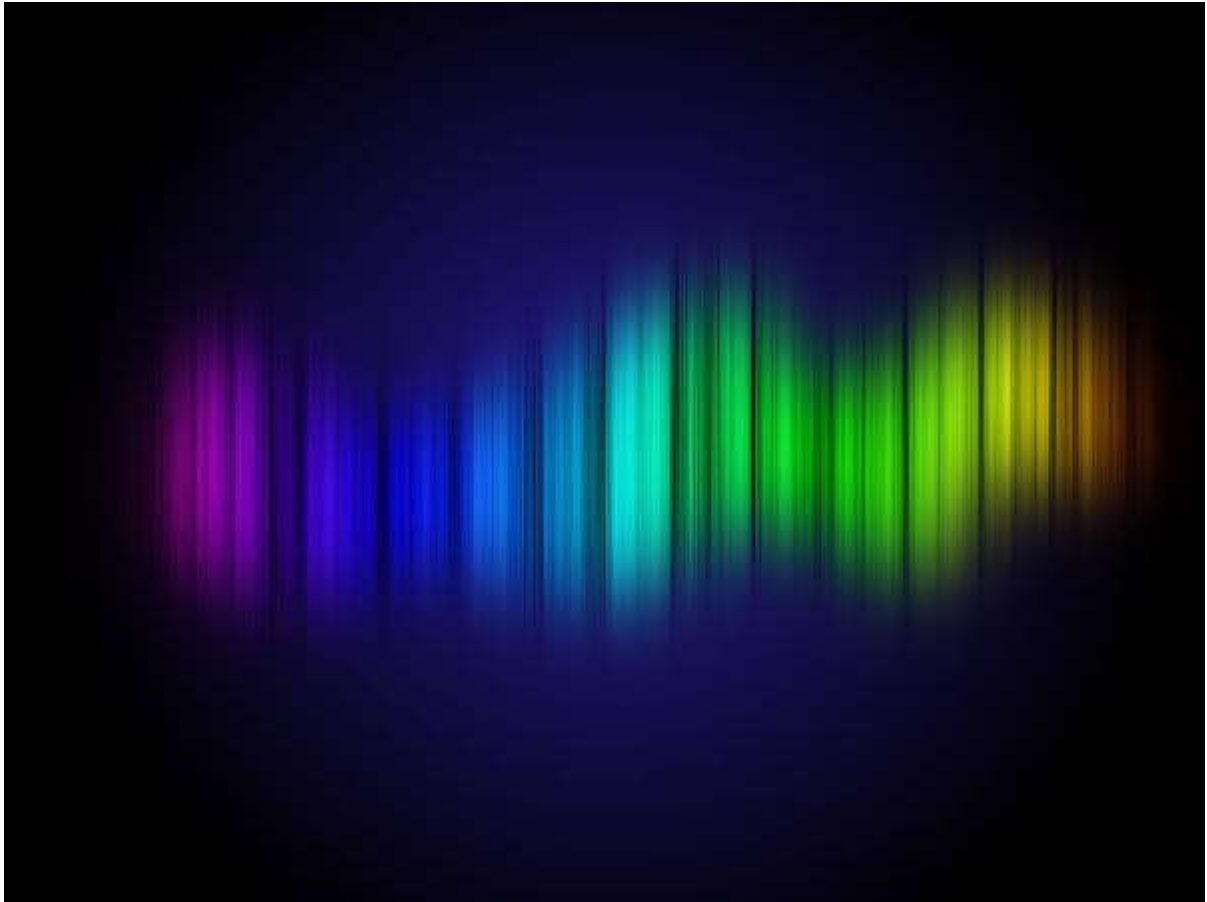


MSNBC Style Effect (rewritten)

This is a rewritten [MSNBC Style Effect](#) tutorial by [@m2lucky](#). It's very old, but still an interesting effect.

This is the final result from [@m2lucky](#)'s tutorial:



Plugins Required:



[Align Object](#) by [@moc426](#) or [Align Object](#) by [@xod](#)

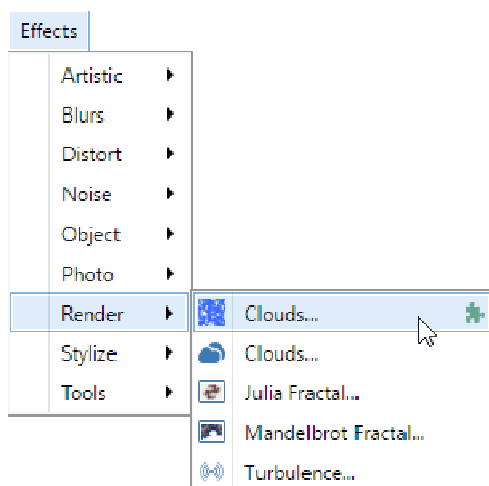
[Clouds](#) by [@Sepcot](#)

[Pixelate+](#) by [@pyrochild](#)

[Gradient Mapping](#) by [@pyrochild](#)

[Feather](#) by [@BoltBait](#)

1. Create a New () image with the desired size. I used a size of 600x450 px.
2. Set the default colors () in the **Colors** window. Run the **Clouds** effect by [@Sepcot](#).



In the dialog box that opens, set the following parameters:

Perlin Noise:

Frequency - 0,200

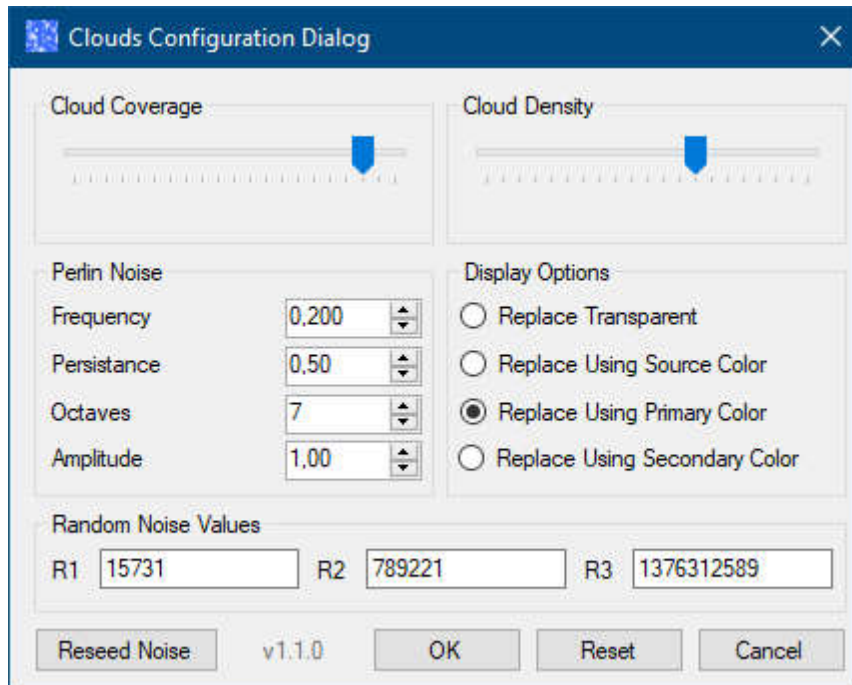
Persistence - 0,50

Octaves - 7

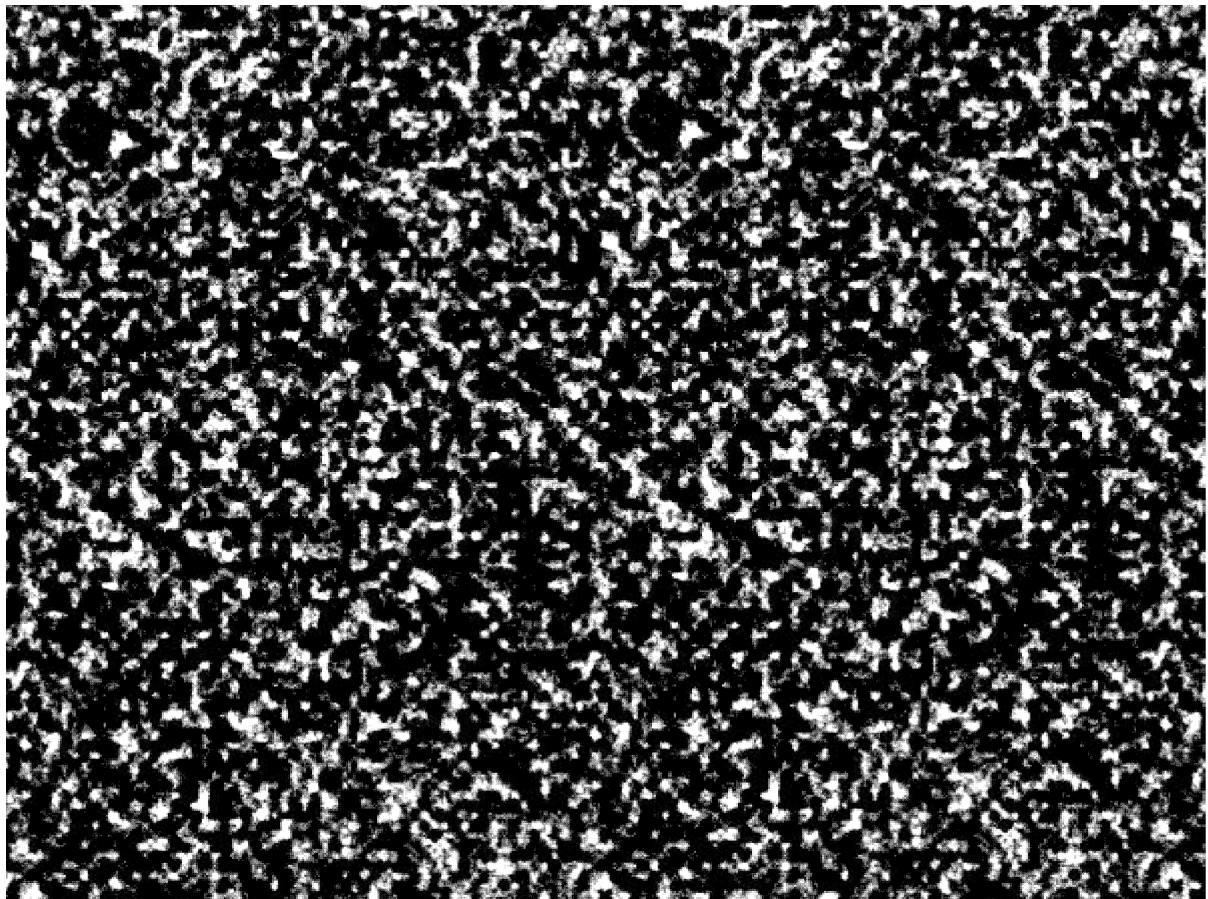
Amplitude - 1,0

Display Options: Replace Using Primary Colors

Set the values of the Cloud Coverage and Cloud Density sliders as shown in the image below:



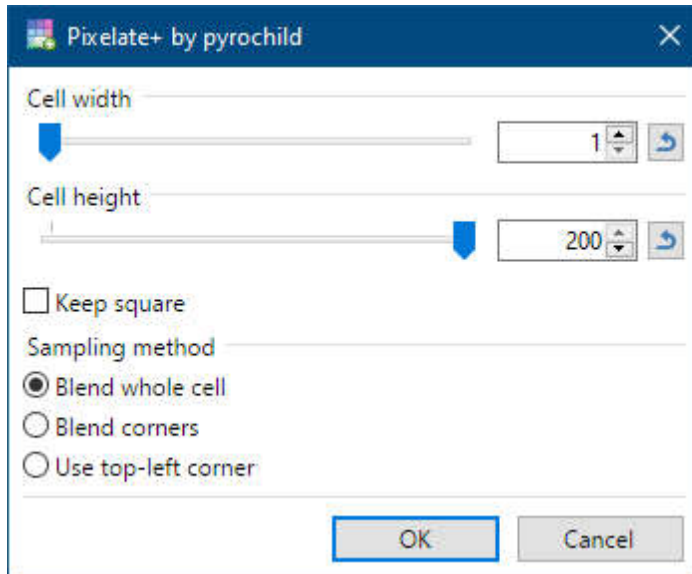
Leave the other parameters unchanged and click **OK**. You will get this image:






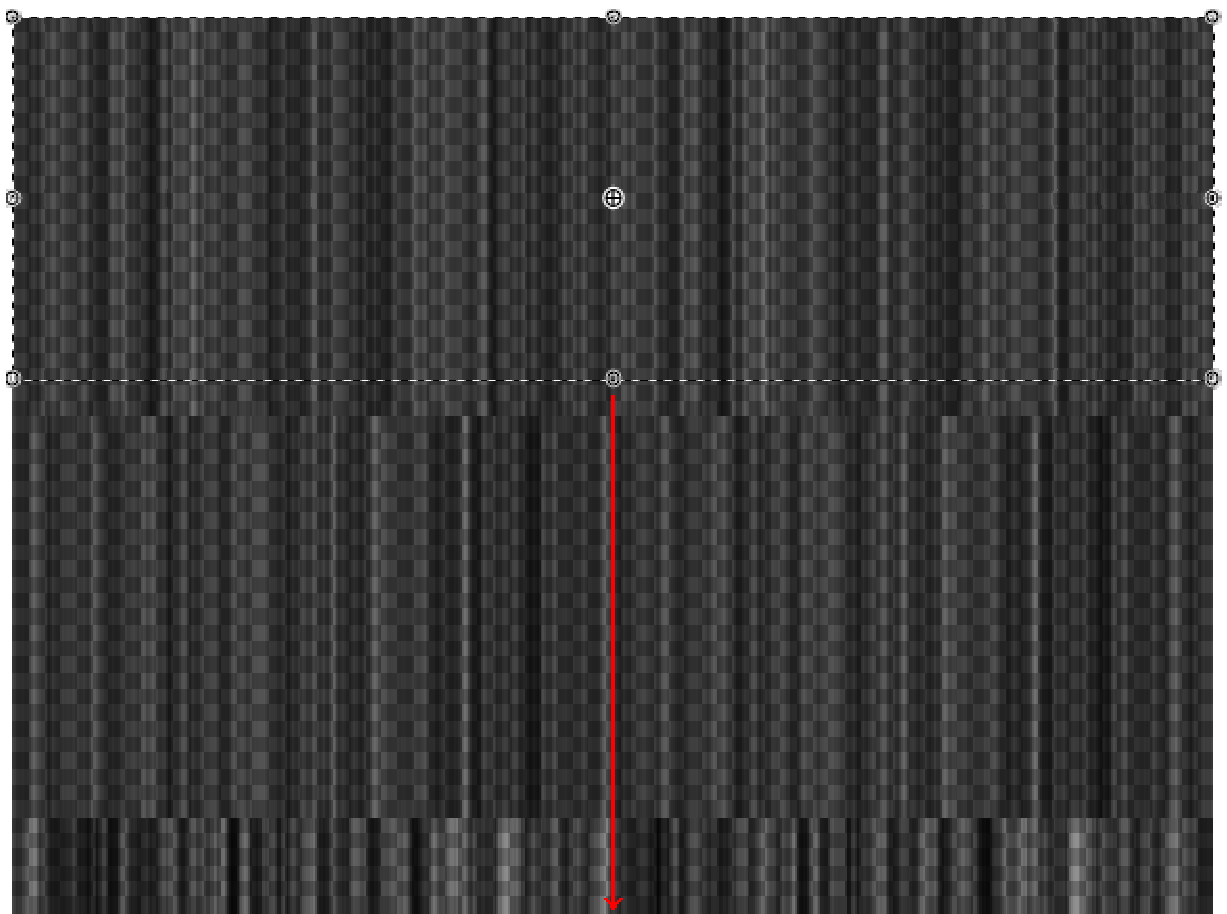
3. Now let's create vertical stripes using two different variants.

Variant 1.

Apply the **Pixtlate+** effect (**Effects -> Blurs -> Pixtlate+**). Uncheck the Keep square check box. Set Cell width to 1 and Cell height to 200.

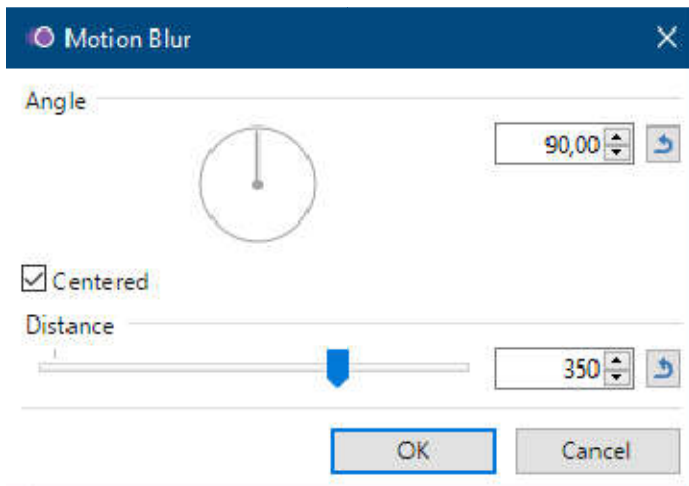


In the **Tools** window, select Rectangle Select () and select the upper third of the resulting image. Now, in the **Tools** window, select Move Selected Pixels () and stretch the selection down to the end of the image, deselect ().

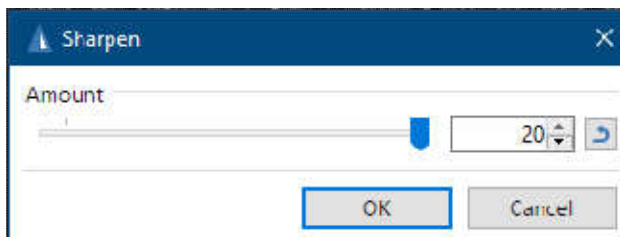




Variant 2.

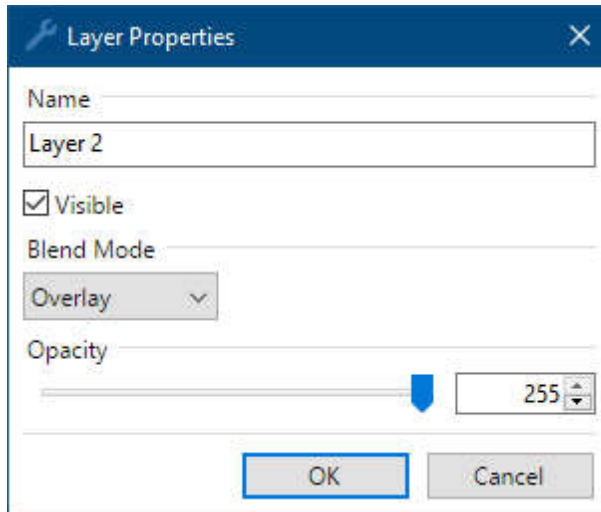
Apply the **Motion Blur** (🌀) effect (**Effects -> Blurs -> Motion Blur**) with an Angle of 90 and a Distance of 350 to 500 (depending on the size of your image).





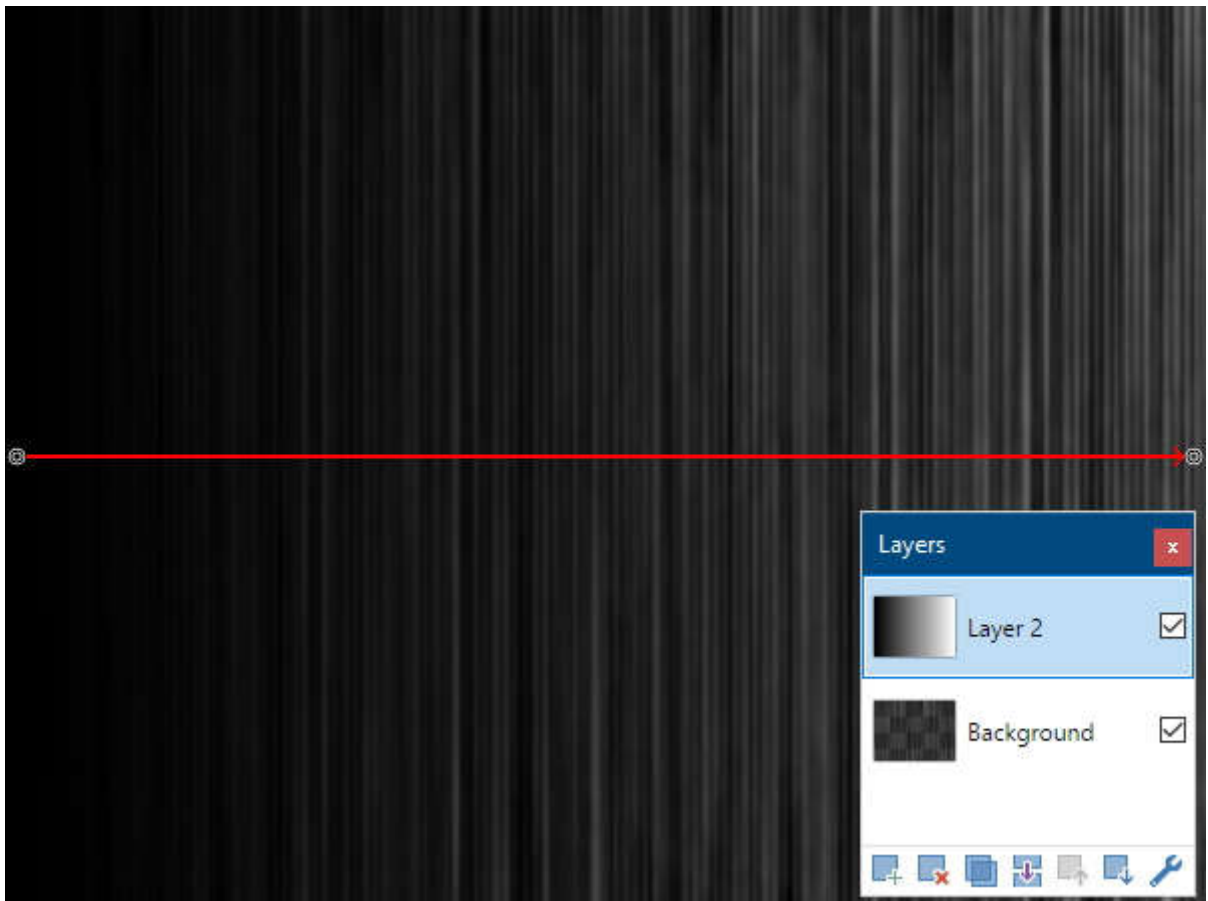
4. Apply the **Sharpen** (▲) effect (**Effects -> Photo -> Sharpen**) with Amount 10 for variant 1 or Amount 20 for variant 2.



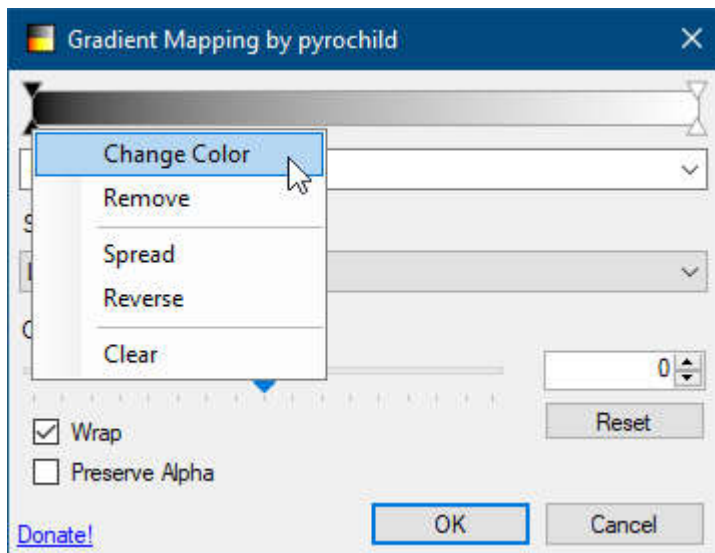
5. Add a New layer (). Go to the Layer Properties () and select Overlay for the Blend Mode.



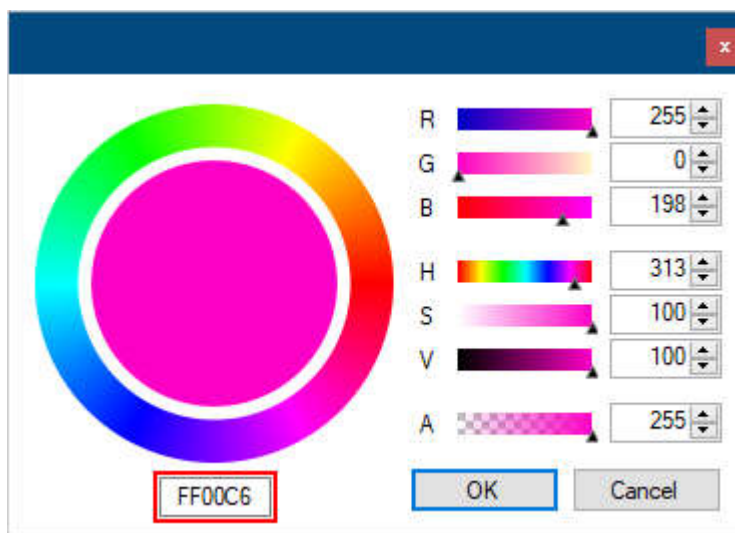
In the **Tools** window, select the Linear Gradient ( ) tool. Fill Layer 2 with a gradient from left to right as shown in the image below:



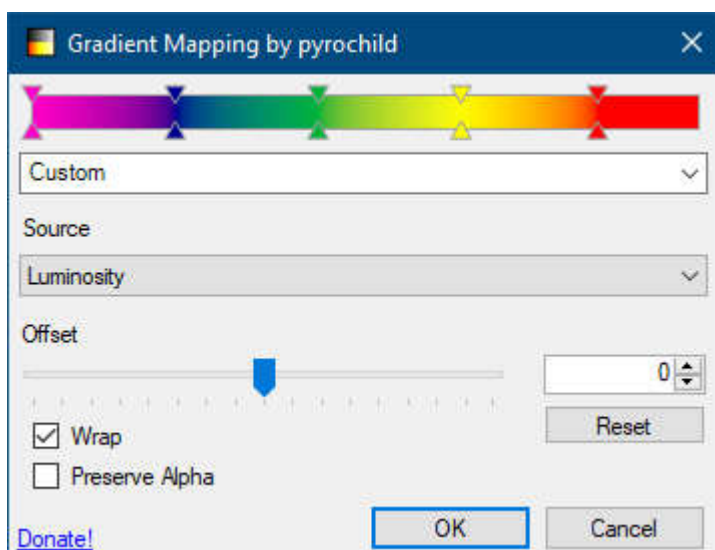
6. Run the **Gradient Mapping (Adjustments ->Gradient Mapping)** effect. Right-click on the left (black) marker and select Change Color.



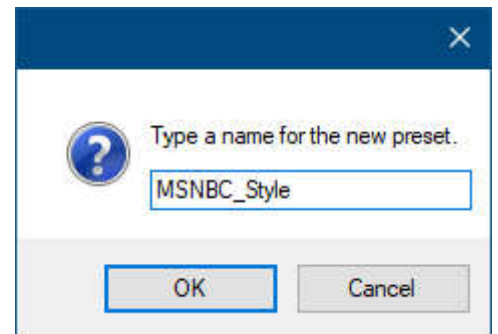
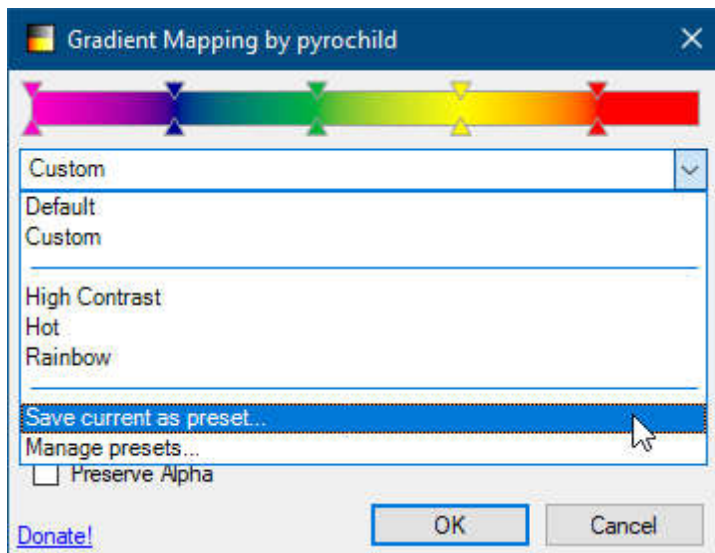
In the window that opens, type **FF00C6** in the field under the color wheel and click **OK**.



Right-click on the gradient bar to the right of the purple marker and select Add Color. Set the color to 000390 (blue). Repeat this procedure to the right of each next marker for the colors **01B439**, **FFFC00**, and **FF0000**. Right-click on the gradient bar and select Spread. This will distribute the colors evenly. Now right-click on the far-right (white) marker and select Remove. You should get a gradient like this:




Save this gradient as the preset with the name MSNBC_Style, for example.

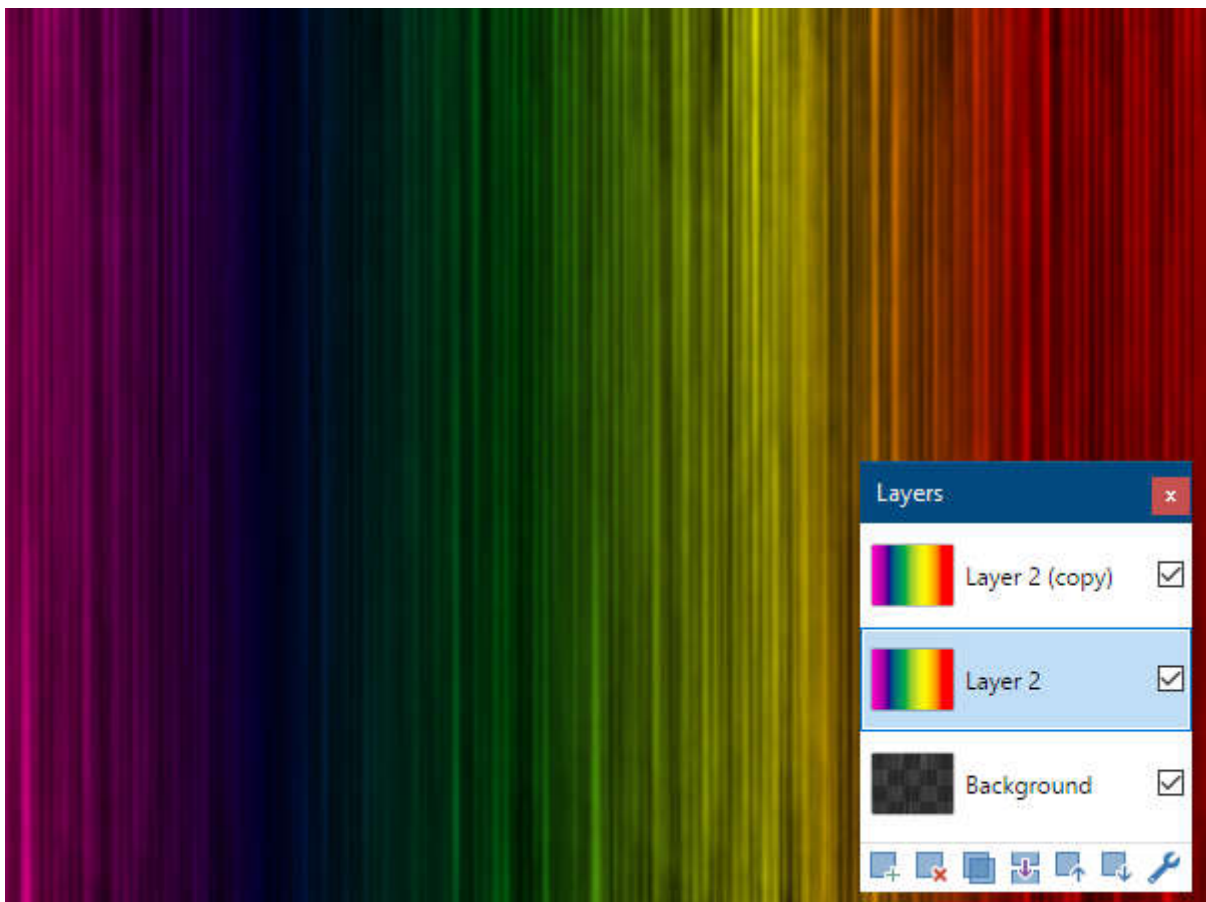



Click **OK** and finish working with Gradient Mapping.


Note: If creating a gradient is difficult for you, you can download prepared preset for Gradient Mapping (MSNBS_Style.xml):

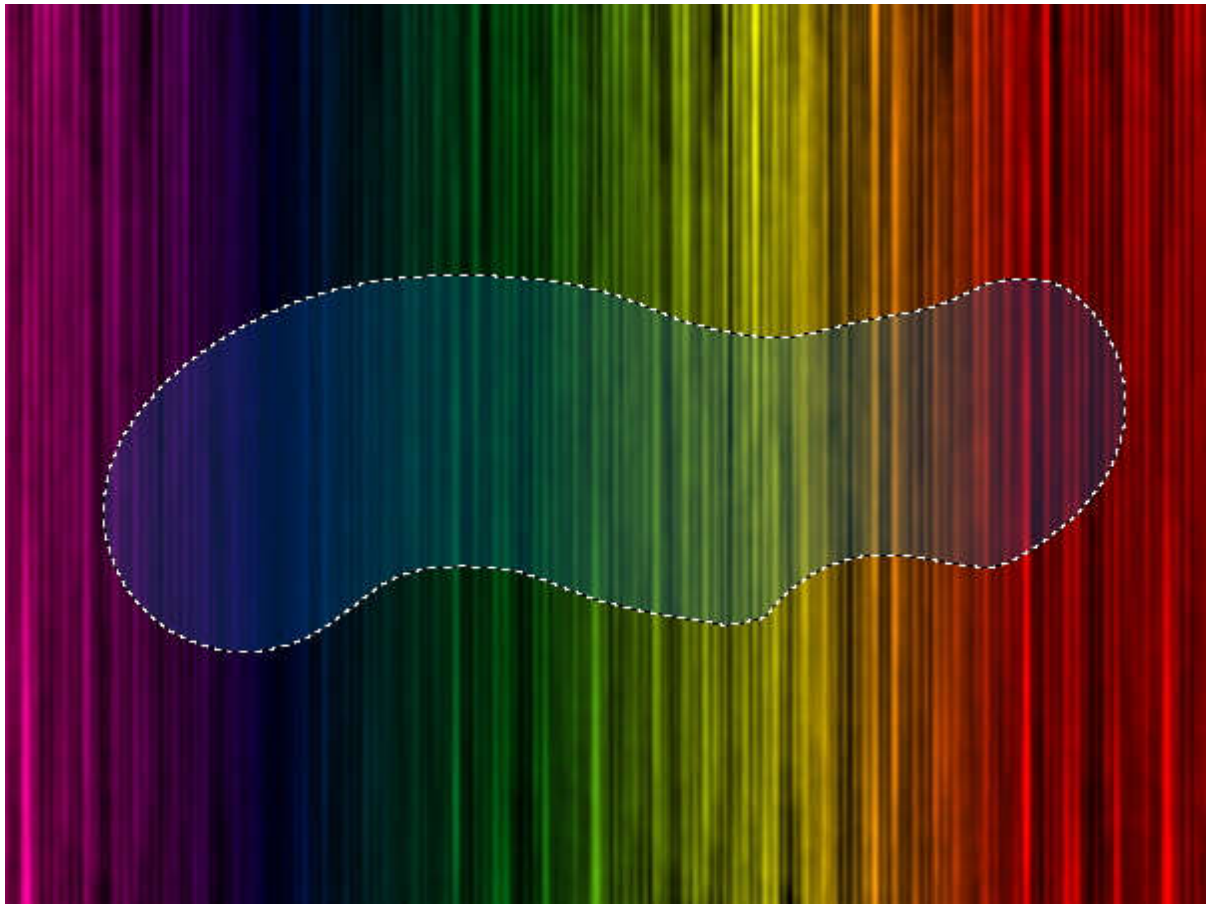
[MSNBC_Style.zip](#)

Duplicate () Layer 2 and go back to the bottom Layer 2.



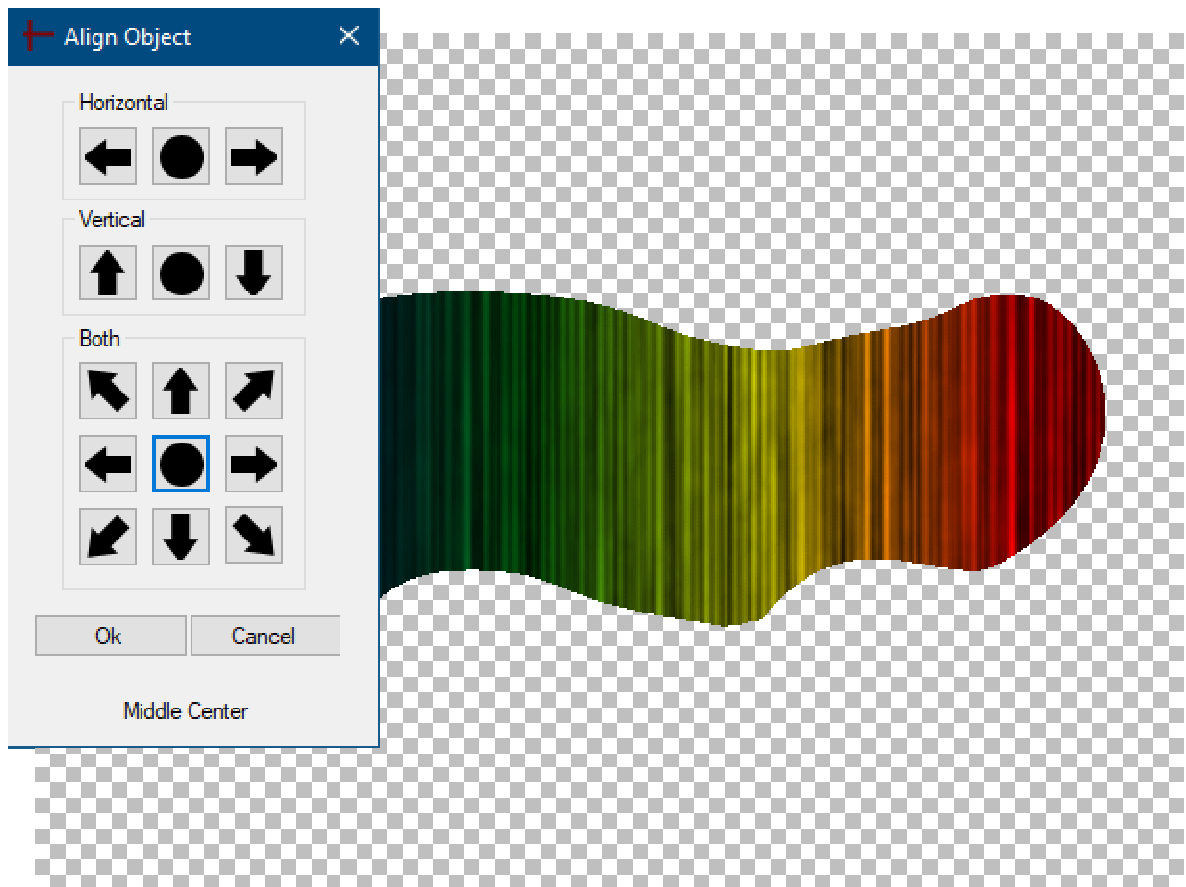
Merge () the layers sequentially. First Layer 2 and Background, then Layer 2 (copy) and Background.

7. Select an arbitrary shape in the image using the Lasso () tool.

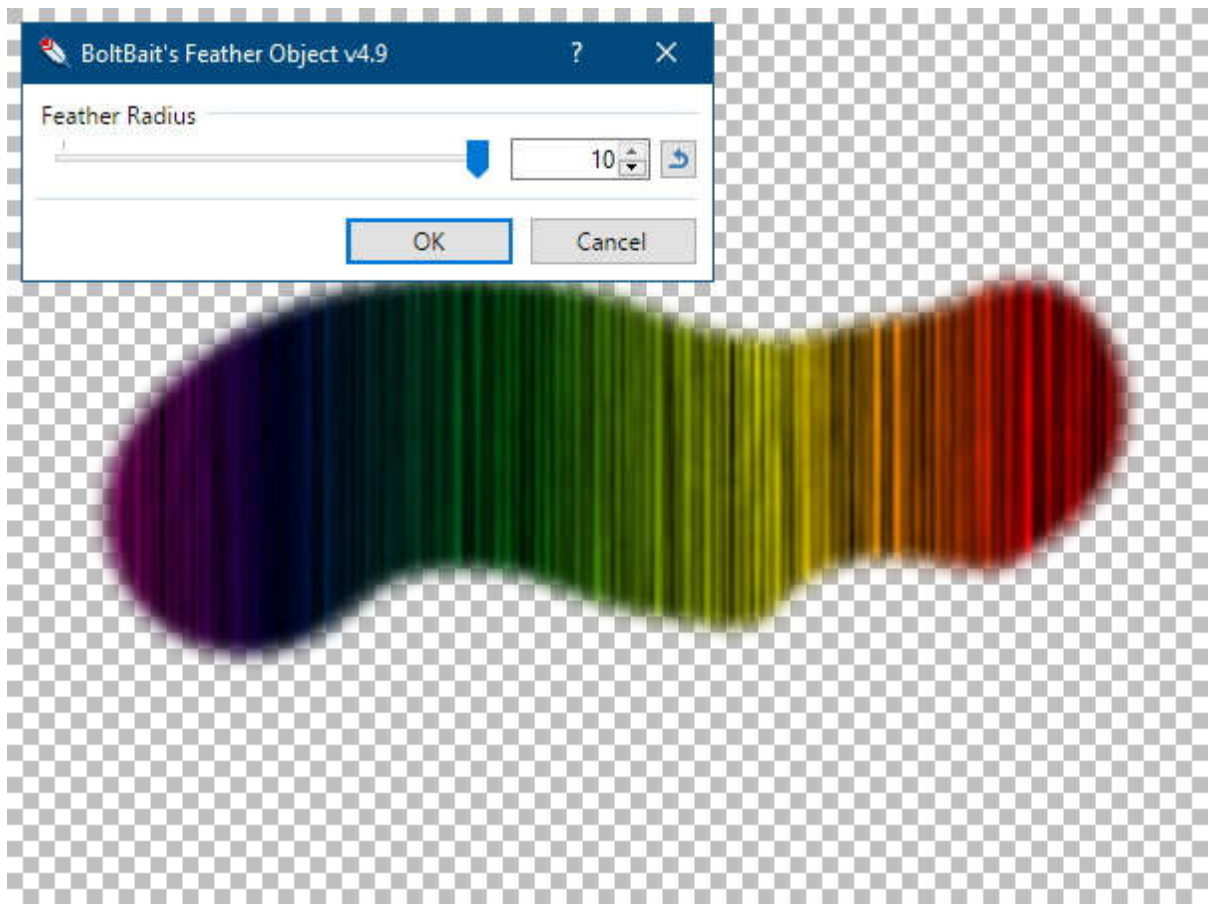


Invert the selection (**Ctrl+I**) and delete it (**Ctrl+X**).

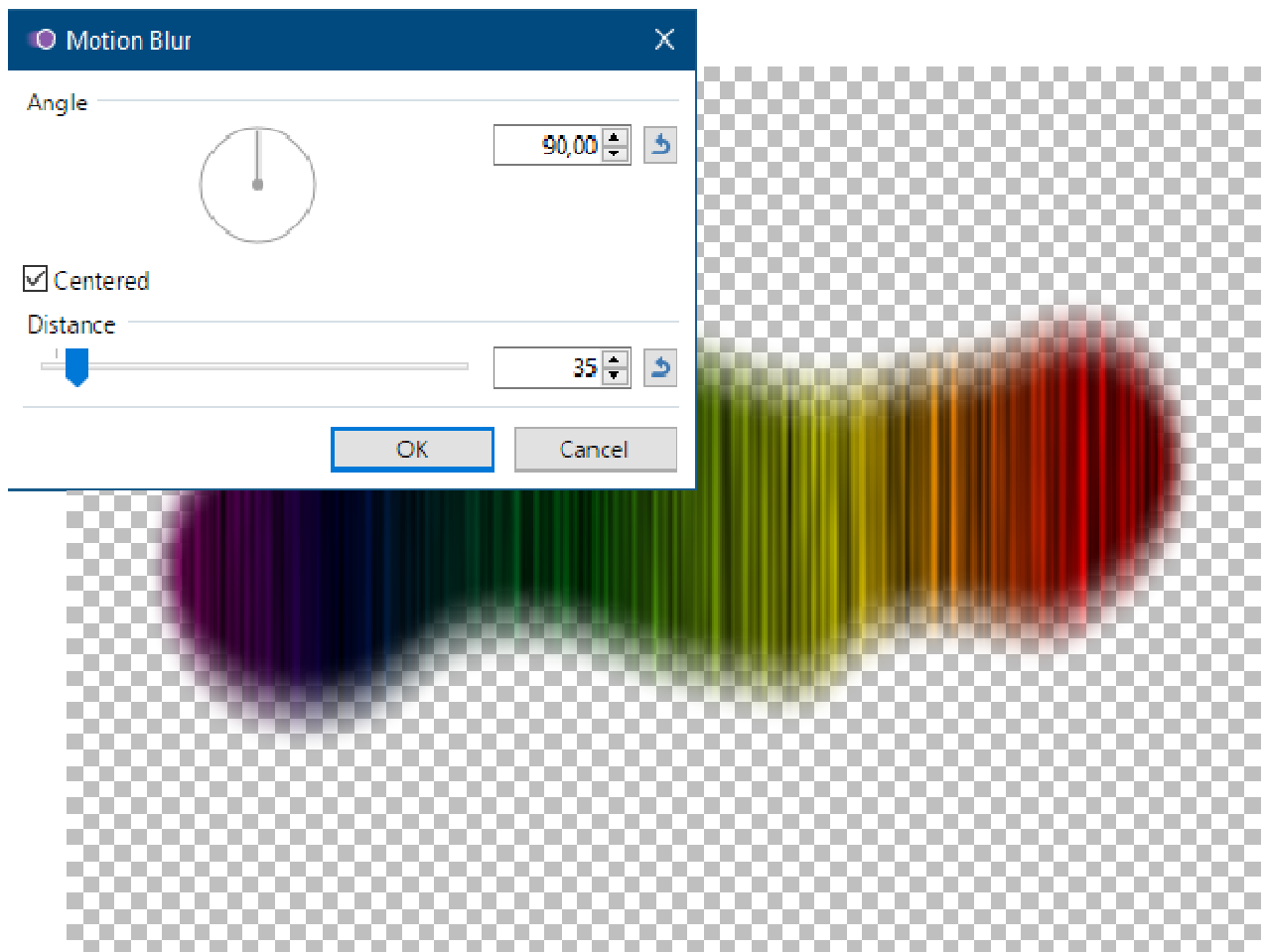
8. Apply the **Align Object** effect (**Effects -> Align Object** for [@moc426](#)'s effect or **Effects -> Object -> Align Object** for [@xod](#)'s effect) to the remaining image.



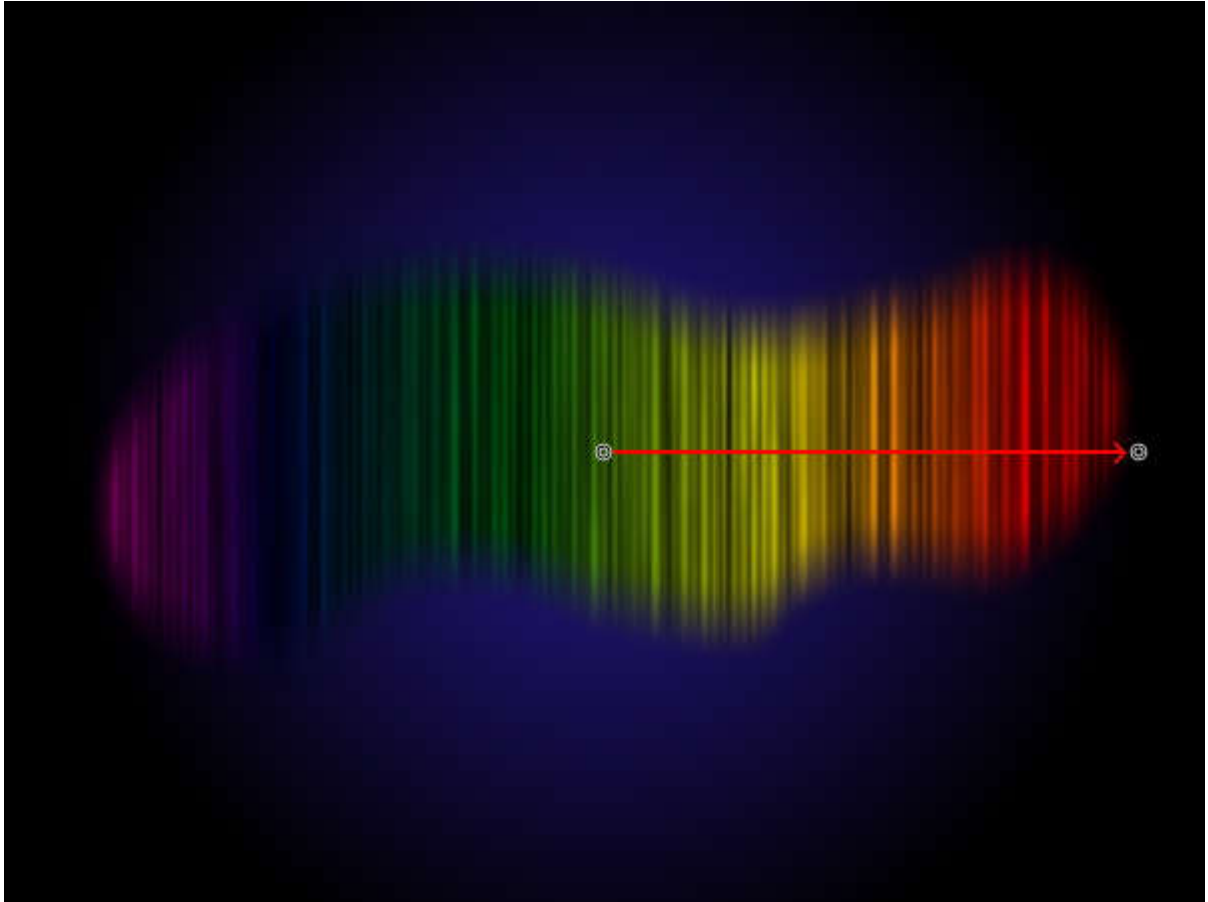
9. Apply the **Feather Object** effect (**Effects -> Object -> Feather Object**) with a Radius of 10.



10. Apply the **Motion Blur** effect with a Distance of 35.

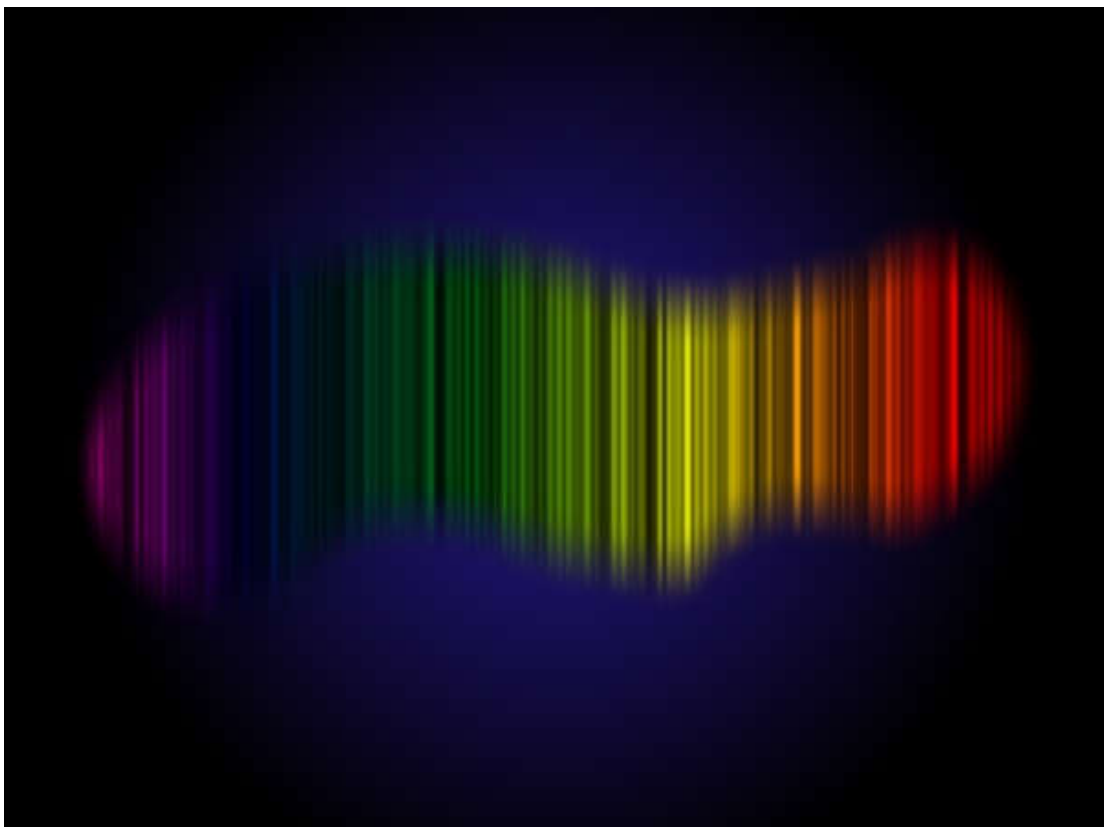


11. Add a New (👤) layer and move it down (⬇️). Set the Primary color to **28188F**, and the Secondary color to black. In the **Tools** window, select the **Radial Gradient** tool (🌈) and draw the gradient as shown in the image below.

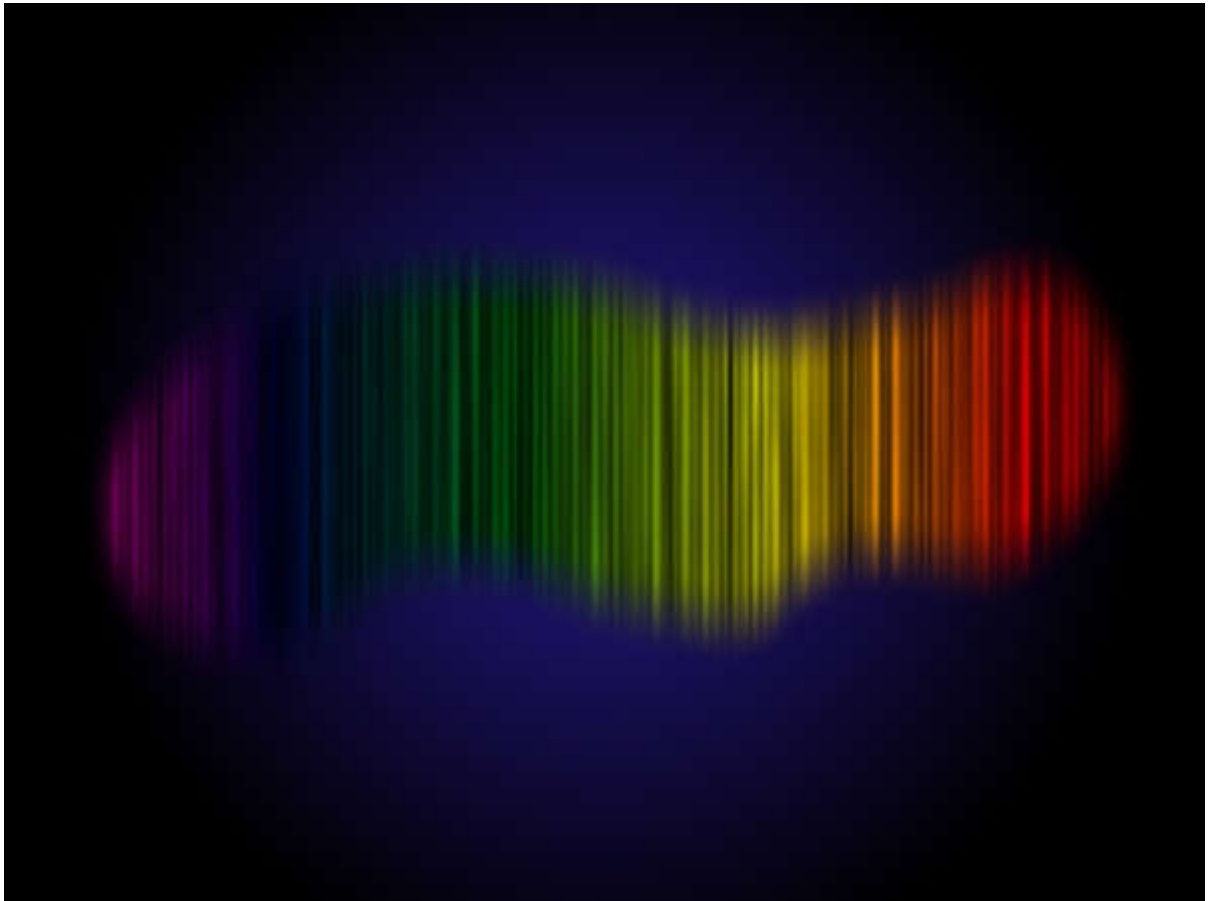


Merge the layers (🔗).

This is the result for Variant 1,

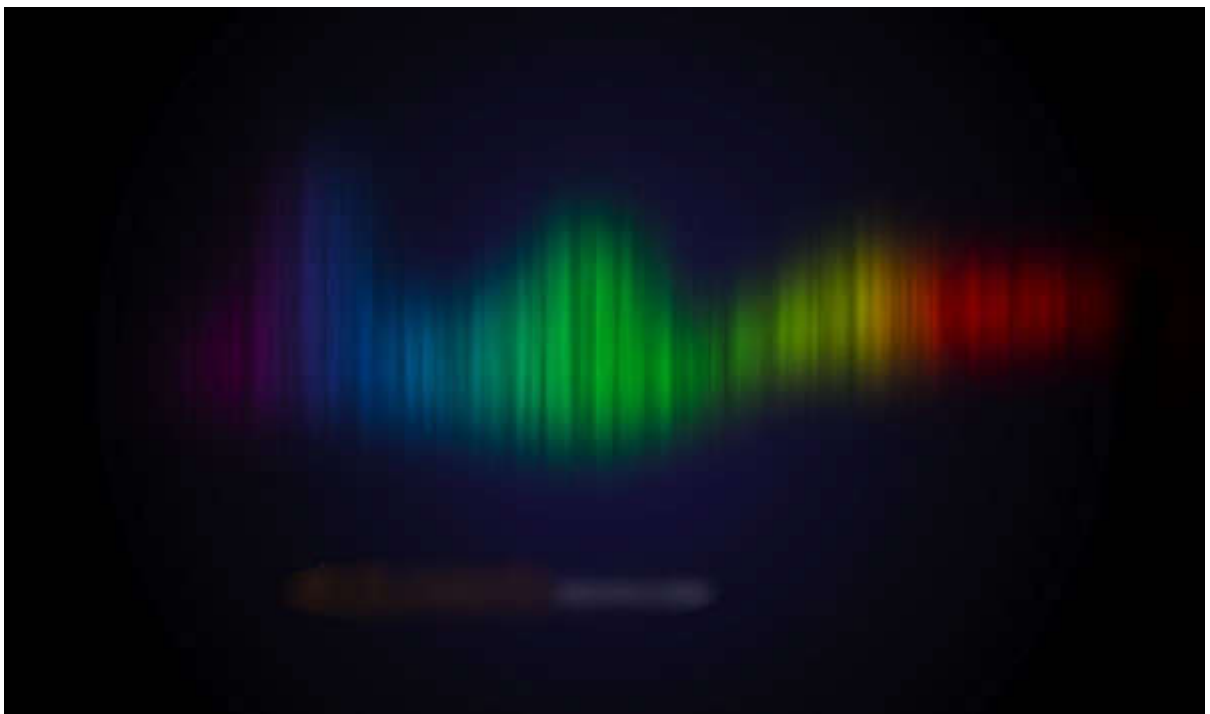


and this is for Variant 2

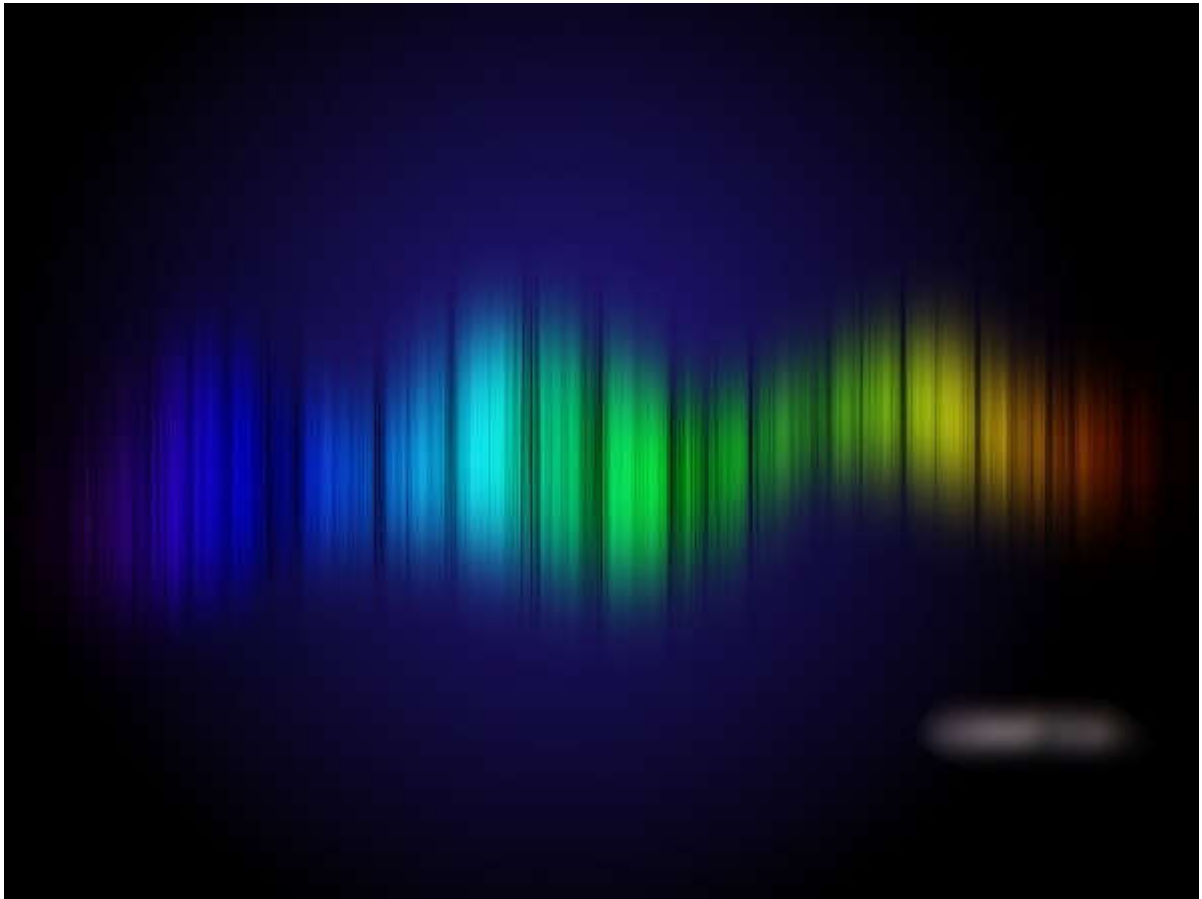


Determine for yourself which variant you like best.

For comparison, below are the results of the work from the [Photoshop tutorial](#)



and the [GIMP tutorial](#).



Note: All settings described in this tutorial are approximate and depend on image size and the desirable end result.