

# adobe Illustrator

# GRADIENT TOOL

Make me some fancy gradients!

## Gradient #1: Sunset

1. Create a Square Shape.
2. Select linear gradient.
3. Set the gradient at 90 degrees (so that it stretches horizontally across the box).
4. You will need to select 3 colors (red, orange and yellow).

## Gradient Sunset



## Gradient #2: Cat Eye

1. Create Circle Shape.
2. Chose radial gradient.
3. Select 2 colors, the outside color as green and the inside color needs to be yellow and TRANSPARENT (0% Opacity).
4. Next add a large, black football shape behind your gradient (remember the pathfinder worksheet).
5. With object selected, select the Object drop down menu from the top of your screen, then Arrange, then Send To Back.

## Gradient Cat Eye



## Gradient #3: Stripes

1. Create any shape you'd like first.
2. Fill with any color.
3. Choose linear gradient.
4. Add 5 more color tabs on the gradient, pick any colors you would like.
5. Pull the diamonds above the colors as close to the color to the right as possible to reduce the transition and get bold stripes in your shape.

## Gradient Stripes



## Gradient #4: Gradient Mesh Egg

1. Draw an oval
2. Fill with any color
3. Object Menu > Create Gradient Mesh
4. Change to 3 Rows by 3 columns, Flat, click OK.
5. Use the Direct Select Toole (A), and chang each point in the Gradient mesh to a new color to create something that looks like a 3D egg.

## Gradient Graident Mesh Egg

