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Veezon - October 7, 2014, 10:54 am

Hey guys, this is just my tutorial on how to make a simple but nice looking application icon. This guide is very detailed and is intended for beginners as I go into every tiny detail on each step. Let's get into it.

Also, opening and closing the links is due to me not being able to add more than 15 images to a thread. I wish I could...

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1) Open up a Photoshop document with the following settings:

<https://i.imgur.com/wsNpAEW.png>

2) Select the 'Rounded Rectangle Tool' from the shapes menu.

<https://i.imgur.com/zVBprGP.png>

3) Draw a rounded rectangle, 1900x1900 pixels.

<https://i.imgur.com/e8cYpXy.png>

4) Once you have done this, align it to the center of the canvas, as follows:

<https://i.imgur.com/vsiNQck.png>

5) Now remove the stroke from the shape.

<https://i.imgur.com/JwzuvaS.png>

6) We are now going to add a gradient overlay / a color overlay (depends what you like best!)

<https://i.imgur.com/N2VKHAQ.png>

7) Follow the steps in the image or try to get a color you like (I reverted back to color overlay later in the tutorial).

<https://i.imgur.com/RoLYyCc.png>

8) Now go to the 'Custom Shape Tool' in the shapes menu on the toolbar.

<https://i.imgur.com/IdTcPPs.png>

9) Now select the chat box shape from the top toolbar, far right.

<https://i.imgur.com/3OZbfFW.png>

10) Draw the chat box on your canvas.

<https://i.imgur.com/aziBPx8.png>

11) Copy the chat box by clicking on to the layer and then pressing CTRL+J

<https://i.imgur.com/1aEGgyR.png>

12) Now you should have 2 copies, adjust the second one to a position you like, preferably to the right of the first one and a little up so you can see the difference.

<https://i.imgur.com/fTERSz7.png>

13) Add a stroke to the copy layer, like this:

<https://i.imgur.com/EesmwvR.png>

14) Click on the labels in the screenshot, first click on the color selector and then click the color of the canvas so that the stroke is the same color as the background.

<https://i.imgur.com/PVP6jR1.png>

15) Change the stroke size to 5 - 10px.

<https://i.imgur.com/LaFuOHI.png>

16) Press CTRL+T and rotate the layer with the stroke very slightly.

<https://i.imgur.com/zG6sNBT.png>

17) On one of the chat boxes, turn the width to -100 so that it is different to the other.

<https://i.imgur.com/Le6TP92.png>

18) Now rasterize the layer with the stroke, follow the steps here:

<https://i.imgur.com/PTDATDV.png>

19) Merge the layers together, to do this, hold shift and select both layers (make sure they are next to each other as shown in the screenshot) and then press CTRL+E to merge them.

<https://i.imgur.com/jfebRIY.png>

20) Whilst on the new merged layer, press CTRL+A to select the entire canvas and then align it to the center, as shown in the screenshot.

<https://i.imgur.com/TcjZ4pD.png>

21) Now go to the custom shapes menu again, it's time to decorate the chat boxes.

<https://i.imgur.com/ZnXzbS1.png>

22) Select the music symbol, this will be an icon for a music / chat app.

<https://i.imgur.com/p6jkSeR.png>

23) Make the symbol's height and width equal, in my case, I made it 520x520.

<https://i.imgur.com/VaoP6D3.png>

24) Remove the stroke from the new shape.

<https://i.imgur.com/ZRhcm36.png>

25) On the new shape, create a color overlay.

<https://i.imgur.com/IQxP256.png>

26) Repeat the steps of adding the stroke to the chat box earlier (click on color selector and then click the blue background of the app tile / background)

<https://i.imgur.com/Tn2kDY8.png>

27) Time to add a neat looking shadow, go to the shape selector and add a rectangle.

<https://i.imgur.com/hTXPA4O.png>

28) Add color overlay to the new rectangle.

<https://i.imgur.com/yQThJ06.png>

29) Make the color of the rectangle pitch black or dark gray.

<https://i.imgur.com/JXCv6Uc.png>

30) Adjust the rectangle (CTRL+T) so it looks pretty equal to the chat box with no edges pointing out, and on a 45 degree angle, similar to this:

<https://i.imgur.com/7ze5tql.png>

31) Now turn the opacity down on the rectangle to 10%

<https://i.imgur.com/ip6zA6U.png>

32) Rasterize the shadow layer now (AKA rectangle)

<https://i.imgur.com/m8a1QBc.png>

33) We are now going to remove the remainders of our shadow on the sides, use the selector tool for this, select the sides where the shadow sticks out, making sure you're on the shadow layer (rectangle), press backspace to remove the bits from the side.

<https://i.imgur.com/023rqgqL.png>

34) To add more detail to the icon, we can add another music icon, click on the music icon layer and press CTRL+J to duplicate it.

<https://i.imgur.com/LyjHUav.png>

35) Select the cursor tool.

<https://i.imgur.com/VejxPID.png>

36) We will now move the music icon into the second text box, it doesn't matter if it overlaps.

<https://i.imgur.com/CZ6wD55.png>

37) Rasterize the duplicated shape.

<https://i.imgur.com/6vhKot9.png>

38) Select the rubber tool and then select an appropriate size.

<https://i.imgur.com/pBL5I7J.png>

39) Rub away the remainders of the music note in the other chat box.

<https://i.imgur.com/qnbA5q2.png>

40) Head to file and save the icon as a PNG. Be sure you removed the background layer which will be the white layer at the bottom.

<https://i.imgur.com/ZVCmGcR.png>

Finished product:

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<https://i.imgur.com/iC9Qd2Z.png>

Hulk - October 7, 2014, 11:18 am

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Wow, looks fantastic, probably better than my version!

Phantom.13 - October 25, 2014, 5:38 am

Awesome tutorial!

Thanks OP?

Veezon_Temp - January 27, 2015, 9:21 am

This could certainly be of use to some people still, would recommend checking it out.