

How to Make a Gradient

Open Photoshop.

Start a new file with **File > New**

Type in a file name, **gradient**, for example, and pixel dimensions, **300** wide by **10** high for example, **72** pixels per inch resolution, **8** bit **RGB** color mode and select **Background Color** for Background Contents. Click **OK**.

Set Foreground Color to the desired color with the Color Picker by clicking the **front square** of the two squares on the tool bar (third tool from bottom). The Color Picker is displayed. Click on the color you like and **OK** and the square is filled with this color.

Set Background Color to White. Same as above but click the square behind the foreground square. Set R=255, G=255 and B=255 (white) in the Color Picker and **OK**.

Create new fill layer: Click circle that is half black and half white on the bottom of Layers palette. Select **Gradient** and set Style to **Linear** and angle to **0** degrees and click **OK**. Adjust **opacity** (top right of Layers palette) until you like it.

Save file as **.psd** (Photoshop format). This allows you to adjust the opacity later if you want to.

Layer > Flatten Image

Save the flattened file with **File > Save for Web & Devices**

Select **jpeg, quality 80% - 100%** and click **Save**. You can also select gif or png file format here. Browse to your folder and click **Save**.

Use the file in you website.