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Simple 3D Buttons

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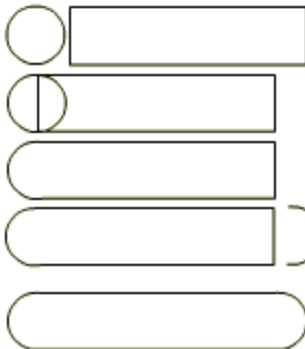
I'm sure we've all seen these types of buttons on web pages. Most people make them in Photoshop... but they are so easy to make in Flash also :) We will be making two types of buttons like the ones below. You only need to know how to use [gradient fills](#) and about [buttons](#) to do these tutorials.



The 3D Pill Button

We will start this off 'real' simple (no symbols, no extra layers... we will just work in one layer) just so you can just get the idea down. Then you can start doing cooler things with it.

DRAWING THE PILL



First create a rectangle like the image above. Then, create a circle that is the exact height of the rectangle.

Next move the circle half way to the edge of the rectangle so that it will be attaching itself.

Now delete the excess two lines so you are left with this look.

If you grab the end (half circle), copy it then paste it. Now grab your newly 2nd pasted 'end' and go to the menu: Modify > Transform > Flip Horizontal. You will have something similar to this.

Now you can attach your end just like in the step above, and remove the excess line. You should now have a complete pill shape.

FILLING THE PILL



Pick out the color of gradient pill you want with two colors (the color you want & black). Fill the pill .. hehe

Now delete the outer edges (the lines you created earlier to make the shape)

Using the rotate fill tool (it will show up under the fill tool as one of its properties when you press it), rotate your fill so you get something similar to this. You can rotate the fill, squish it up, move it.. completely customize it!

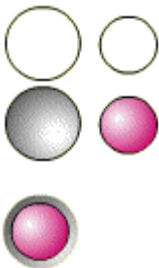
Now using the rectangle tool (at .5 width) draw a rectangle on top of your image like in the picture.

Fill the rectangle, and this time rotate your fill to where it is *opposite* of the fill you have in your pill. Adjust the fill to where you like it. Remove the outer lines from the fill (the rectangle you just drew).

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT!!

3D Sphere Press Button

This button is easier than the one above so I'm not gonna put as many pictures. But is still a very nice button effect to use.



First draw two circle. One a little smaller than the other.

Fill the larger one with a black to white gradient radial fill. This will be the outside of your button. Fill the smaller circle with a colorful fill of your choice :) NOTE: Make sure the fills are 'opposite'. Notice how the gray fill has the light spot near the bottom, and the pink one is near the top. This is important to get a more realistic 3D effect.

Now remove the outer black lines. Lay the smaller sphere in the center of the gray one. Just for touch ups add a thin line around the pink sphere. This helps to give a more realistic look. I did in black on this example just so you could see, but if you look at the final outcome

for the one at the top of this page you will see it just has a light grey outline on it.

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