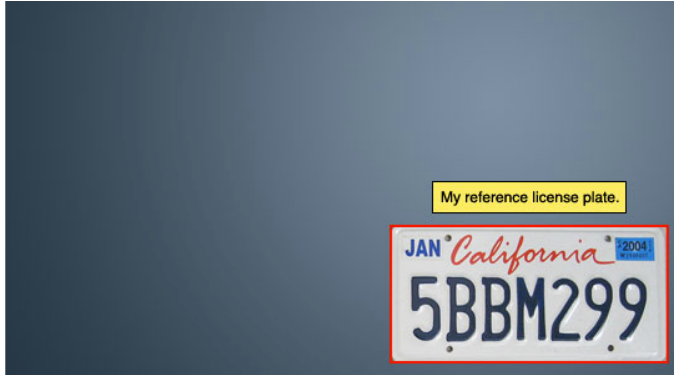
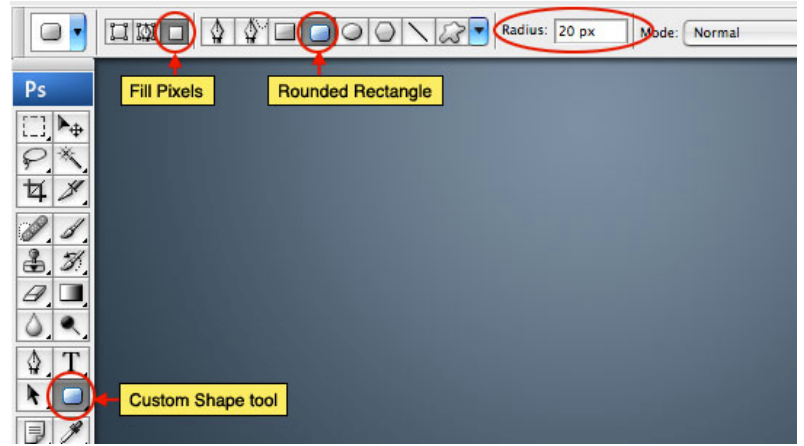


License Plate Photoshop Tutorial

- Create a new file (540 x 300 pixels)
- Fill the background with a radial gradient
- The tag in the corner is a reference so we have a visual of what to replicate

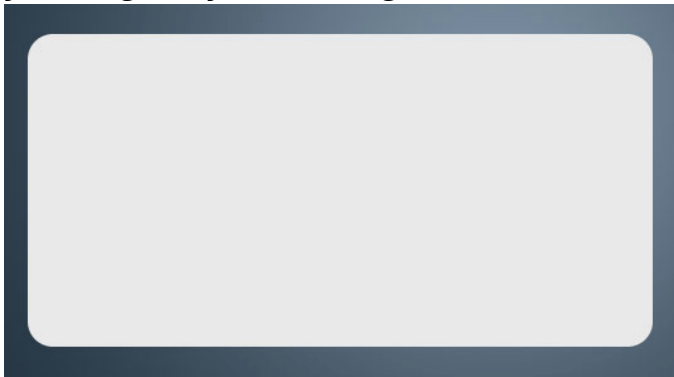


- Create a new layer at the bottom of Layers
- Name the new layer Plate
- Press U to go to Rounded Rectangle tool
- Choose Fill Pixels, Rounded Rectangle, Radius 20 from the submenu

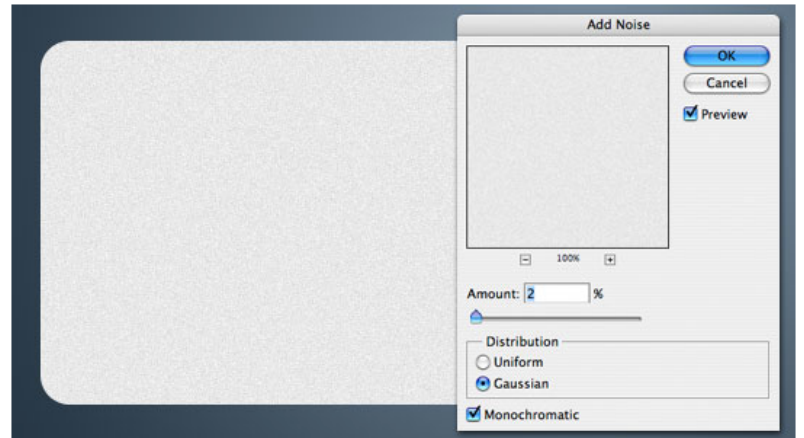


- Set foreground color to #e9e9e9
- Set your background color to #d2d2d2
- Drag out a Rounded Rectangle centered (Size is 500 x 250 pixels)
- Window>Info (change panel option to pixels)

****This will allow you to see dimension as you drag out your rectangle***

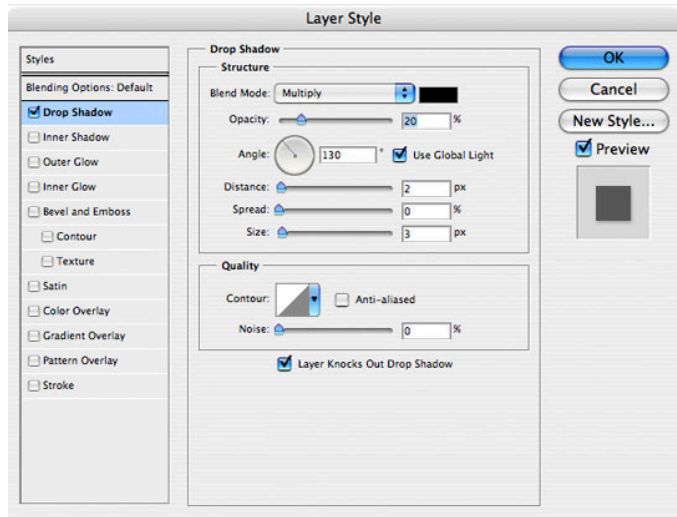


- Filter>Noise>Add Noise
- Set amount to 2%
- Click on Gaussian and Monochromatic

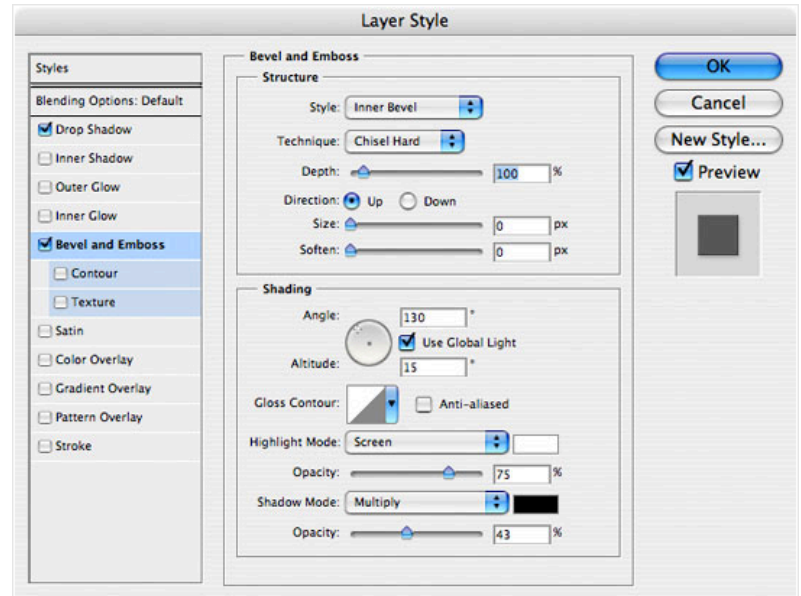


License Plate Photoshop Tutorial

-Open Layer Styles and add Drop Shadow



-Open Layer Styles and add Bevel and Emboss



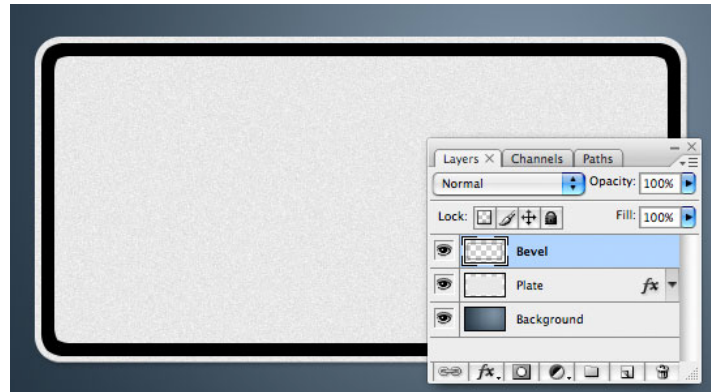
-Create a new layer and name it Bevel
-Command Click on the Plate layer thumbnail

****This will create a selection of dancing ants***

-With the Bevel layer selected choose;
Select>Modify>Contract 5 pixels
-Hit D to set colors to default black/white
-Fill the contracted area with black (Alt+Delete)

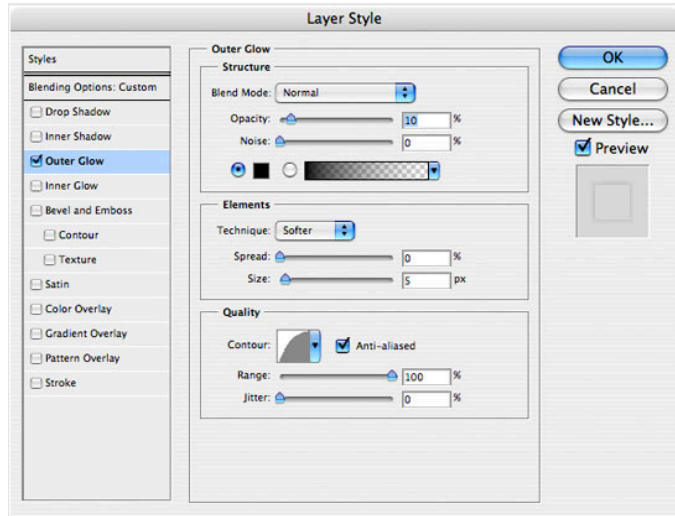


-Select>Modify>Contract 10 pixels
-Press Delete to remove inside area
-Command+D to deselect

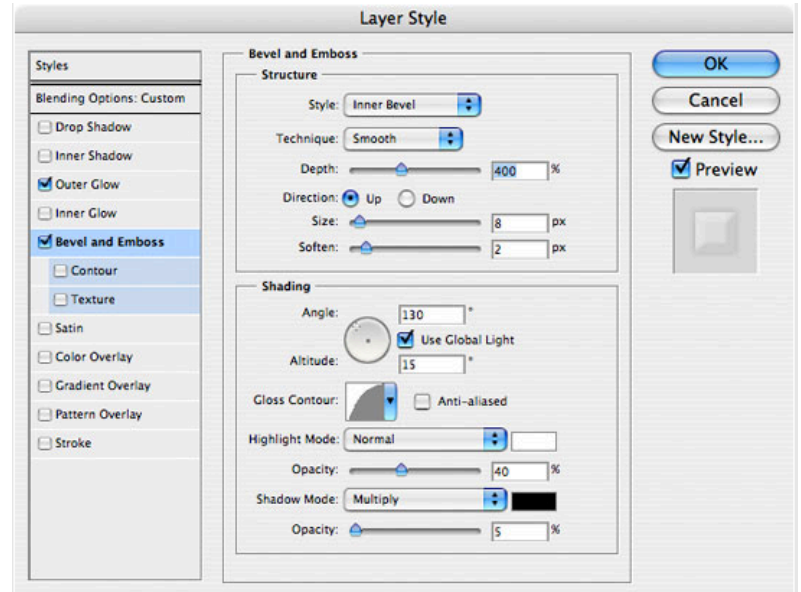


License Plate Photoshop Tutorial

- Reduce the opacity of the Bevel layer to 0% making the black outline invisible
- Add a layer style of Outer Glow with these settings



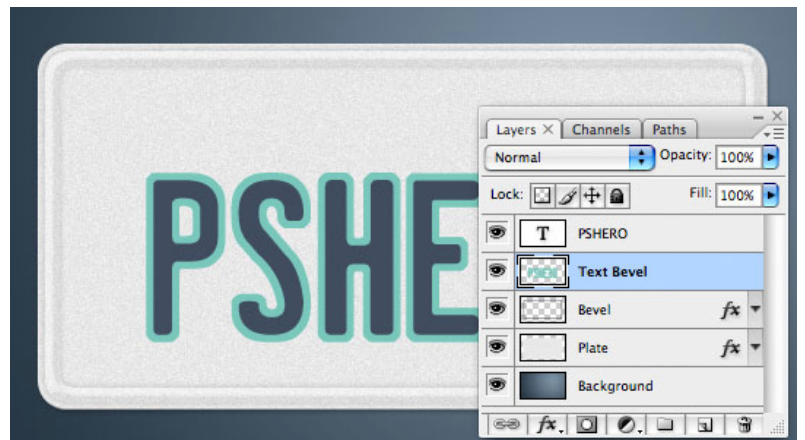
- With the Bevel layer opacity still at 0%, add a layer style of Bevel and Emboss with these settings



- Install the font LicensePlate.ttf into the font book from the site
- Type the text (words and/or numbers) of your choice that will appear on the license plate
- Use text color #404d5e and a good size is usually 135 pt or so

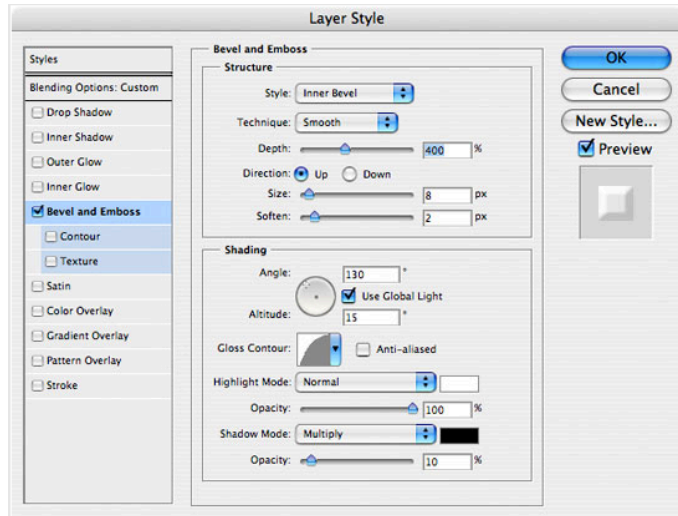


- Hold Command key and click on create new layer button at bottom of Layers window.
- This creates a new layer below the original text layer
- Name the new layer Text Bevel
- With Text Bevel layer selected, Command+Click on the thumbnail of the text layer to make a selection of dancing ants of the text
- Selection>Modify>Expand 5 pixels
- Pick a color and Fill selection (Alt+Delete)
- Command+D to deselect

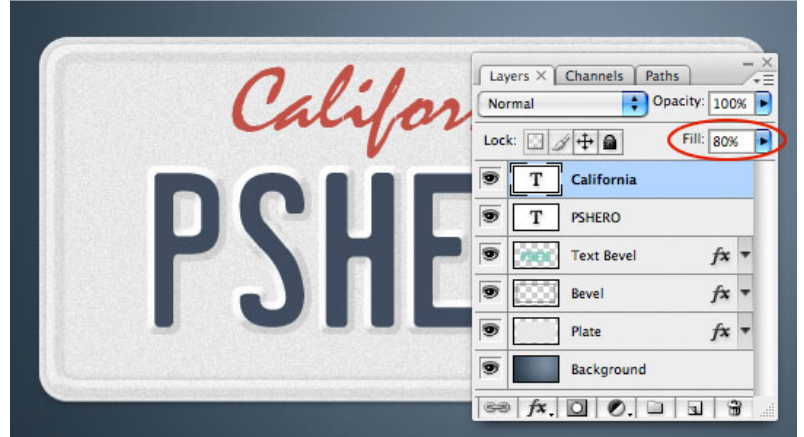


License Plate Photoshop Tutorial

- Reduce Text Bevel opacity to 0% just like did earlier for Bevel Layer
- Add a layer style of Bevel and Emboss with these settings



- Set foreground color for the text to red (#c02922)
- Install the font Mistral.ttf into the font book from the site
- Type text for California
- Lower California text opacity to 80%



- Select the Plate layer
- Choose Elliptical Marquee tool, hold Shift to make a perfect circle
- Drag out a selection to make a hole
- Use the selection and cut out the 4 holes



- Use the Rectangular Marquee tool and Text tools to make the month and year (your choice for these)

