

Time to tag your screen! Here's the tutorial on creating your own graffiti in Photoshop.

**Skills:**

- Layers
- Layer Masks
- Gradients
- Merging Images
- Opacity

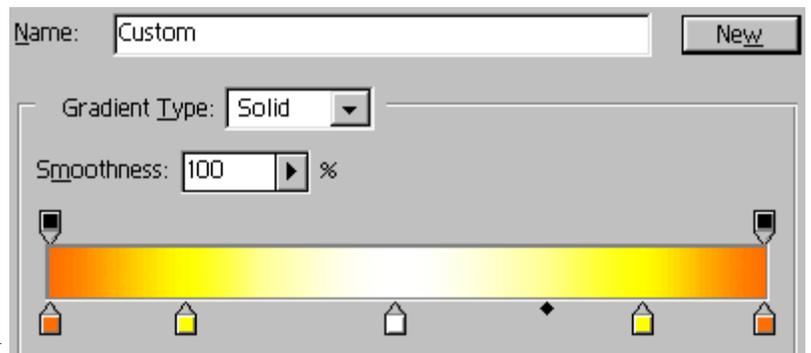
**Step 1: Find a Font**

Start with an appropriate font. First find best free typeface on [dafont.com](http://dafont.com) or [Cooltext.com](http://Cooltext.com) Choose your font and select download. Choose SAVE on the pop up window and put it somewhere you will find the zip folder. Locate the zip folder and select it (do not open it, just make it blue). Then go to File – Extract All... and then click next and in the chose destination folder type exactly (C:\Windows\Fonts). Now you should be able to find it in your Photoshop fonts and other applications – so you can use it over and over. Right click on the text layer on the layers pallet and select "rasterize type"



**Step 2: Gradient**

Chose the gradient tool and create a new custom blend similar to this.



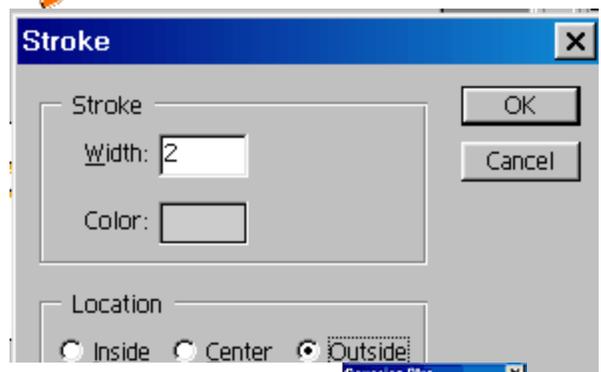
Ctrl click on the layer to select it. With the gradient tool set to linear draw the blend by dragging the gradient tool from top to bottom.



**Step 3:**

**Stroke**

Don't deselect.  
Create a new layer.  
Go to Edit>stroke  
Add a 2 pixel gray stroke to the "outside"



**Step 4: Gaussian Blur**

Filters>blur>Gaussian blur



Add a .08 Gaussian blur to the new layer with the outline on it.

### Step 5: Layer Merge

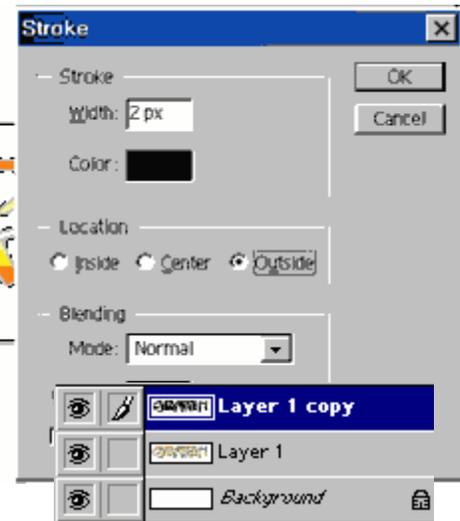
Merge the outline area with the graffiti layer by clicking Ctrl + E or layer - merge down



### Step 6: Stroke

Select the layer again.  
Cmd/Ctrl+Click on the layer thumbnail.

Add another stroke, this time make it black and put it right on the graffiti layer.



### Step 7: Shadow

Now make the shadow.  
Duplicate the layer by dragging it to the new layer icon on the layers palette.

Select the new layer and Fill with black.

Drag the black layer behind the graffiti layer and move down and to the left a little bit.



### Step 8: Blending Mode & Background

Here I added a background and changed the layer blending mode of the graffiti to Hard light. See how it blends nicely to the background like it was painted on.



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