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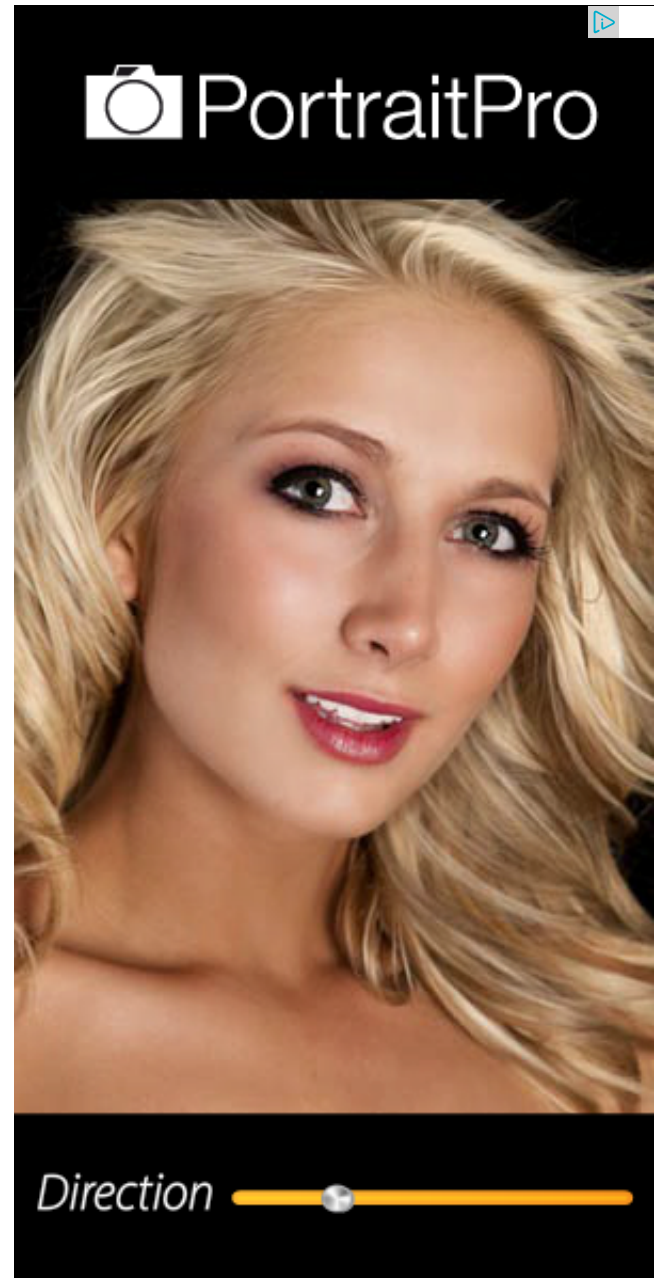
Amazing Photoshop light effect in 10 Steps

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Last year I had written a tutorial showing how to create some lighting effects in Photoshop, it was called Magic Lighting Effects ([/magic-lighting-effect-photoshop](#)). A lot of people liked it, but some people still have some questions on how to achieve that effect.



When I added a “buy me a coffee” featured on my blog I decided to use an image I had done when I was showing my cousin how to do the Magic effect. Instead of using a hat I used a coffee cup and the process is basically the same, however this time I will explain it in more details.

STEP 1

Create a new document, apply a **Layer Style** on the background layer. Add a **Gradient Overlay** and a **Pattern Overlay**.

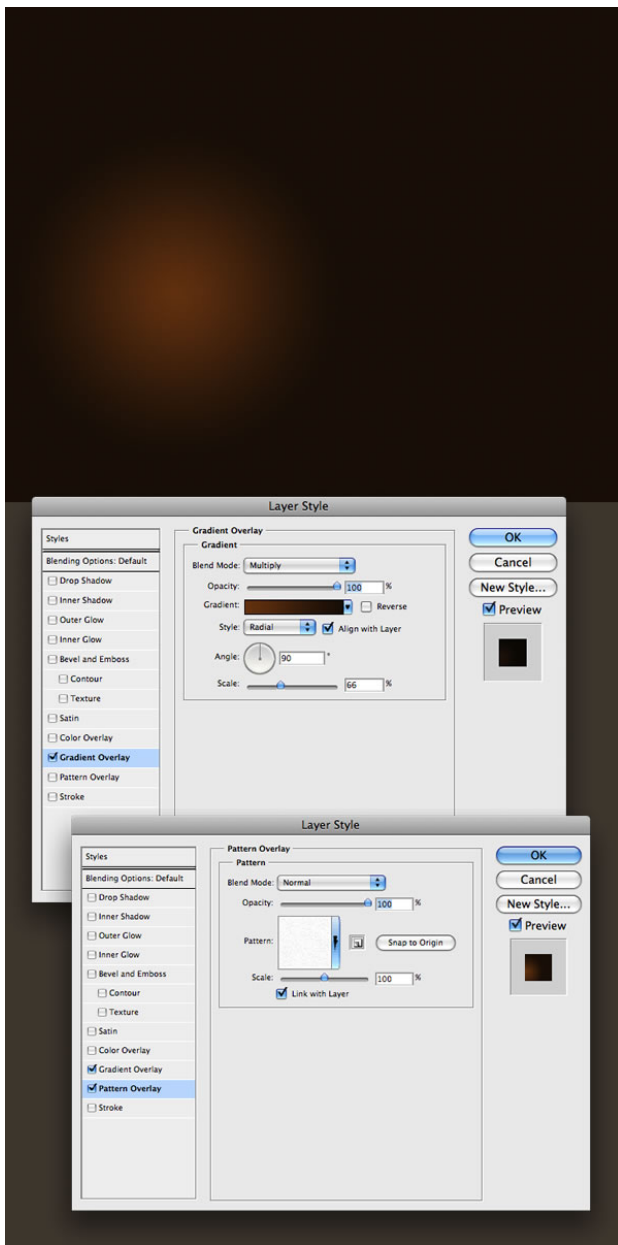


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This is a promotional advertisement for a font offer. The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle starry pattern. The text 'LIMITED OFFER' is centered at the top in white. Below it, '45 FONTS' is written in large, bold, white letters inside a white rectangular border. At the bottom, 'ONLY \$29' is written in white.

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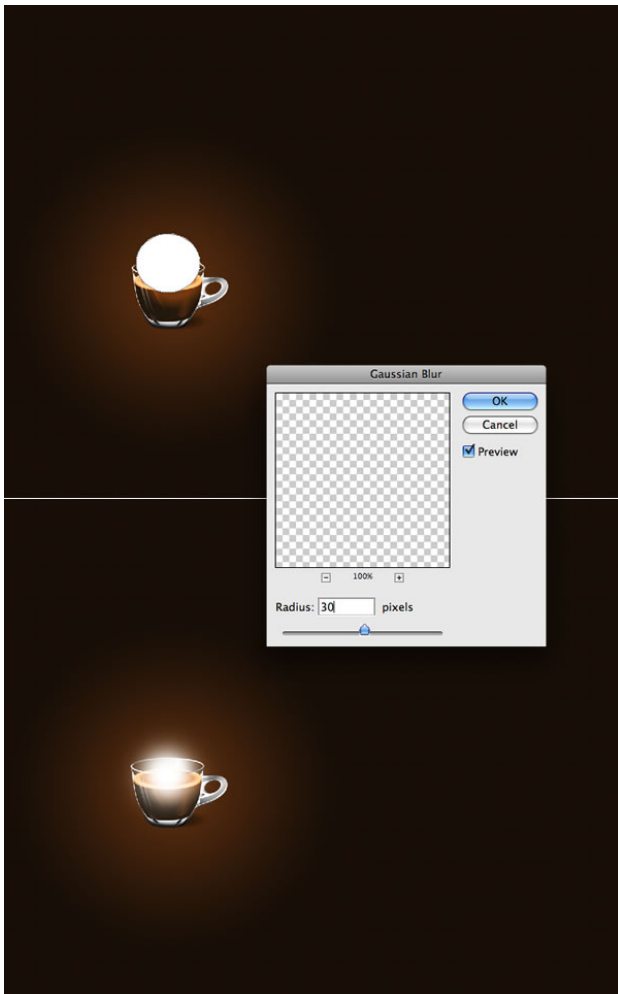
STEP 2

Here I've used an icon I found on a cool site, but you can use whatever you want.



STEP 3

Select the **Ellipse Tool (U)** and create a shape like I did. After that apply a **Gaussian Blur (Filter>Blur>Gaussian Blur)** with **radius of 30px**.



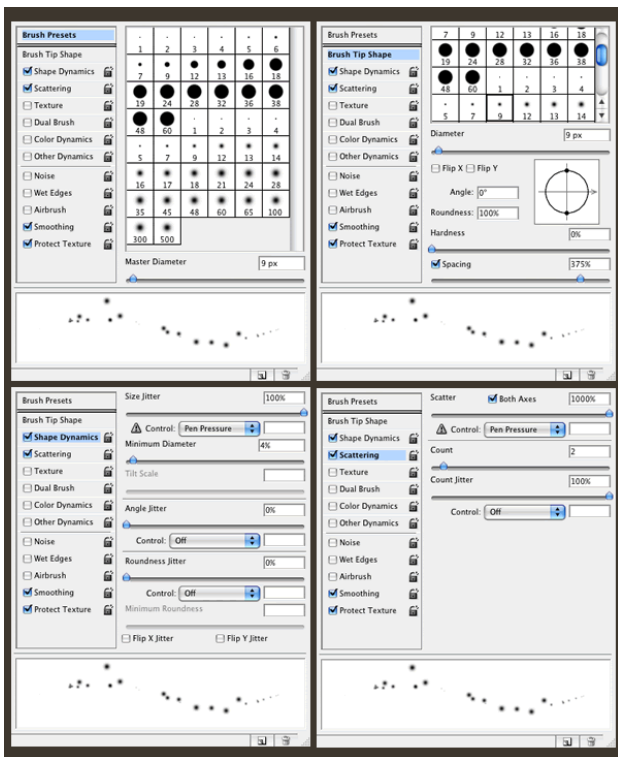
STEP 4

Create a new **Folder** name it “*Light Effects*”. Change its blend mode to **Color Dodge**, and move the ellipse you created to this folder.



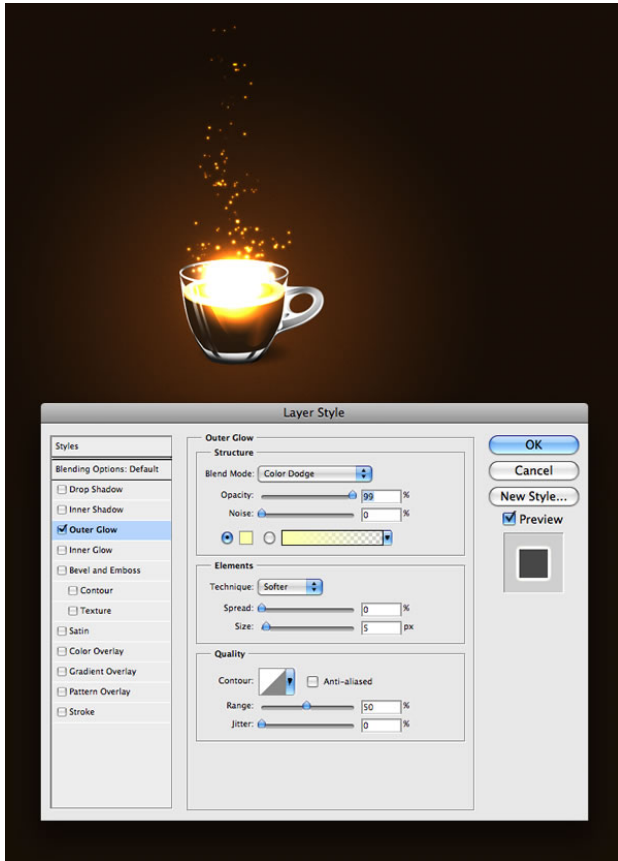
STEP 5

In order to create the sparks we will use the amazing brush engine. Add a new layer, inside the **“Light Effects”** layer, set white for the color and follow the images below.



STEP 6

Using the **Layer Styles** add a **Outer Glow** to the sparks

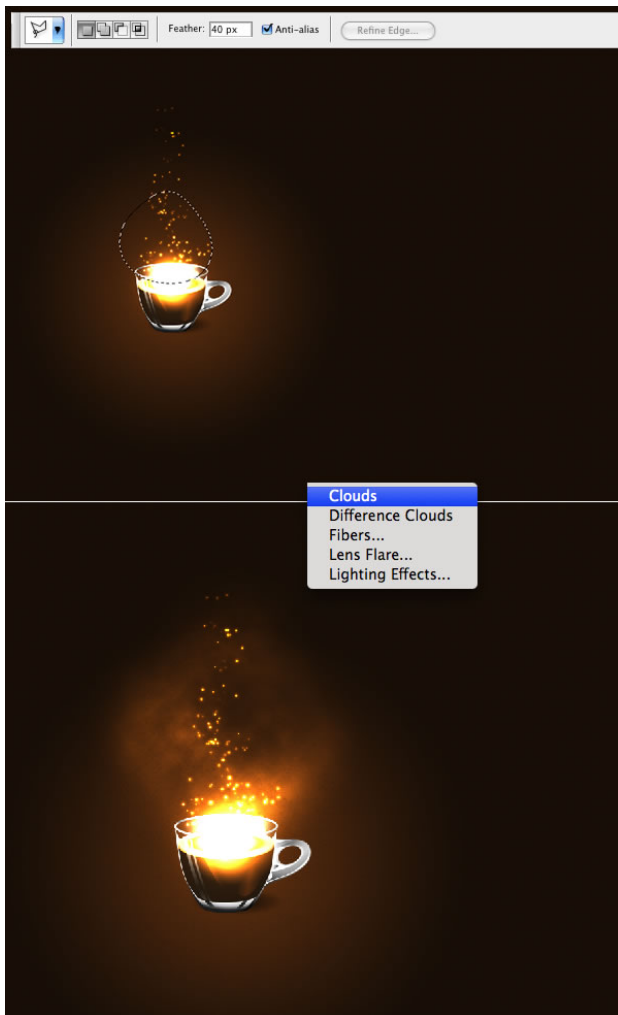


STEP 7

Lets add some smoke. Create a new Layer, call it **“Smoke”**. Change its blend mode to **Color Dodge** and select the **Lasso Tool**. Set **40px for Feather** and create a selection like I did below. After that make sure that the foreground is white and the background is

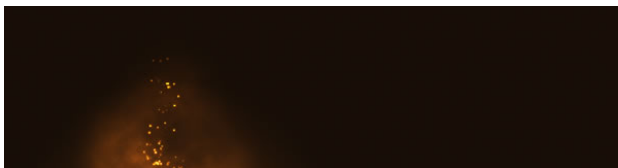
black and apply a **Filter>Render>Clouds**.

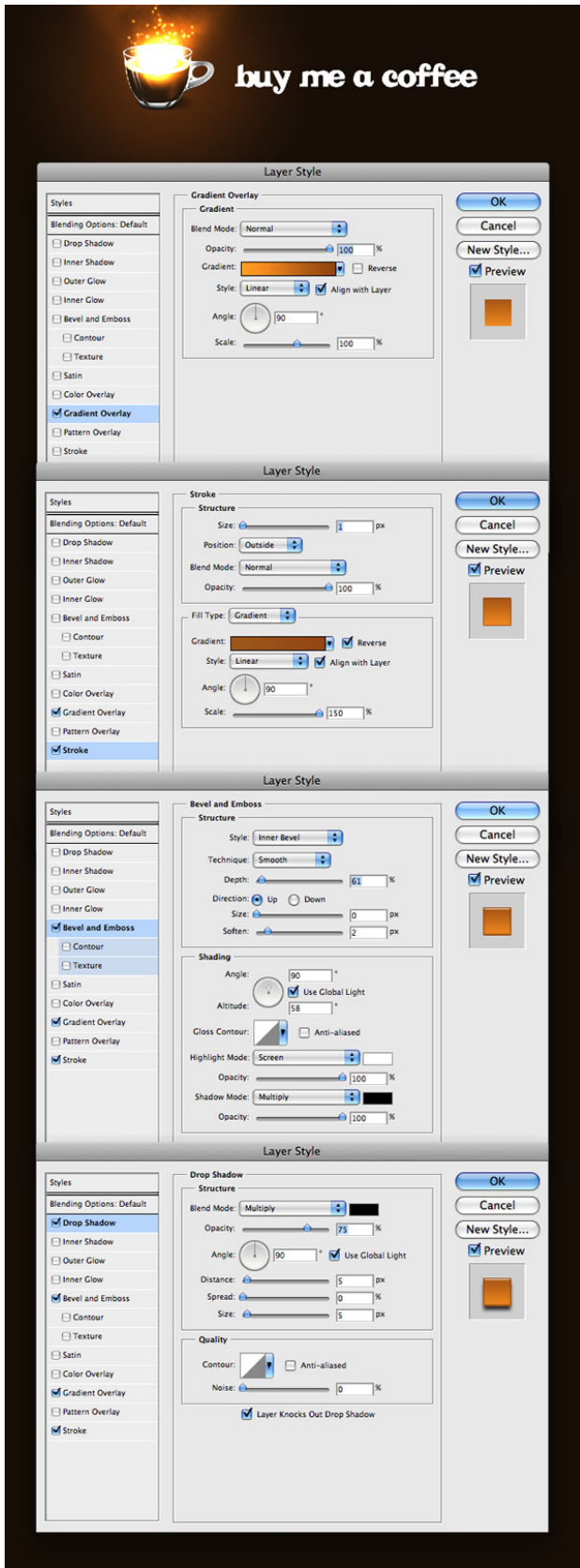
Tip: Continue applying the filter until you get the best clouds.



STEP 8

Add some text and using the **Layer Styles** again lets create a nice effect.





STEP 9

Place your logo and you can even add more effects like I did on the Magic Lighting Effect (</magic-lighting-effect-photoshop>), but then you will have to follow that tutorial ;).



CONCLUSION

I have to say, if you know a bit of Layer Styles and the Brush engine in Photoshop you will be able to create amazing effects. It will depend exclusively on your imagination and playing with the tool. Sometimes just changing a some settings and you get a totally different effect.



The PSD file used in this tutorial can be
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