



## Andy's Photoshop Tip #19 - Creating Rounded Corners



**1** Create a new document & go to the channels palette. Click on the "New Channel" icon at the bottom of the palette. Create a small circle with the marquee tool (on the elliptical setting) & fill with white.



**2** Switch back to the rectangle marquee tool & draw a box around the circle. Now copy it and paste it below the first circle. Now draw a box around the two circles & copy & paste them at the other end of the image.



**3** Now draw a marquee box from the tops of the circles to the other side of the image. Fill with white so that you only have a rectangle with rounded corners.



**4** Click on the RGB tab & go back to the Layers palette. Load the channel (CTRL+ALT+4) and fill with a color or a gradient



**5** To make it into a button, go to SELECT...MODIFY...CONTRACT by about 5 pixels. I also hit SELECT...MODIFY...FEATHER by 2 pixels. Fill the new selection with a gradient opposite from the first one that you did. Now add your text.



**6** You can now experiment with different sizes of circles & filling them with either black and white depending on the final shape that you want. It takes a bit of experimenting, but you will soon be a pro at it.



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