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## ☐☐☐ Glass Buttons in a minute

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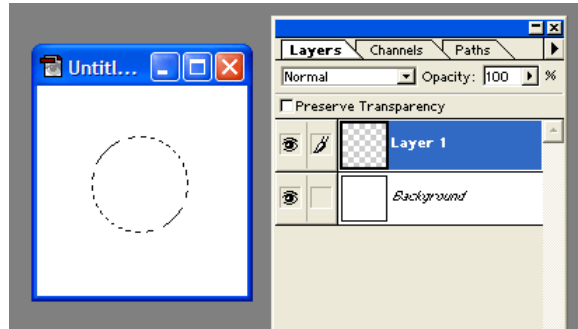
Here's a very quick way to make a glass button in Photoshop (like the one below).

If you like this effect, you might also enjoy looking at other tutorials at [chipp.com](http://chipp.com).

## 2 Quick Glass Button

### 2.1

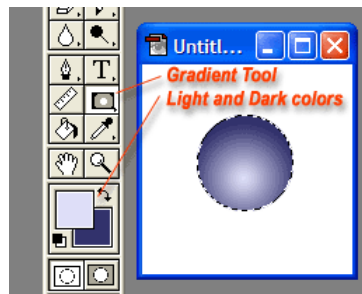
I'm using a 150 x 150 image



Create a new layer then choose the Elliptical Selection Marquee and while holding down the alt and shift keys, drag a circle selection area out from the middle as shown.

### 2.2

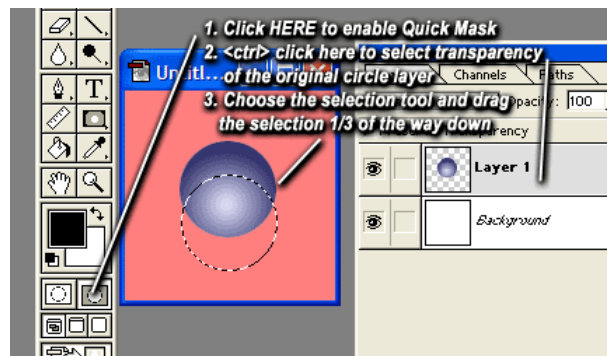
Next, choose the color



of the Glass you want to render. Pick a light and dark shade for it. Then select the circular gradient tool and fill as shown.

### 2.3

Enter QuickMask mode

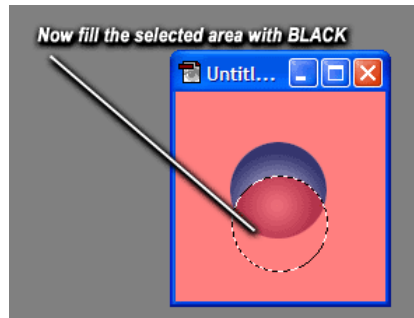


and do the following:

1. click the original layer to make a selection
2. Choose the selection tool and place it over the selected area
3. drag it 1/3 the way down

## 2.4

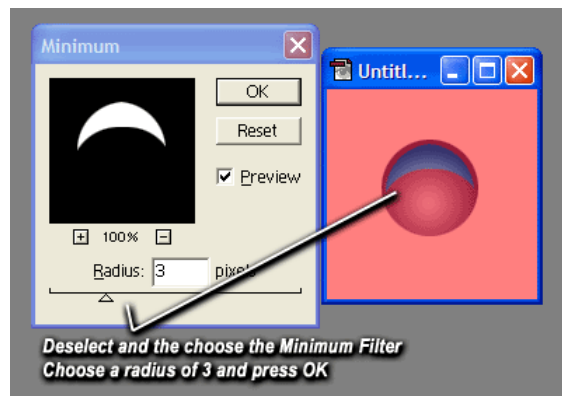
### Select Back as the foreground color



and fill the selected area with Black. Then DeSelect All, but stay in QuickMask mode.

## 2.5

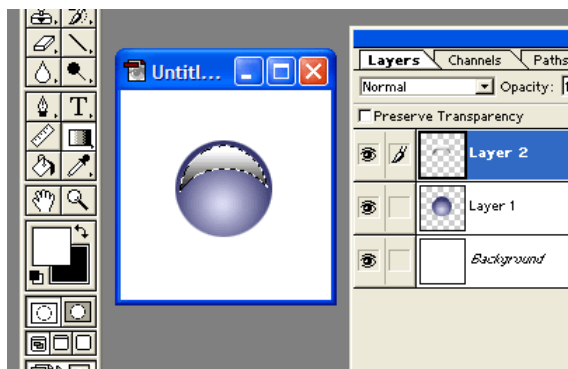
### Choose the Minimum Filter



from the Filters Menu. Choose a number (3) which will compress the existing crescent selection a few pixels inside the original circle. Then exit QuickMask mode.

## 2.6

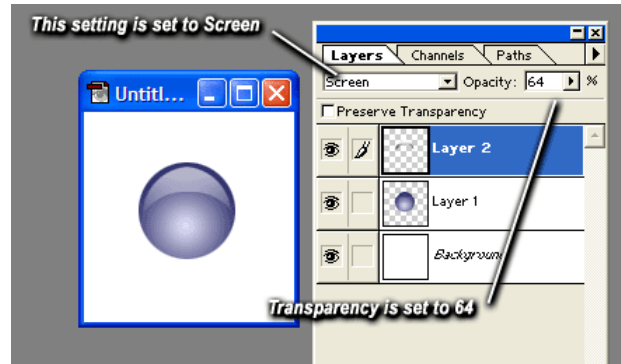
### Reset colors



then Create a New Layer and do a linear gradient fill between white at the top and a dark gray at the bottom.

## 2.7

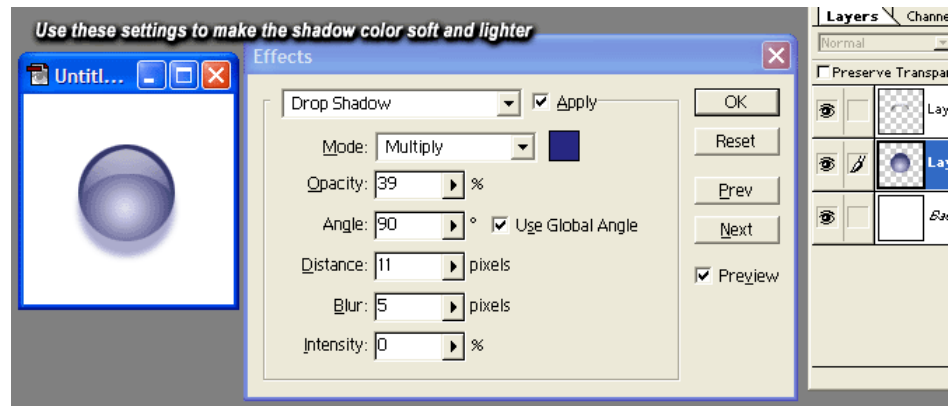
### DeSelect All and Change the Layer settings



to 'Screen' and adjust the transparency to suit.

## 2.8

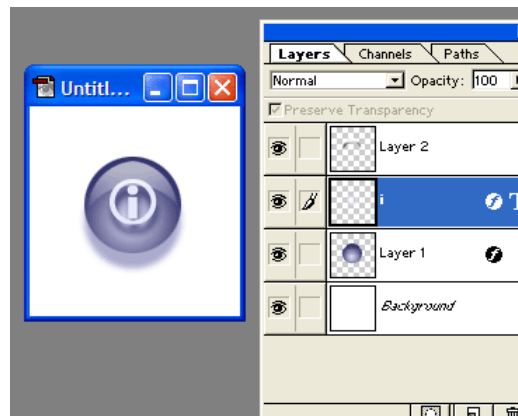
### Now add a soft



drop shadow as shown in the image above. Note the shadow falls directly under the glass ball.

## 2.9

### Add some text...



Here I used the Webdings font (letter 'i') and the same drop shadow settings....and we're just about done!

## 2.10

**Voila!**



Last, I merge down the visible layers, reduce the image 50% and do an unsharp mask to sharpen it up a bit.  
Here it is!

## 3 Feedback

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### 3.1

If you liked this tutorial, you should check out **ButtonGadget**.



**ButtonGadget™** is the *easiest to use* **PROFESSIONAL button generator** available. It builds buttons for websites, applications, and multimedia apps, with only a *few mouse clicks*. Files can be exported as JPG's with javascript or 32-bit PNG's with alpha channels ready for compositing.

Check out the [ButtonSets page](#) to see a few of the buttons which can be rendered by ButtonGadget.