

PaintShop Pro Tutorials

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TITLE: NEON TEXT

Software: PaintShop Pro X6

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Materials Required: None



DESCRIPTION:

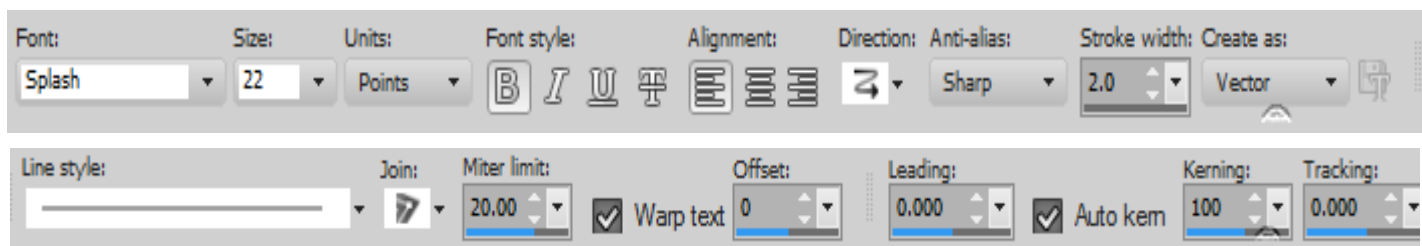
Create simple yet effective neon text with only a few short steps. use it for names, labels, cards, posters. Many different styles of text can also be applied.

I know there is a Neon Glow in Effects but it doesn't seem to produce the effect I was looking for. The text was a little blocky and I wanted a nice soft glow. Let's apply the two methods of achieving this.

Open a new black raster canvas of 360x100.

Select the Text tool and a font; I used Splash but really any text will do.

- Set a size at 22 points.
- Bold activated
- Width 2
- Create as a Vector selected
- Line Style is to be solid
- Kerning 100.
- Anti-alias ticked



Now you need to select a nice bright colour. Pink, green, purple or orange/yellow. It's up to what you would like.

Type Neon Text on the canvas. A new vector layer is automatically created. Right click this vector layer and convert to raster.

Go to Effects, Edge Effects, Dilate. Apply Dilate three times.

Next go to Adjust and apply Blur, Blur More three times.



Select the Text tool again.

Foreground colour set to transparency. Background black.

With all the same settings for the text, type Neon Text again.

Change to the Pick tool and manoeuvre the text over the coloured text.



Let's exaggerate the neon more.

Double click on the coloured text layer to open Layer Properties. Click on the Layer Styles tab.

Tick the box against Outer glow.

Select the bright colour you chose from the rainbow picker.

Increase size to 62 and Opacity to 100.

(A higher size value will produce a wider glow)

Click Ok.

Your text will now have a large glow around it.



You are not limited to using one colour. When applying the glow, try using a different bright colour or gradients.

That's how simple it is.



Text applied with black background and multi-coloured gradient.