

## GRADIENT BEND

[bending gradient with warp, adding fills]

1. Type something in a thick heavy sans serif font (Ariel Black, Helvetica Black, Gill Sans Ultra Bold, Myriad Pro Black).
2. Select with Selection Tool and choose “Add New Fill” from the Appearance Panel fly-out menu. (it doesn’t matter what sub-layer is selected, if any)
3. Click on Linear Gradient in Swatches Palette that appears right there in the Appearance Panel, then use the Gradient Tool to apply a vertical (top-to-bottom, bottom-to-top) gradient.
4. Change the gradient color to something other than black in the Gradient Panel.
5. Select with Selection Tool and Object>Envelope Distort>Envelope Options, and enable Distort Linear Gradients.
6. With it still selected, Object>Envelope Distort>Make with Warp>Arc Lower (or anything that bends to show how the gradient follows (or just click warp icon in control palette)
7. Gradient follows the bend of the text. If it doesn’t, you didn’t enable it.