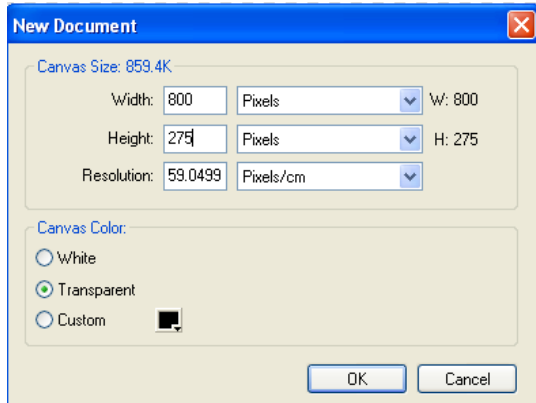


Create a “Homer Simpson” Google Doodle (pizza and donut’s)

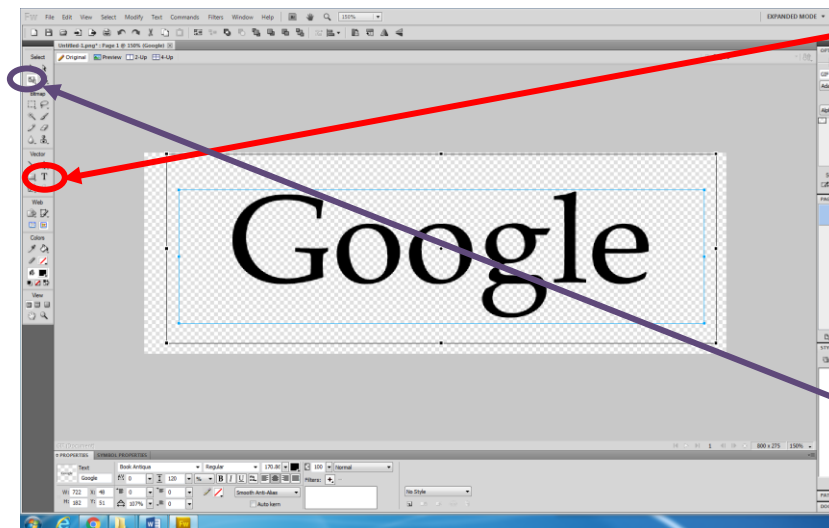
Start Macromedia fireworks which is normally in the program group “Adobe Creative suite” / “Adobe Web Premium”



Make a new document which is 800 pixels wide and 275 pixels high.

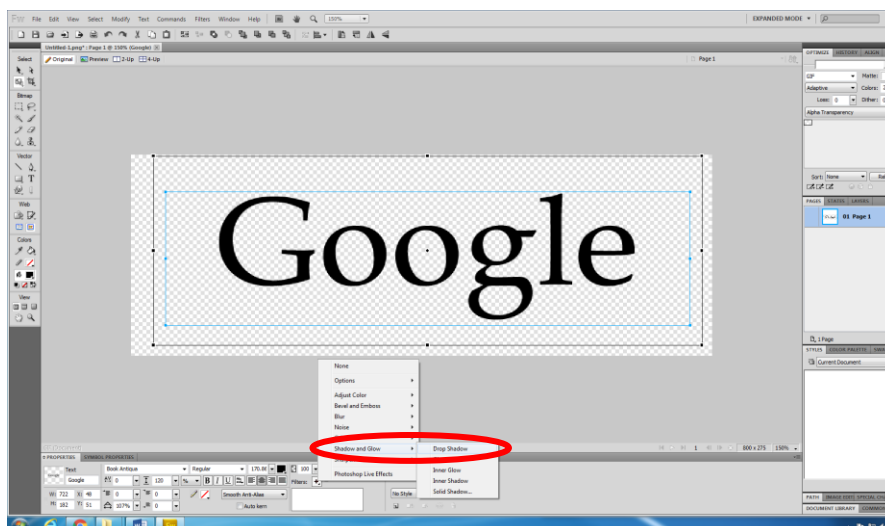
Also Transparent

Accept whatever the default Resolution is (normally 72)



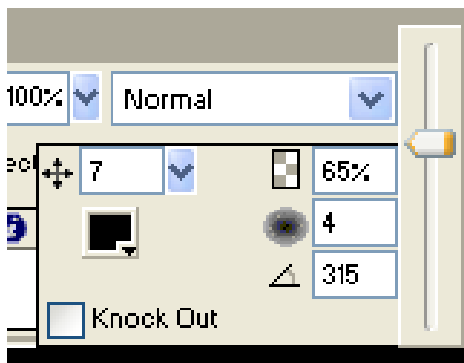
Use the Vector Alphabet tool and write the word Google. (I used font “Book Antiqua” – which look close to the google font, use a different one if you think it matches better)

Then resize using scale tool

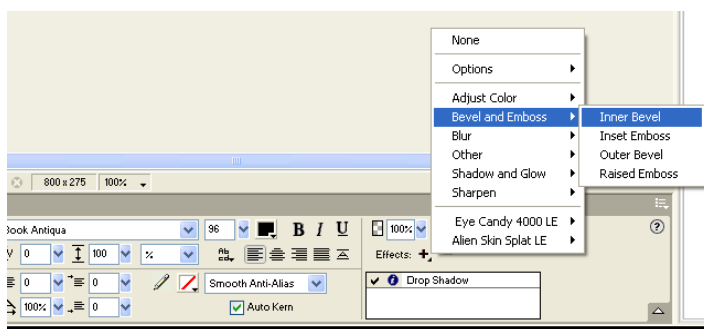


Ok first let's do the shadow effect.

From the Effects select Shadow and Glow > Drop Shadow



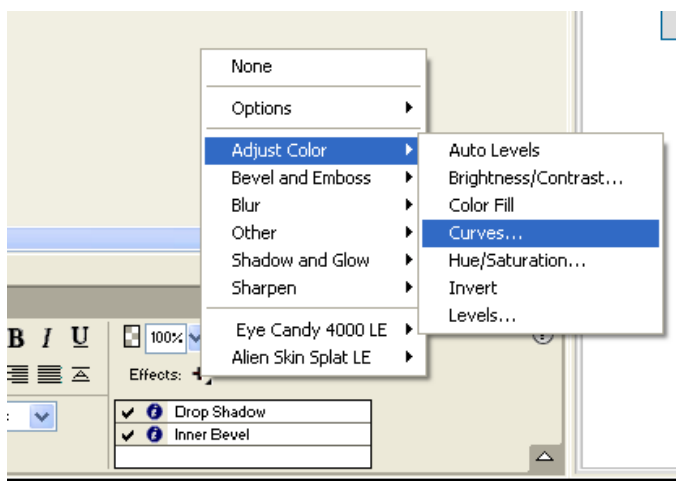
Experiment with the values for the drop shadow settings until you get the effect which is close to the Google Logo. (Note: the settings on the left are the default settings, not what I used)



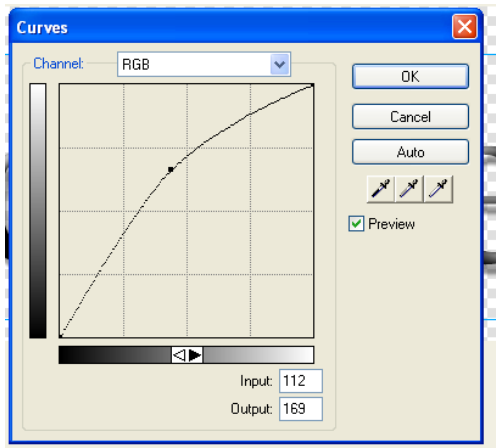
Next from the effects menu select 'Bevel and Emboss' > Inner Bevel.

Again experiment with the settings to get the effect you want (Hint: use Smooth and Raised). Adjust the other settings to get the desired effect. (Look

closely at the Google logo to get the bevelled lighting effect close.)



Next from the effects/Filters menu select 'Adjust colour' > Curves.

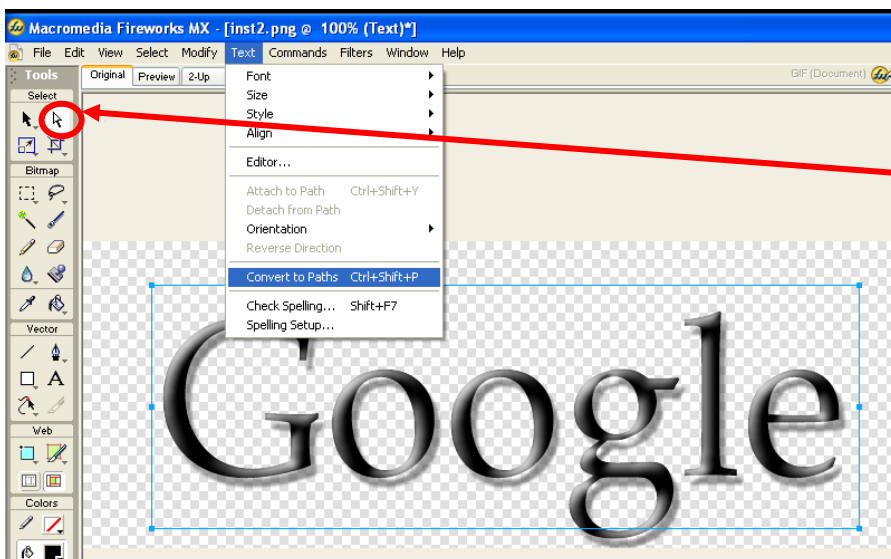


Make the curve shape something like this. Later when you change the colours of the individual letters you will find you may need to fine tune this on a letter by letter basis. This helps accentuate the bevel lighting effect (I think – feel free to omit this step if you do not think so.)



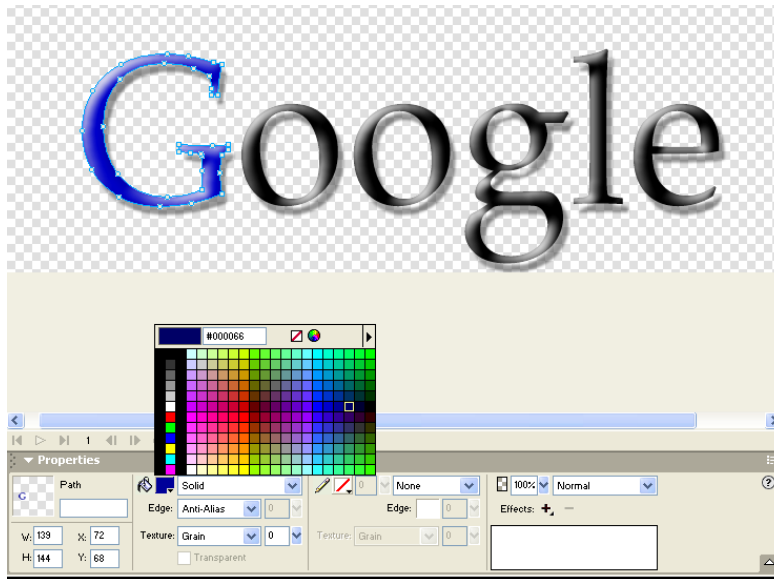
So you now should have the basic Black and white Google logo like this

Now we need to separate the letters of the word apart so that we can colour them.



Select from the top menu Text > Convert to Path.

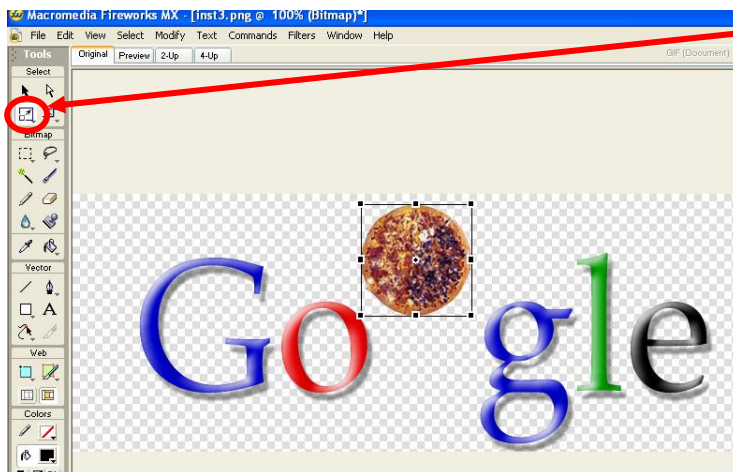
Make also that the white hollow arrow tool is selected.



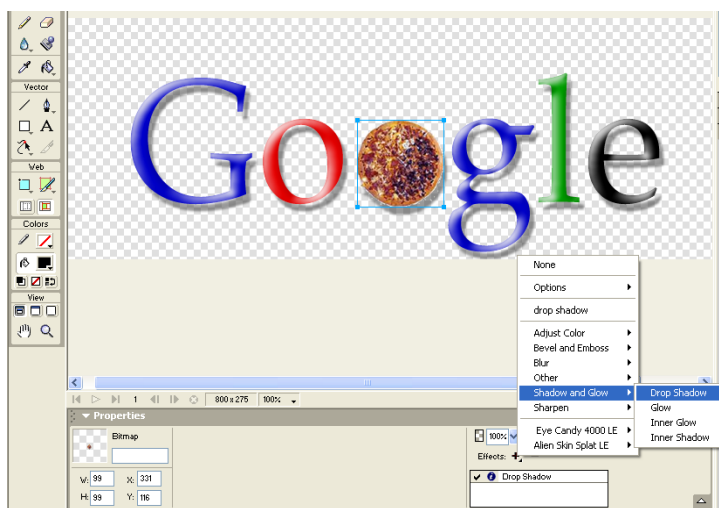
Select each letter in turn and change the colour with the **fill** properties.

Then select the second letter “o” and delete it. (we will replace this with a pizza)

Save the pizza image link to “your documents”. Then from the top menu use File>import to get it onto your canvas.

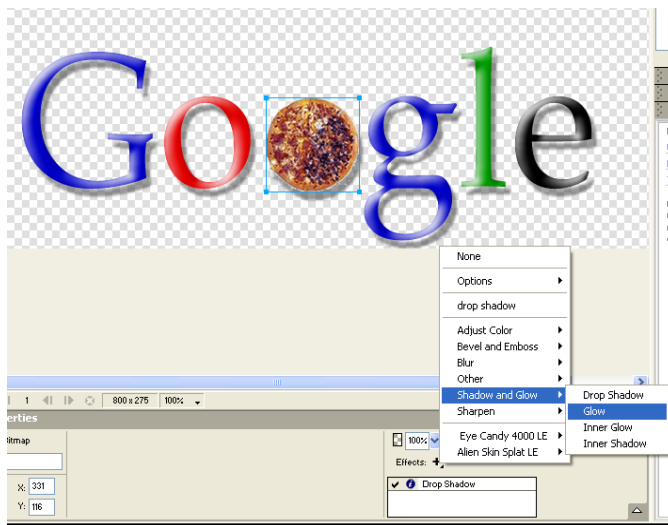


Use the Scale tool to resize and position the pizza image.



From the Effects select the ‘Shadow and Glow’. Change the settings so that the shadow effect is similar to the other shadows.

The pizza replaced the letter “o” which is normally yellow so let’s add a faint yellow glow around the pizza.



From the effects menu select “shadow and Glow” > Glow.

Change the settings until you get the desired effect.



This is the effect I preferred, but yours may well look different.

Now you remove the letter “e” and replace it with a donut (with a bite out of it), and use the same effects as you used for the pizza, remember the letter “e” is normally red.

All done. Remember to save it (as a png file type)

For each of the individual letters you may want to revisit the effect for ‘Adjust colour’ > curves to fine tune the bevel effect of the letters (some colours appear to be more effected than other ones.)

Below is the completed Example:



Extension

Feel free to replace any of the other letters with a suitably themed Homer Simpson object.