

Photoshop for Complete Beginners

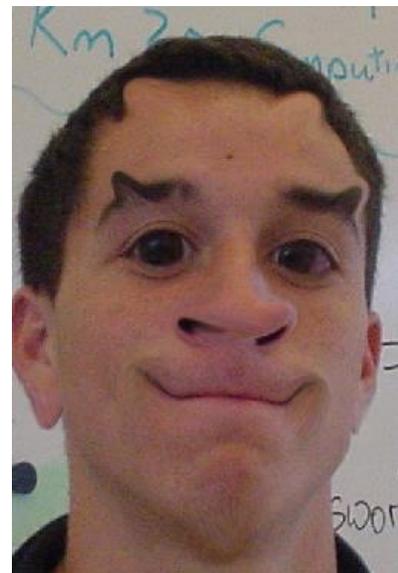
Fun Tricks

Trick #1: Liquify

(save as Liquify.jpg)

You access the tool by hitting **Shift + Ctrl + X** or go to **Filter > Liquify**.

Play around with Warp, bloat and pucker for these effects.



Picture 1:



Original picture
My little Blue Eyes :)

Picture 2:



Warp Tool
Different brush sizes
Mode: Stiff

Do this with 3 pix – change warp, bloat, pucker, etc..

Trick #2: Cartoon Characters

(save as Cartoon.gif)

http://www.eyesondesign.net/pshop/cartoon_eyes/cartoon_eyes.htm

It's time to have some fun again :) The trick is to use shapes and put on dropped shadows and bevel/emboss effects. This is a pretty easy tutorial, but with a little imagination you can make some really funny figures.

Open up a new document - I used white background - and create a new layer (Layer>New>Layer) called *Eyeball*.

Select the **Elliptical Marquee Tool** and make a perfect circle selection by pressing Shift while dragging the selection. Fill your selection with white color and apply [these layer styles](#): (Inner Glow: Blend Mode = Multiply, opacity = 20%, black color; Outer Glow: Blend Mode = Multiply, opacity = 38%, black color)

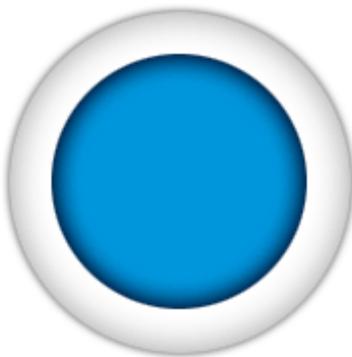
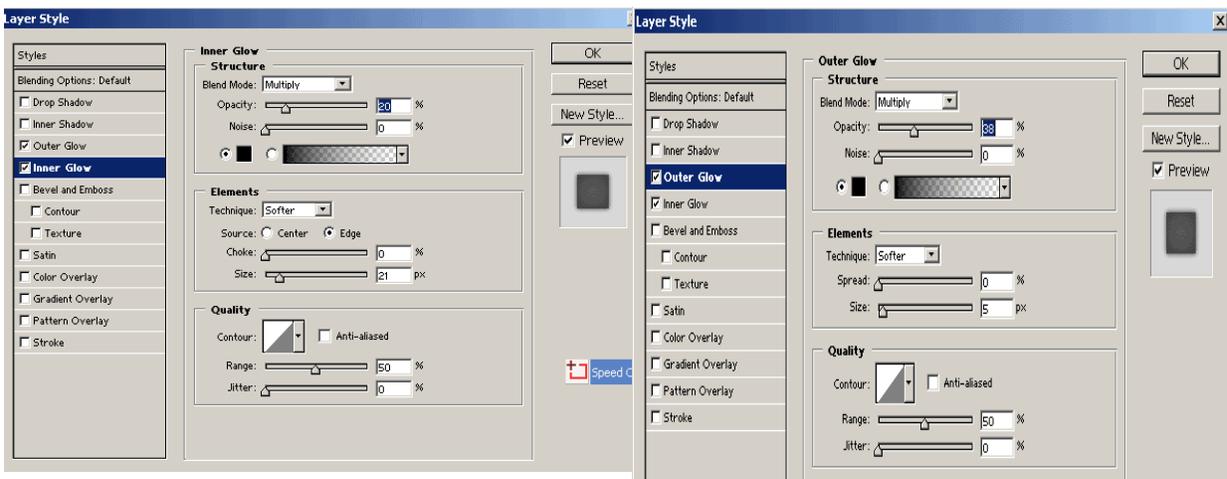


Fig. 2

Now create a new layer (Layer>New>Layer) - call this layer *Eye*.

Now drag a new circle selection and fill this selection with your desired eye color.

Then apply some **Inner Glow** layer style with the same settings as before.



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

Create a new layer and call this layer *Pupil*.

Use the Elliptical Marquee Tool again to make a new circle and fill the selection with black color.

Then make the final layer - call this layer *Reflection*.

Again use the Elliptical Marquee Tool to make a selection similar to mine in figure 3 - and fill the selection with white.

Use the transform option (Edit - Transform – Rotate or Control T) to rotate the white Reflection layer like shown in figure 4, and nudge the layer up and to the right until you get it into the right position. When you're happy, you can merge down the layers (Control E), and duplicate the layer to get another eye. Saves you redoing the whole eye.

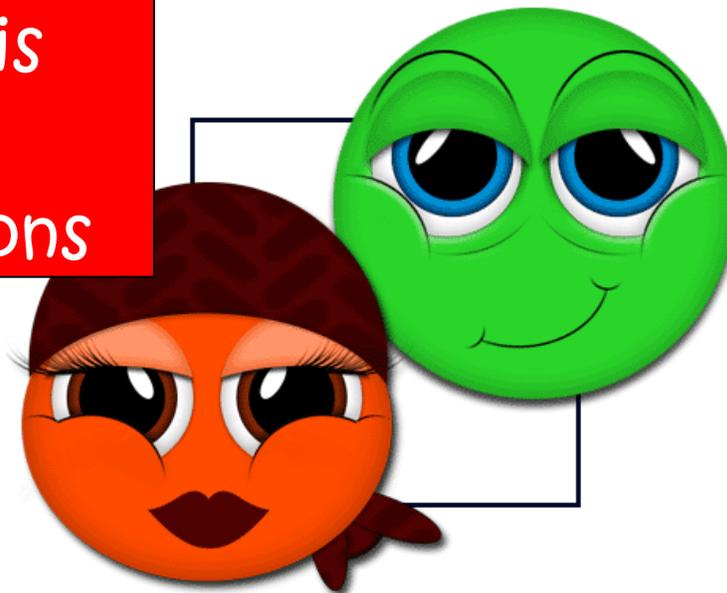
And that's it!

Below is a couple of characters I made to give you some inspiration :) You come up with 3 of them. **HINT: USE THE SHAPE TOOL IF YOU TIRE OF CIRCLES. IT'S 2 TOOLS BELOW THE TEXT TOOL.** →



Have fun!

Do this
with 3
Cartoons



Tricks #3: Explosive Text

(Save as ... Explosive.gif

The instructions for this assignment aren't exactly accurate - you'll need to watch the movie)

This is a great alternative (text only) for CS6
(and the instructions are correct)

The Movie's Here

This tip is a little more involved. If it doesn't work out, make sure you didn't miss a step. If you did, it won't work.

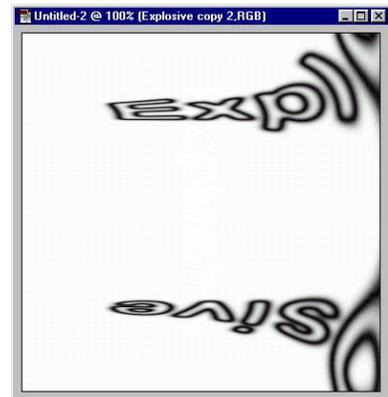
1. Start out with a new image, make sure it is square. 4" x 4" is fine, with a background of white and a foreground of black, Create your text layer and position it in the middle of the image. You need to render the text layer by selecting **Layer/Rasterize/Layer**.
2. Now duplicate the layer containing your text: **Layer/Duplicate Layer** or by dragging it to the new layer button on the Layer palette. Now choose **Edit/Fill/Background Color** using **Multiply** mode. Not much to see yet...
3. Now choose **Filter/Gaussian Blur**, we used a radius of 2.



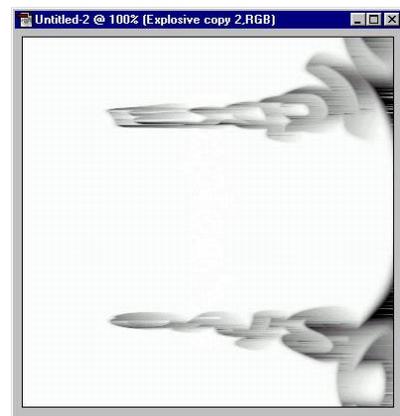
4. Next, choose **Filter/Stylize/Solarize**. Then **Image/Adjust/Auto Levels** (CTRL+SHIFT+L). Now duplicate this layer, **Layer/Duplicate Layer**. You should look like this at this point.



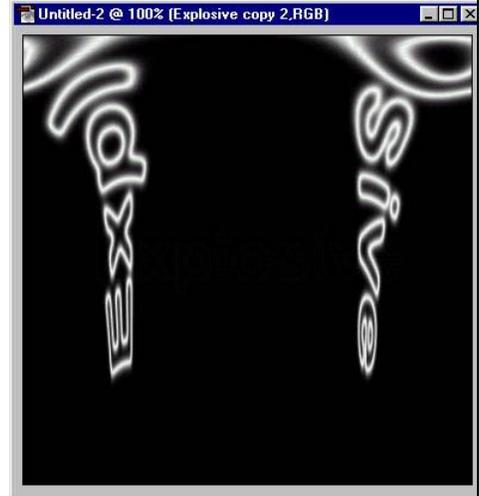
5. Here is where it starts to look wierd, but stay with me. It works. Choose **Filter/Distort/Polar Coordinates; polar to rectangular**.



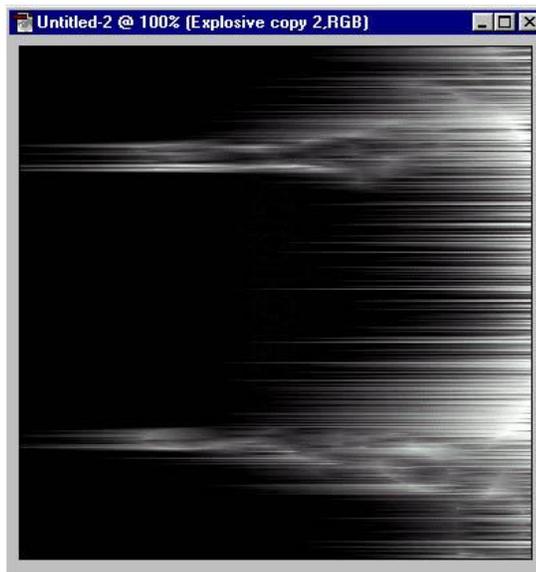
6. Now choose **Image/Rotate Canvas/90 degrees Clockwise**. Then **Image/Adjust/Invert** (CTRL+I).



7. Next, choose **Filter/Style/Wind;Wind,Left**. Apply this a total of three times (CTRL+F). Then Choose **Image/Adjust/Auto Levels (CTRL+SHIFT+L)**.



8. Next choose **Image/Adjust/Invert (CTRL+I)**. Then apply the wind filter three more times as above :



Filter/Style/Wind;Wind,Left

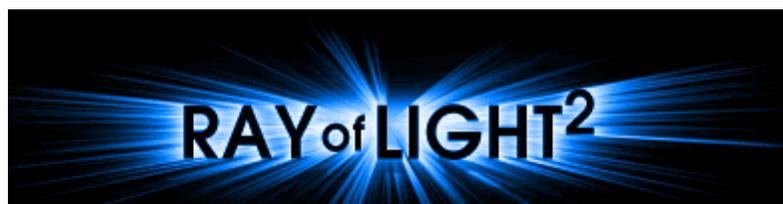
9. Now **Image/Rotate Canvas 90 degrees Counterclockwise**, and now for the magic. Select **Filter/Distort/Polar Coordinates; Rectangular to Polar**.



10. Now to give it a little color. Choose **Image/Adjust/Hue-Saturation**; Check **colorize** and Hue 45, Sat 100, Lightness 0.

11.

12. Now for the final step. Take the layer just below the one you're working on (it should be called 'Explosive Copy or whatever text you are using copy) and move this layer to the top. Then Set the blending mode in the layer palette to **Overlay** and set the opacity to about **75%** and there you go!



Do this with 3 texts..

To hand in on PPT Slide or Contact Sheet:

1. Liquify1.jpg
2. Liquify2.jpg
3. Liquify3.jpg
4. Cartoon1.gif
5. Cartoon2.gif
6. Cartoon3.gif
7. Explosive1.gif
8. Explosive2.gif
9. Explosive3.gif