

INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHICS

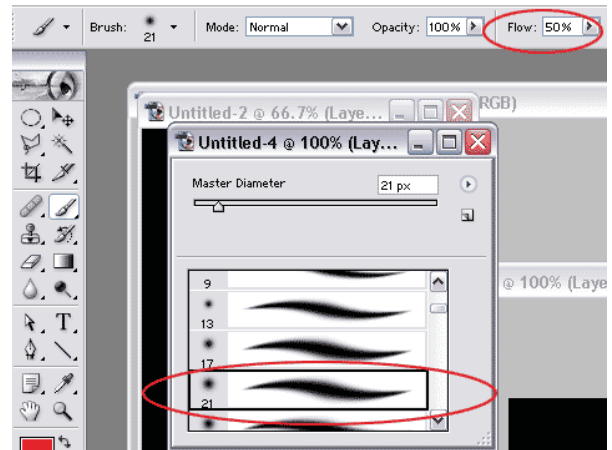
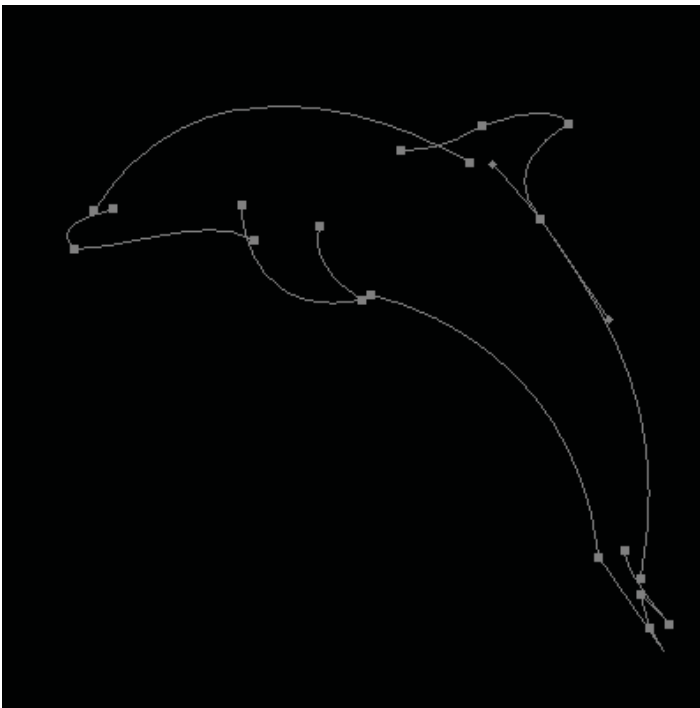
Neon Glow



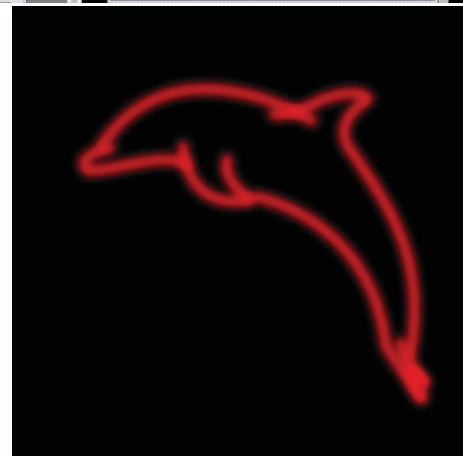
STEP 1: Create a new canvas. 500 x 500 pixels should do fine. Fill the background with black. Create a new layer above the background which will host our neon image. Then jump over to the paths palette and click on the "create new path" button at the bottom of the palette. Now you can either draw whatever object it is that you would like to apply the neon effect to or you can use an existing path that you already have. Custom shapes are great for this as is text.



STEP 3: Next we are going to start from the outside and work our way in. So select the brush tool. Select a 21 pixel soft edge brush to start with. Keep the mode at normal, opacity at 100% and set the flow to 50%. Select the red color (#1) and click on the stroke path button at the bottom of the paths palette. This will put a stroke around the path.



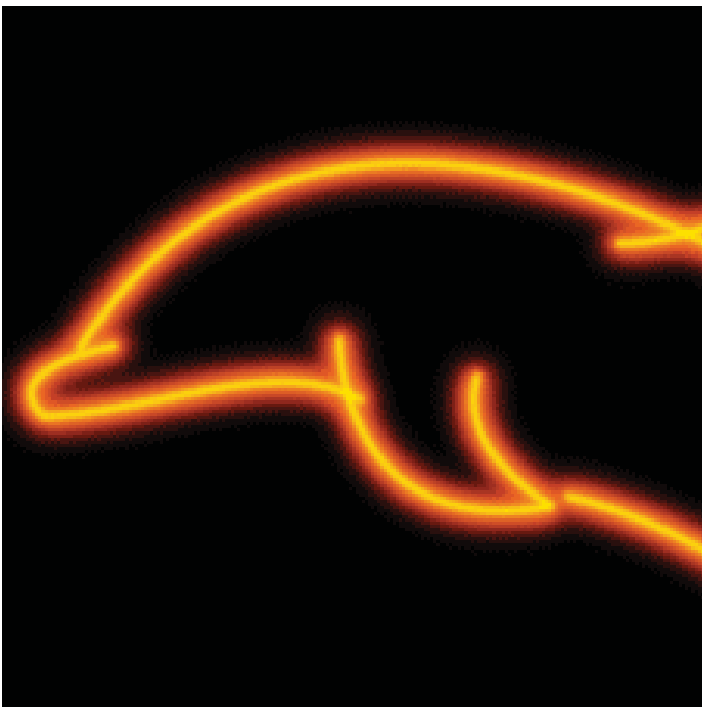
STEP 2: So now you should have 2 layers in your layers palette - one black and one empty layer on top of it. You should also have a path in your paths palette. Next we need to choose some colors. You'll want 1 very bright color and 2 or 3 midtone colors. I went to the swatch palette for this. Luckily there are 4 colors right next to each other that I feel work very well for this effect.



STEP 4: Now change your brush size to 16 pixels and change the color to the red/orange color (#2). Hit the stroke path button again.



STEP 5: Do this 2 more times for the remaining two colors. Make the brush size 9 pixels and 4 pixels respectively. Note: you could create each stroke on a new layer by going to the layers palette between each stroke and creating a new layer. This would give you more control later on if you desired.



STEP 6: Add some water using the same technique. You can use colors from the default swatch palette as well.

