

# Neon Light Signs - Project

For this assignment you will be creating a custom neon light effect. Refer to the video for directions on how to create the neon light effect. Your text should hand-drawn either on paper and scanned, or, drawn with the pen, or pencil tool.

Step 1. Google search Neon light signs. See what other artist have created. You don't need to look at vector effects. Look at real neon light signs.

Step 2. File > New. 8" x 10" doc.

Step 3. Draw the shapes/letters that are going to be in your design. This can be done on paper and sharpie (scanned and imported) or with the digital drawing tools in Illustrator.

Step 4. Add color to the shapes that are going to become the neon effect.

Step 5. Object > Offset the path (negative) -.05

This will create a shape inside of the background shape. Feel free to adjust the -.05 to less or more if you need a different effect.

Step 6. Window > Color Guide. Add a lighter color to the offset path on top.

Step 7. Move the offset path away from the background shapes. Object group the background shapes. In a separate group, group the lighter effects on top.

Step 8. With the lighter top shapes selected, goto Effect > Blur > Gaussian Blur. Add as much effect as you like.

Step 9. Select the background shapes goto Effect > Blur > Gaussian Blur. Add as much effect as you like.

Step 10. Add a new layer under/behind your neon letters/shapes. Create a background. Be creative.