




## Andy's Photoshop Tip #12 - Simple Emboss




- 1** Start with any background texture or color.



- 2** Click on the Channels Palette and create a new channel . In that new channel, create your image or type your text.



- 3** Once you have your image, click on the channel that you just made (#4) and drag it to the new channel icon . This will create a new channel. Now on the new channel, select all (CTRL +A) and using your arrow keys, move your selection over 1 pixel & down 1 pixel (You can also use 2 pixels if you want a deeper effect). Now repeat the last step by dragging that channel to the new channel icon. A third image will appear. Now select all and move that selection down and over like the last one.



- 4** Click on the RGB channel and go back to your background. Press (CTRL+ALT+5) to load your middle channel. Copy it (CTRL+C). Press (CTRL+ALT+6) to load your bottom channel and fill (SHIFT+F5) with 70% black (or any other color you want). Now press (CTRL+ALT+4) to load the top channel and fill with 70% white.



- 5** Now paste (CTRL+V) you middle section on top of the shadows. You may want to hide your selection (CTRL+H) to make sure it is exactly between the highlight & shadow. If it is not, use your arrow keys to move it to the right position.



- 6** If you want to create a more realistic emboss, while your selection is still floating go to IMAGE/ADJUST/LEVELS and move the white slider towards the middle and hit OK.



- 7** To create a carved look, follow this exactly except in step #4 fill the first selection with white and the second with black. In step #6, move the black slider towards the middle to make the selection darker instead of lighter. There you go!



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