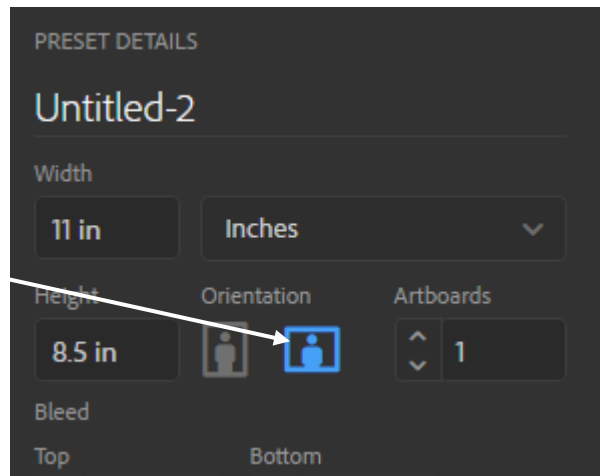


Adobe Illustrator® CC
 Lesson 9 – Neon Diner Sign
 Skills: Page Orientation, Layers, Stroke, Effects

1. File>New. Width = 11, Height = 8.5 and Unit = inches. Click the Landscape under Orientation. Click Create



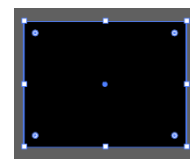
2. Set the Fill color to black and the stroke color to none:



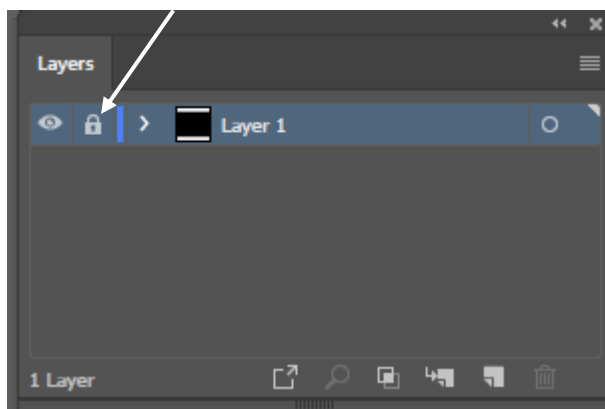
3. Set the magnification to 25% (Bottom left of your screen – it's another way to zoom in and out)



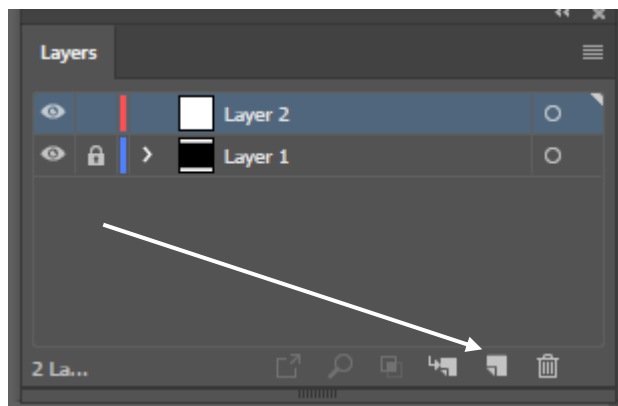
4. Select the rectangle tool and draw a black square that covers your artboard.



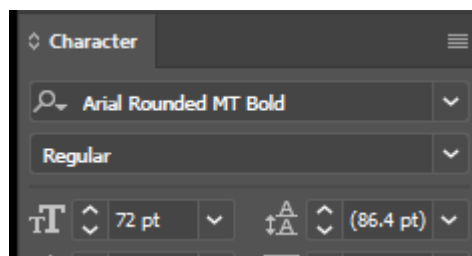
5. On your Layers Panel (Go to Window>Layers if necessary), click the empty box to lock the layer so the black rectangle won't move.



6. Click the New Layer button to add a new layer.



7. Scroll down under your artboard. Select the Type tool. Change the font to Arial Rounded MT Bold or any slightly thick font. Change the size to 72.

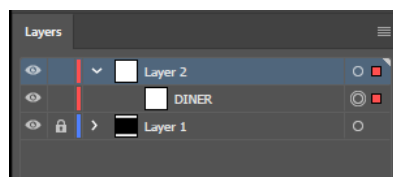


8. Type DINER.

DINER

9. Select the text, change it to white. Drag it onto the artboard. (*Note: Diner is on Layer 2 because you locked Layer 1)

DINER



10. Select the text with the Black Arrow tool. Go to Type>Create Outlines. This turns the letters into a drawing. (*Note: once you convert text to outlines, you can't make it text again).

11. With the word "Diner" selected, click the light blue color swatch.

DINER



12. Select Diner. Edit>Copy, Edit>Paste to make a copy.



13. Set the Stroke color to the same light blue as the Fill color. Select the bottom Diner word. Change the Stroke weight to 4, 5 or 6 to make it thick but so you can still see the letters clearly. (*Window>Stroke)



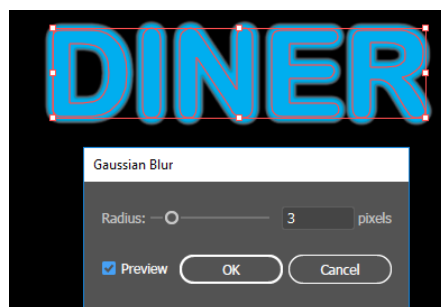
14. You should have this:



15. Click the top Diner word. Go to Window>Color Guide. You'll see some lighter shades of the blue Fill color. Select the 2nd from the last color swatch.



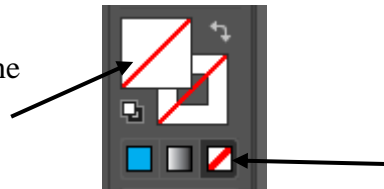
16. Select the bottom Diner word. Go to Effect>Blur>Gaussian Blur and set it to 3px.



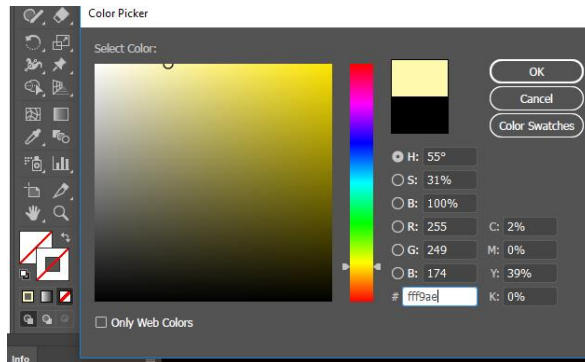
16. Select the top Diner word. Go to Object>Arrange>Bring to Front. Use the down arrow on your keyboard to move the top Diner word down and place it as shown:



17. Change the Fill color to None



18. Double-click the Stroke color to bring it to the front and open the color picker. Enter this Hex color code to select a light yellow color # fff9ae, then click OK.



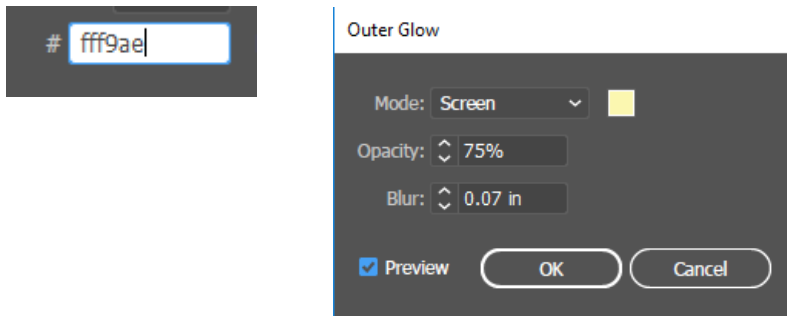
19. Select Rounded Rectangle tool and draw a rectangle as shown.



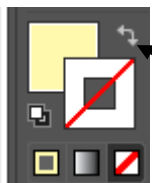
20. Select the rounded rectangle. Go to Window>Stroke and change the stroke to 5pt (Points)



21. Select the rounded rectangle again. Go to Effect>Stylize>Outer Glow. Double-click the black color box. Enter the light yellow color again. Click Preview to see the outer glow. Click OK.

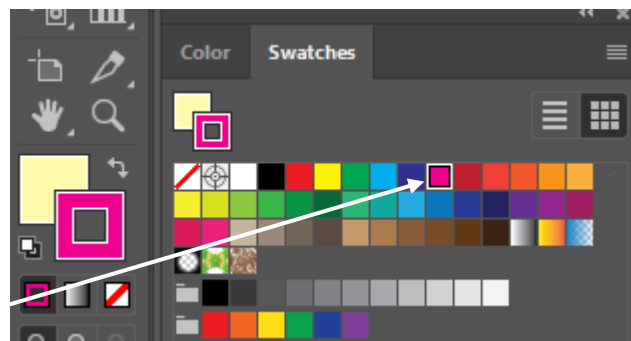


You should have something like this:



22. Click the arrow to swap the Fill and Stroke color:

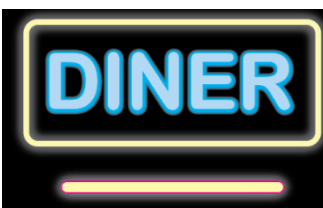
23. Set the Stroke color to a magenta or dark pink.



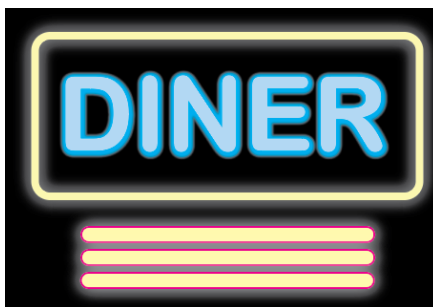
24. Select the Rounded Rectangle tool and draw a thin tube shape:



25. Go to Effect>Stylize>Outer Glow. Click OK.



26. Select your Black Arrow tool. Hold ALT and drag a copy of the tube and place it underneath. Then drag another copy. Place as shown:



27. Make 3 more copies and place them as shown and you're done!

