

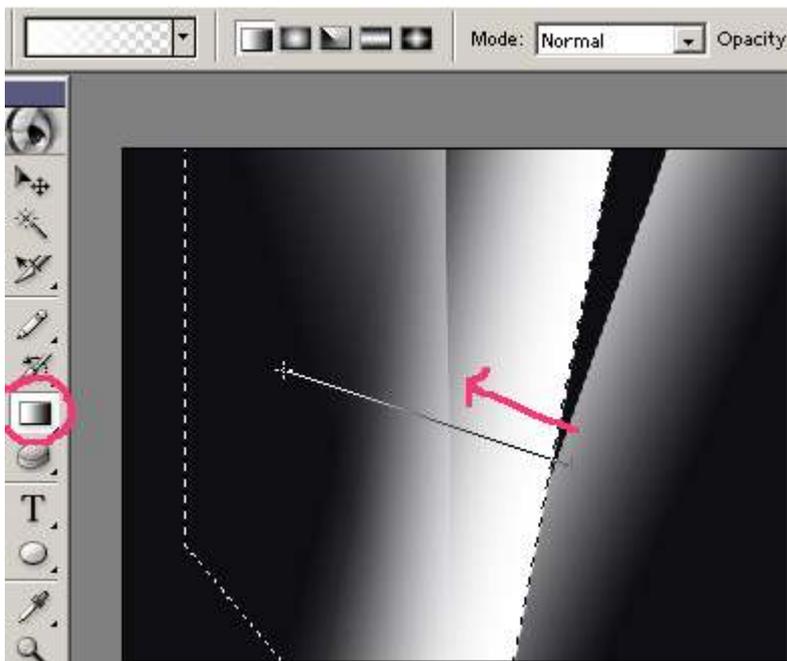
Final Image Preview

Before we get started, let's take a look at the image we'll be creating. Click the screenshot below to view the full-size image. As always, the layered Photoshop file is available via our [PSDTUTS Plus membership](#).



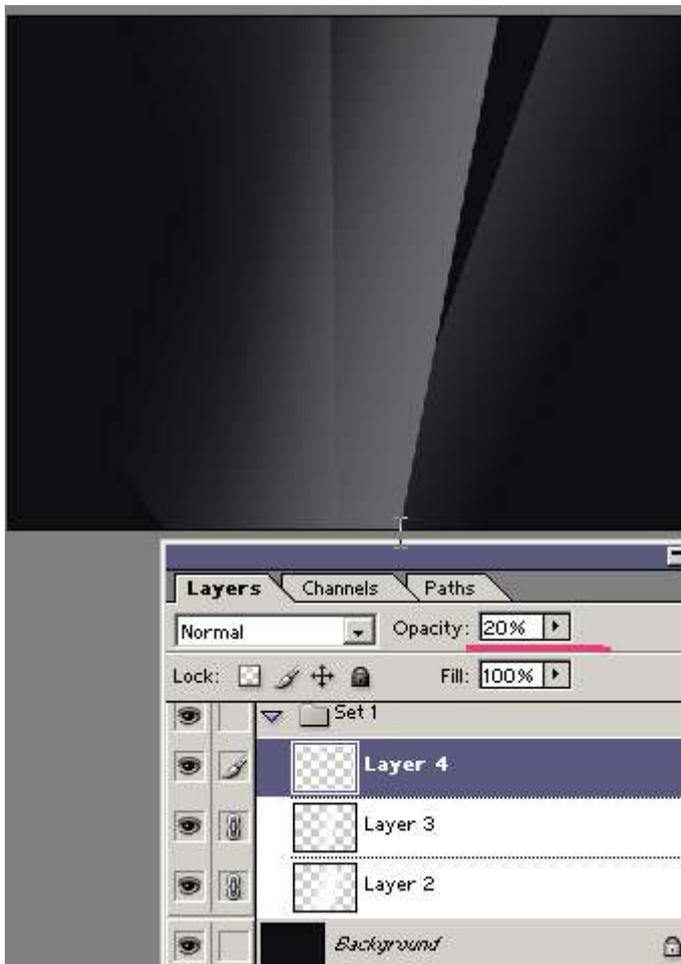
Step 1

Start a new screen sized document in Photoshop. In this case, I chose **1024px by 768px resolution** so I can see the whole thing without scrolling. Fill the background with black color. Then pick the **Polygonal Lasso Tool**, and choose a part of the document. Then use the **Gradient Tool** to draw a gradient from white to transparent into new layer. Repeat this several times (always into new layer).



Step 2

To make the background less expressive, turn the **Opacity** down.



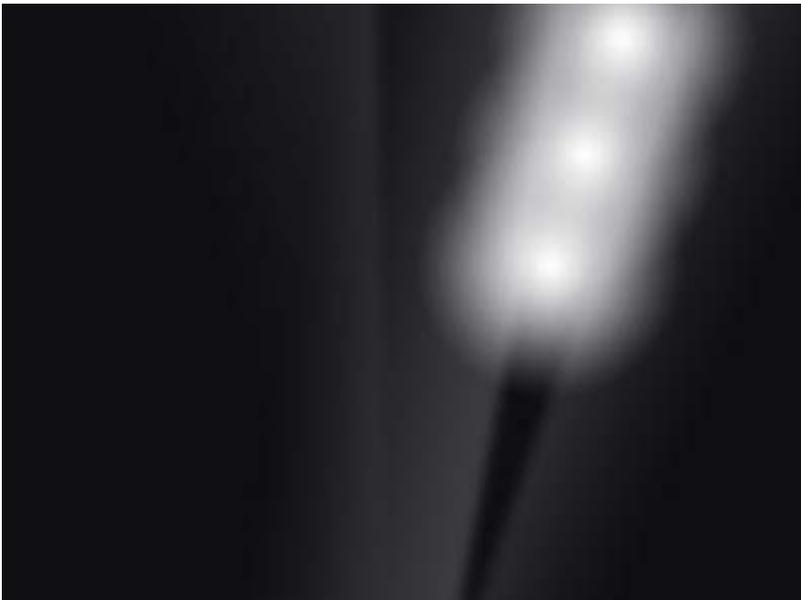
Step 3

Merge the layers together (**Ctrl + E**). Then blur them with the **Gaussian Blur** filter. A small preview of whole document follows.



Step 4

To make it more expressive in some places continue drawing **radial gradients** from white to transparent.



Step 5

Turn its **opacity** to a hardly remarkable level.



Step 6

Well, there is never enough white to transparent gradients, right?



Step 7

Just don't forget to turn the **opacity** down wisely.



Step 8

You can make the background more interesting by copying all the layers and flipping them (**Ctrl + T**), or move them a little.



Step 9

256 shades of grey aren't enough for this gentle manipulation.



Step 10

That is why we should merge the layers together, and blur them again a little. That is what solves the rough gradients, but another problem arises - the picture darkens on the sides, and the dark parts make strange "waves."

