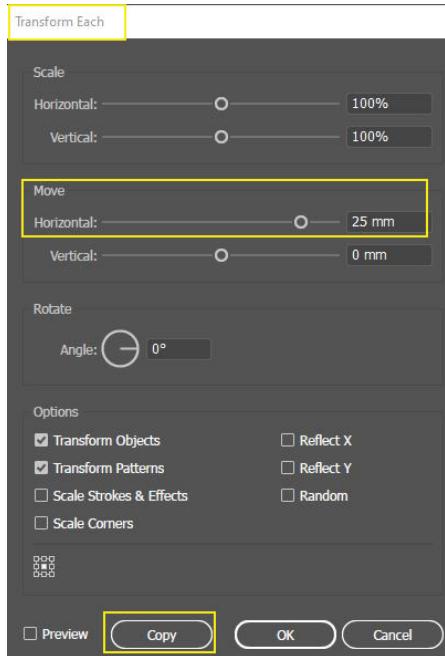
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# Make a rainbow blend

First we're going to make a blend of colours.

1. Create a solid colour-filled circle but with no stroke.

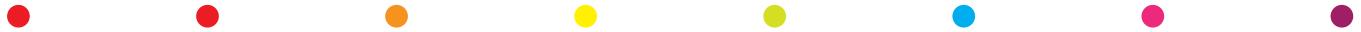


2. With it selected, go to Object>Transform Each (Alt+Ctrl+Shift+D). Enter 25mm in the Move>Horizontal field then select Copy.



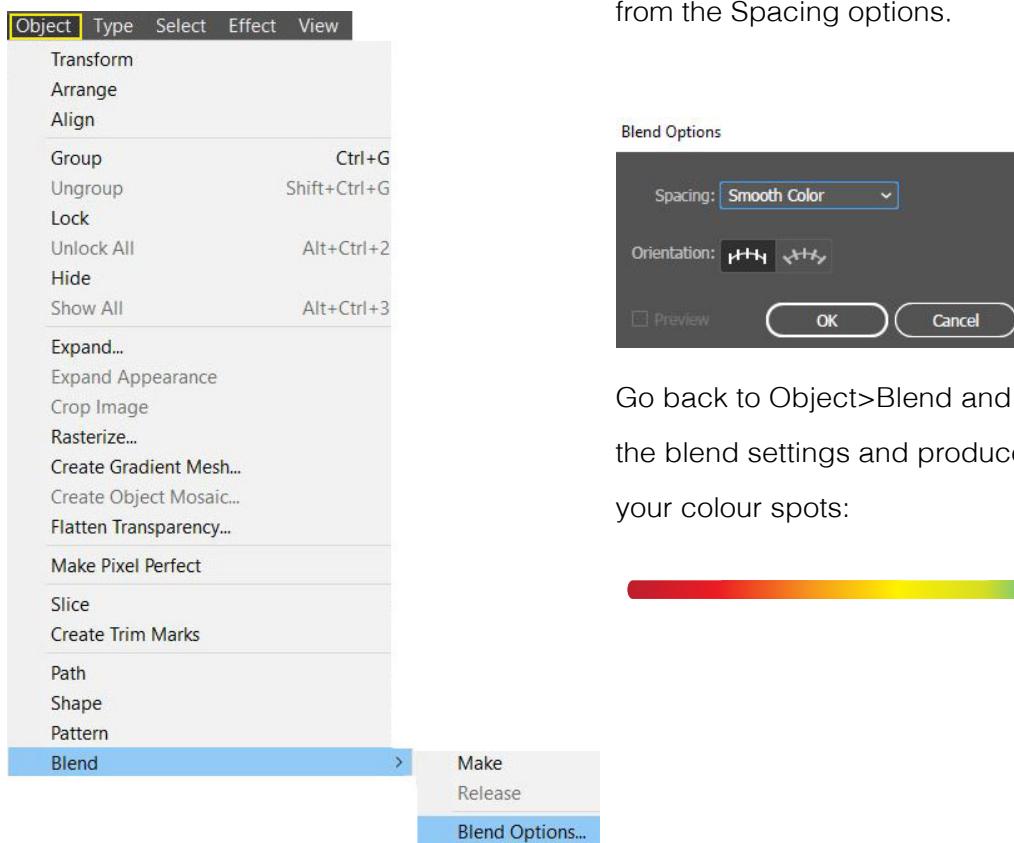
3. Use Ctrl-D to duplicate the copy until you have as many copies as you want for your blend.

4. Change the colours of your circles (select each in turn then select a colour from the Swatch palette).



5. Select all the coloured circles then go to Object>Blend>Blend Options then 'Smooth Color'

from the Spacing options.

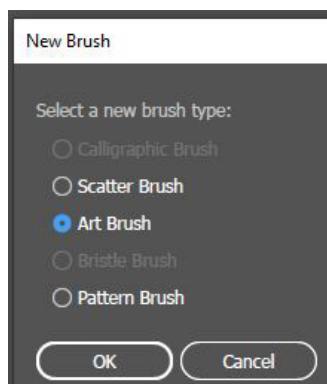


Go back to Object>Blend and select Make to apply the blend settings and produce a smooth blend of your colour spots:

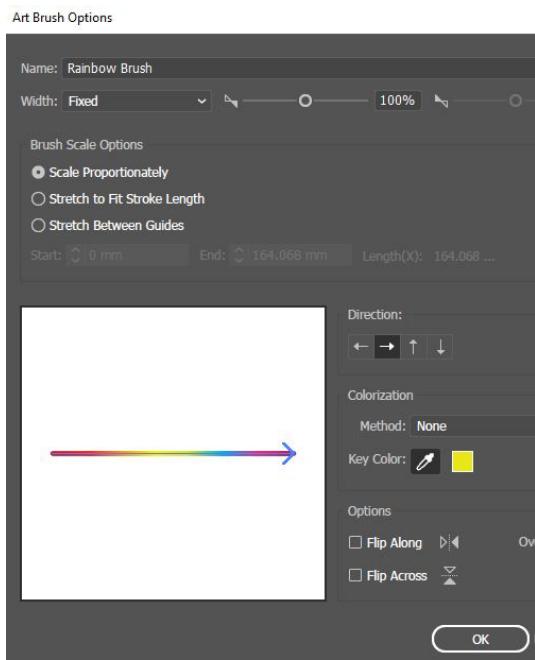


Turn the blend into an art brush

1. Drag the blend onto the Brushes palette.
2. Select Art Brush from the New Brush options.

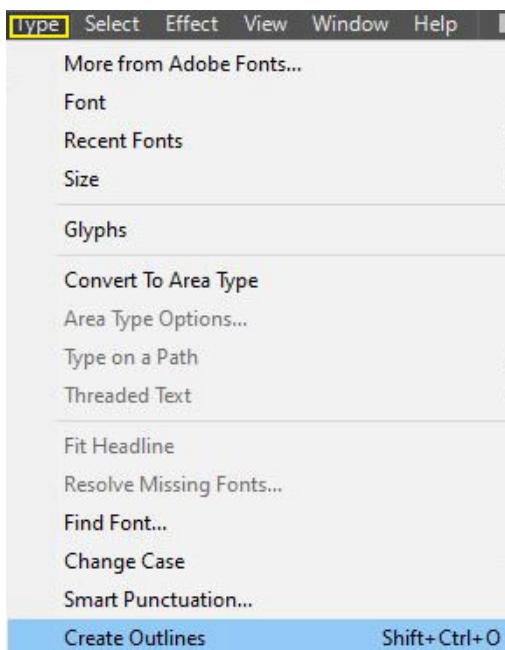


3. Name your brush, select 'Scale Proportionally' then OK.



## Create the text for your design

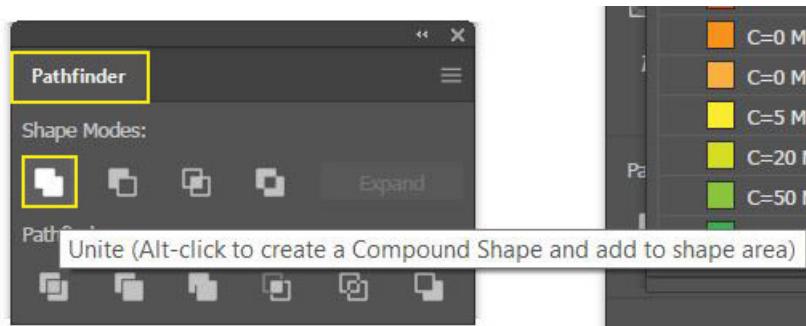
1. Type in your text. I've used October Twilight - a free font available from DaFont.
2. With the Selection Tool (V), selected, go to Type>Create Outlines.



You will see the individual letterforms and where they overlap:



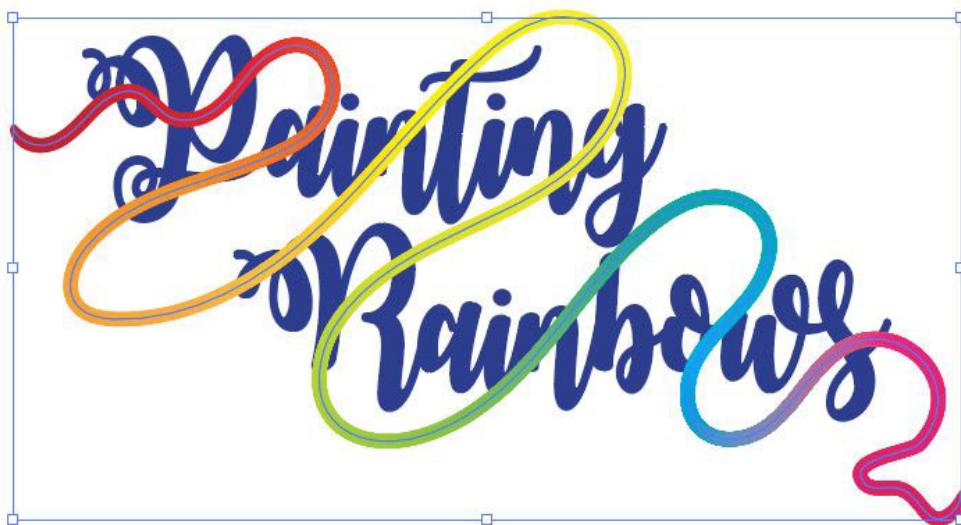
3. Go to Pathfinder>Unite:



4. Use the Pen or Pencil Tool to create a wavy line around and across the text:



5. With the path selected, click on the rainbow brush from the brush palette to apply it:



6. With the rainbow brush path still selected, go to Object>Expand Appearance, then Object>Expand. You can change the stroke weight (Properties>Stroke) to make the line thinner or wider.

7. Copy (Ctrl+C) the rainbow wave.

8. With the original rainbow wave still selected, go to Pathfinder>Unite. It will become a solid colour.



9. Select the text and the wave then go to Pathfinder>Divide:



10. Go to Object>Ungroup then carefully delete or colour the solid red path where it goes beyond the text. If you miss the odd snippet here or there it doesn't matter, you can pick them out in the next step.



11. Paste in place (Shift+Ctrl+V). This places the wavy rainbow over the text.

12. Send the rainbow wave to the back: Object>Arrange>Send to Back or Shift+Ctrl+[



13. Zoom in and either delete (we will be pasting the rainbow wavy line in place at the end so don't worry about creating empty gaps in the design) or select and use the eyedropper to select and fill with your text colour.

Take care to not disturb the position of the pieces when doing this - :(

I find that alternating between deleting and filling with text colour creates a good intertwining effect but there'll be little bits here and there that you'll need to decide what works best for your design.



Hope you found this straightforward, though there are a lot of steps!

Great job :)