



### Andy's Photoshop Tip #9 - Drop Shadows

If you are only making a drop shadow for text, then goto [Tip #30](#), it's much simpler.



**1** Make a new file and fill it with your background or a solid color. I just chose white for this example.



**2** Select a color and type the text you want to (you could also use a graphic as well). Before you click off the image, click SELECT/SAVE SELECTION/OK.



**3** Now move your type or image (which still should be floating) up and to the left a little and save that selection again. In this example I moved the selection 3 pixels to the left and 3 up.



**4** Click on the channels tab and then click on the 4th channel. It should look like this.



**5** Select all (CTRL+A) and then FILTER/BLUR/GAUSSIAN BLUR, type 2 and then hit OK. Now click on the RGB channel and then click on the layers tab to get you back where you can draw again.



**6** Lastly, load your blurred selection (SHIFT+CTRL+4). Fill it (EDIT...FILL) with 50% black. Next, load the second selection, (SHIFT+CTRL+5). Now fill (EDIT...FILL) this selection with any color you want to. Mine was red.

There are many ways to do drop shadows, this is an example of only one way.



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