

Artistic Curve Logo

Step one (Creating the shape)

Create a new document, 300x100 px with a background color for example White (#FFF).

Next chose the **Pen Tool (P)** and draw a shape like you see in the image below :



You will need this shape later on so it's a good idea to copy and paste this shape in a new Fireworks Document.

Next select the shape, and **clone it**. (Ctrl+Shift+D). Then move the selected cloned shape up 10px. You should end up with an image like the one below :



Now we need to join the ends of these two shapes, to generate one master shape. Chose the Subselection Tool (A, 1) and follow steps :

1. Click the Top shape, when its selected you will see some points. Look at the image below :



2. Now click the 1st little square from the left, on the top shape. Click and drag it down so it joins the 1st little square from the left, on the bottom shape. Look at my image :



3. Now do the same on the end of the two shapes. You should end up with an image like the one below :



4. Now we need to merge this to lines, and create one master shape, so we can add all our effects and color fills.

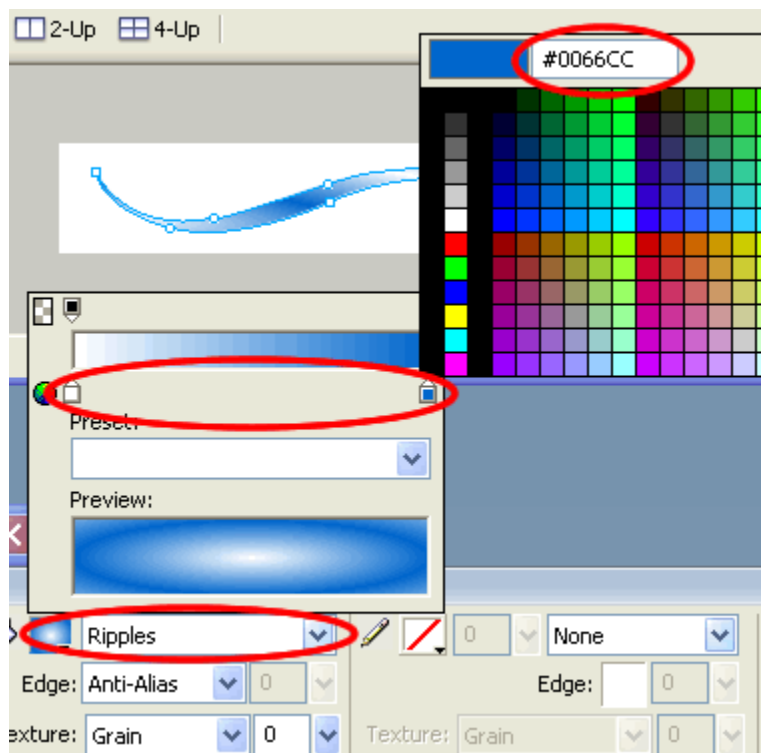
Select both lines then go to : **Modify > Combine Paths > Join (Ctrl + J)**

5. Now that we have our shape we can add a color fill like #006699. Now that you added the color fill you may notice that your shapes has some bugs wrong curves. Using the Sub selection Tool you can select every "dot" on you shape and bring it to a nice smooth shape. Take a look at my shape after about 5 minutes of tweaking :

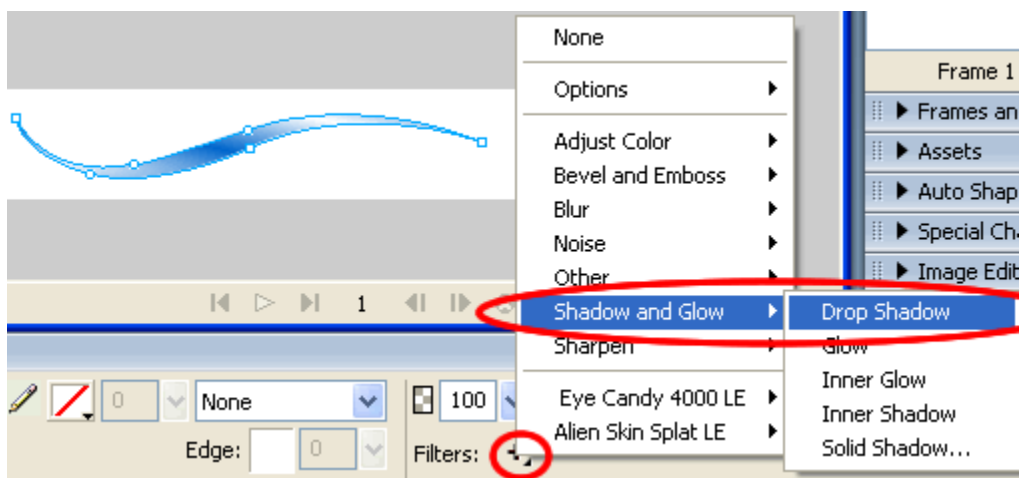


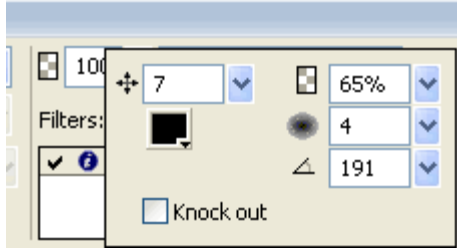
Step two (The effects)

1. Now to begin we need to change the fill from **solid** to **Gradient > Ripples**.



2. Now select the shape, Goto : **Filters > Shadow and Glow > Drop shadow**





The default drop shadow settings is not right for us, so you should use the settings like you see in the image below

You should end up with an image like the one below :



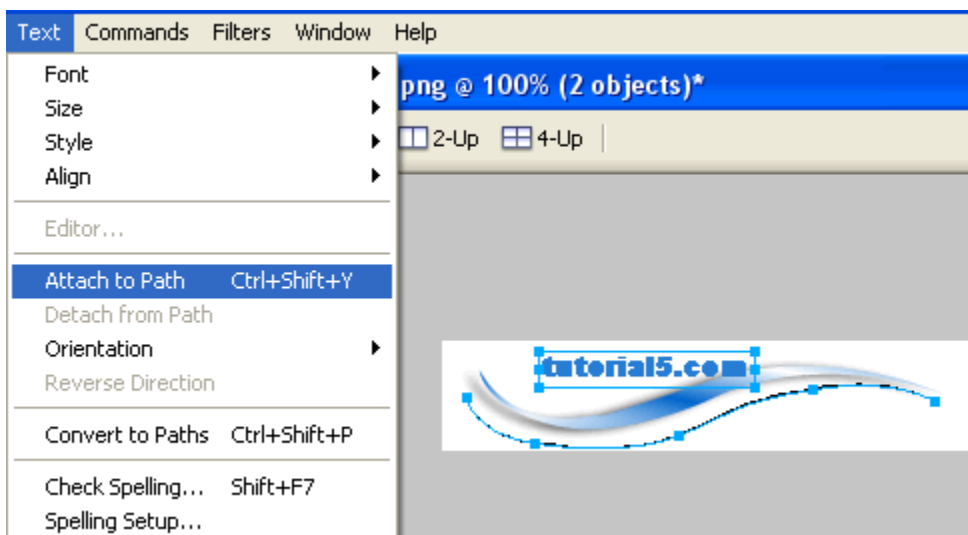
Step three (Creating the text)

In this part we will be creating the curved text and apply it to the shape.

Using the **text tool (T)** enter your text,

Now remember in the beginning you create 1st path to a new document? This is the time you will use that shape.

Copy that new shape and paste in the stage (Current document). Now select both the shape and the text and goto : **Text > Attach to Path** (Ctrl + Shift + Y) :



Now do the same thing for the other part of the text, paste the shape in the document again, create a new text and attach it to that path.

After you attached your text to the paths you can go ahead and Select the text: **Text > Convert to paths (Ctrl + Shift + P)**. This will break up the text in paths, allowing you to edit the position and shape of every letter.

