

AdobeSM Customer Services

Creating Drop Shadows with Adobe TypeAlign™

Drop shadows can add depth and drama to designs. To create drop shadows in Adobe TypeAlign™, follow these simple steps. Let's start by changing a few settings.

View menu

- 1 Select Actual Size.
- 2 Select Show Toolbox.
- 3 Select Show Rulers.
- 4 Select Show Grid.
- 5 Turn Snap to Grid off.

View Preferences dialog box

- 1 Set Rulers to Inches.
- 2 Set Grid to 0.250.
- 3 Set Movement to 2 pixels.

Type menu

- 1 Choose a font (we used Frutiger Condensed Bold).
- 2 Choose size (we used 24 point).
- 3 Set Alignment to Center.

Creating an effect

- 1 Using the straight line tool, draw a path from 2.0 x 6.0 to 4.0 x 6.0.
- 2 Type in the text.
- 3 With the pointer tool, click on the artwork to select it.
- 4 Choose Duplicate from the Edit menu, and position the duplicate exactly on top of the original.

5 With the duplicate selected (handles will appear at the corner of the path), position the pointer on the upper-left handle, and drag it to a new position down and left of the lower-left handle (see example below).



6 Do the same with the upper-right handle.

7 While still selected, change the color of the shadow to gray (actual colors are up to you).

