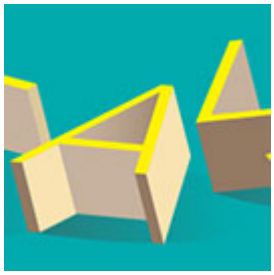
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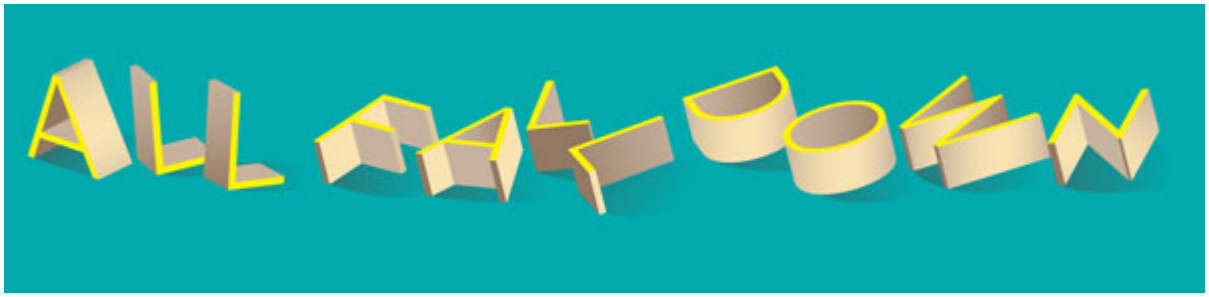


Give your text that total knockout effect! Learn how to transform lettering into fantastic dimensional objects with this knocked over 3D vector text effect. Great for text art and print media.

Tutorial Details: Knocked Over 3D Vector Text Effect

- **Program**: Adobe Illustrator CC
- **Difficulty**: Intermediate
- **Topics Covered**: 3D Effects, Text Effect, Gradients
- **Estimated Completion Time**: 25 Minutes

Final Image: Knocked Over 3D Vector Text Effect



Step 1: Knocked Over 3D Vector Text Effect

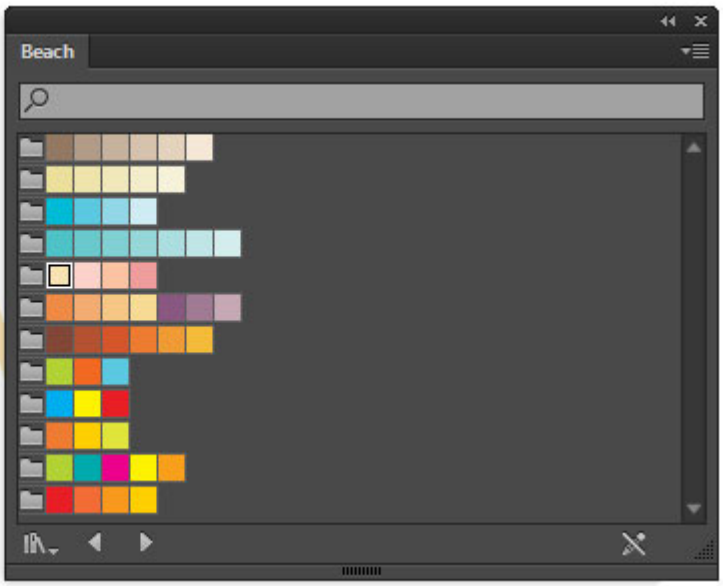
To start out our knocked over vector text tutorial, open **Adobe Illustrator CC** and create a **New Document**. Choose a narrow

sans-serif font, such as **Nexa Light** seen below, and use the **Type Tool (T)** to write out your text.

ALL FALL DOWN

Step 2

Choose your color palette for your piece. I'll be choosing colors from the **Beach** pallete found within **Adobe Illustrator's** default **Swatch Library**.

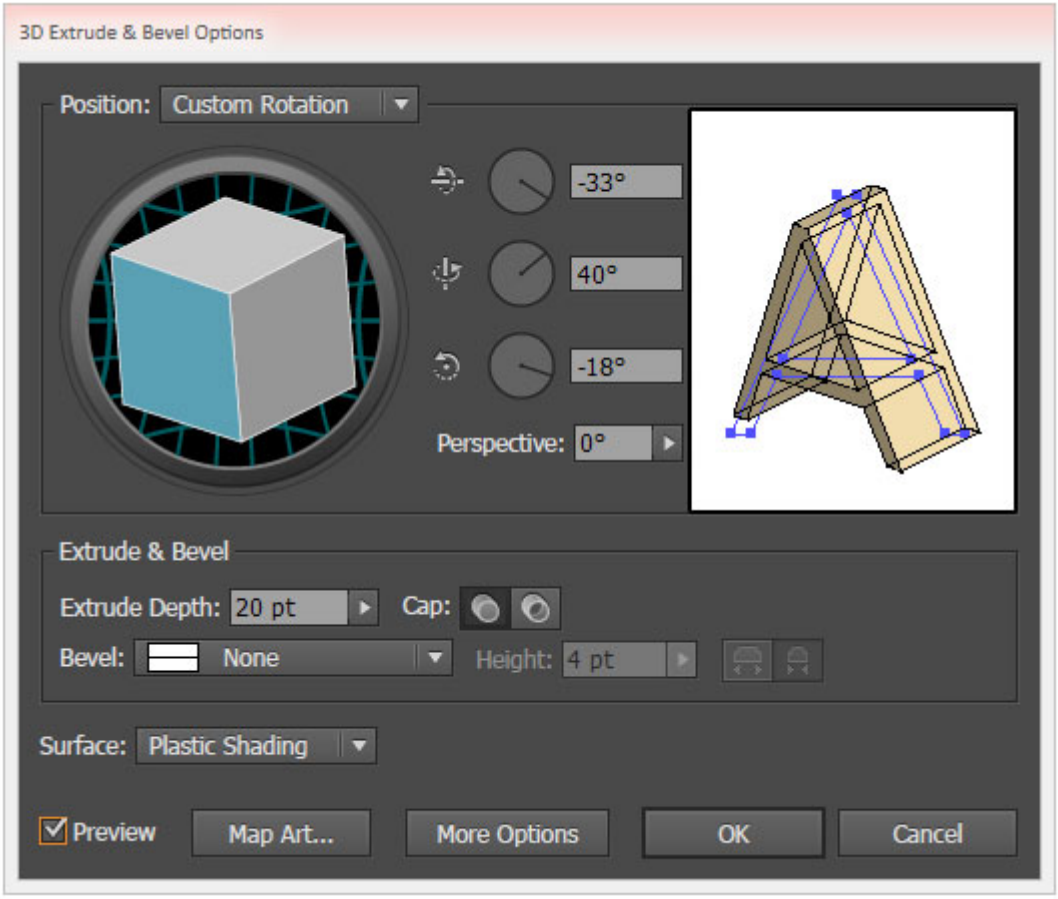


Step 3

Prepare your text by **Expanding** your letters and **Ungrouping**. Select the first letter of your phrase and go to **Effect > 3D > Extrude & Bevel** and enter in the following information and then hit **OK**:

- **X-Axis:** -33°
- **Y-Axis:** 40°
- **Z-Axis:** -18°

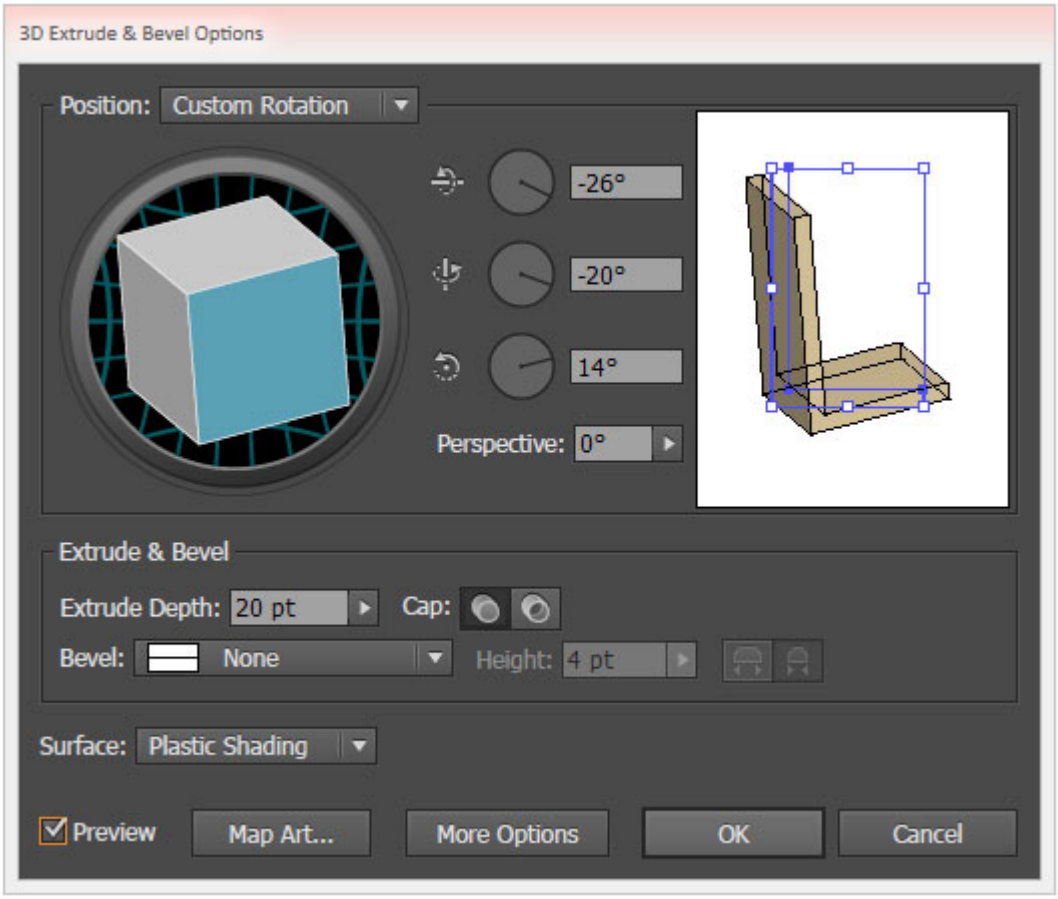
- **Extrude Depth:** 20 pt
- **Surface:** Plastic Shading



Step 4

Select the second letter of your phrase and go to **Effect > 3D > Extrude & Bevel** and enter in the following information and then hit **OK**:

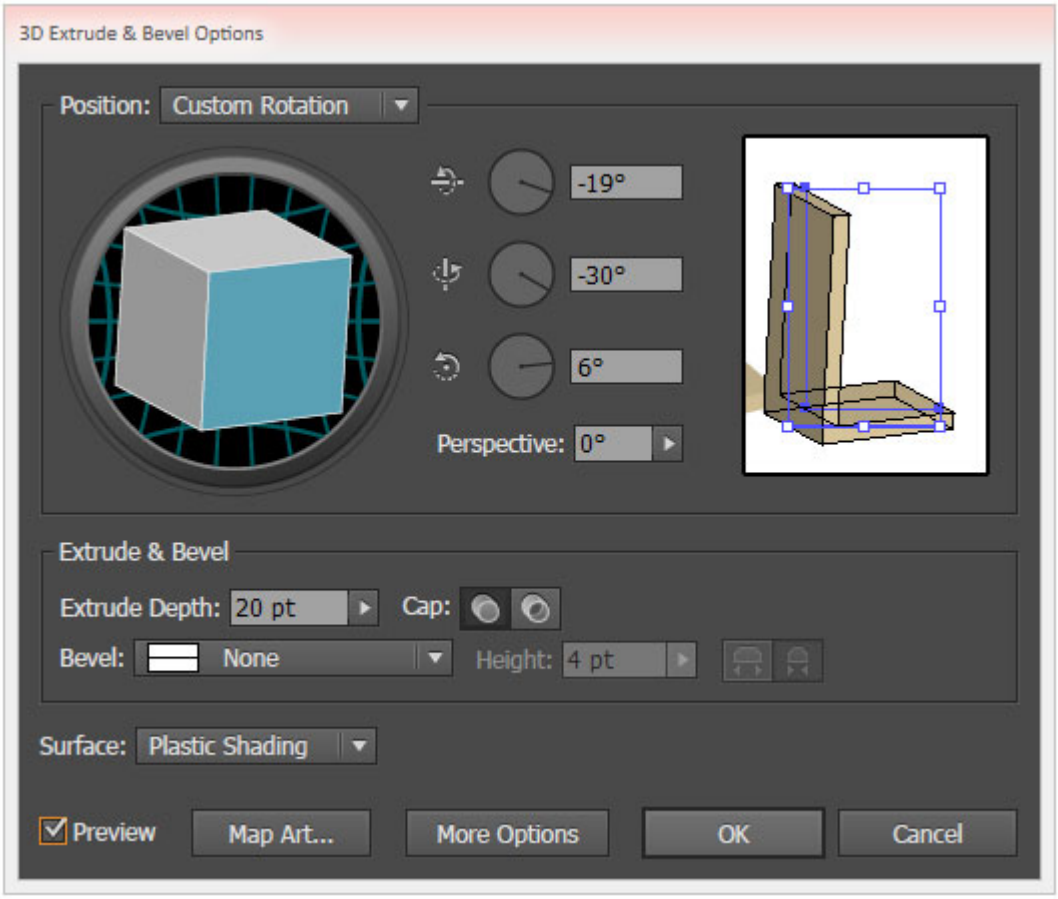
- **X-Axis:** -26°
- **Y-Axis:** -20°
- **Z-Axis:** 14°
- **Extrude Depth:** 20 pt
- **Surface:** Plastic Shading



Step 5

Select the next letter of your phrase for your knocked over 3d vector text and go to **Effect > 3D > Extrude & Bevel** and enter in the following information and then hit **OK**:

- **X-Axis:** -19°
- **Y-Axis:** -30°
- **Z-Axis:** 6°
- **Extrude Depth:** 20 pt
- **Surface:** Plastic Shading



Step 6

Arrange your letters so they look as though they’re gathered near each other on the same plane.

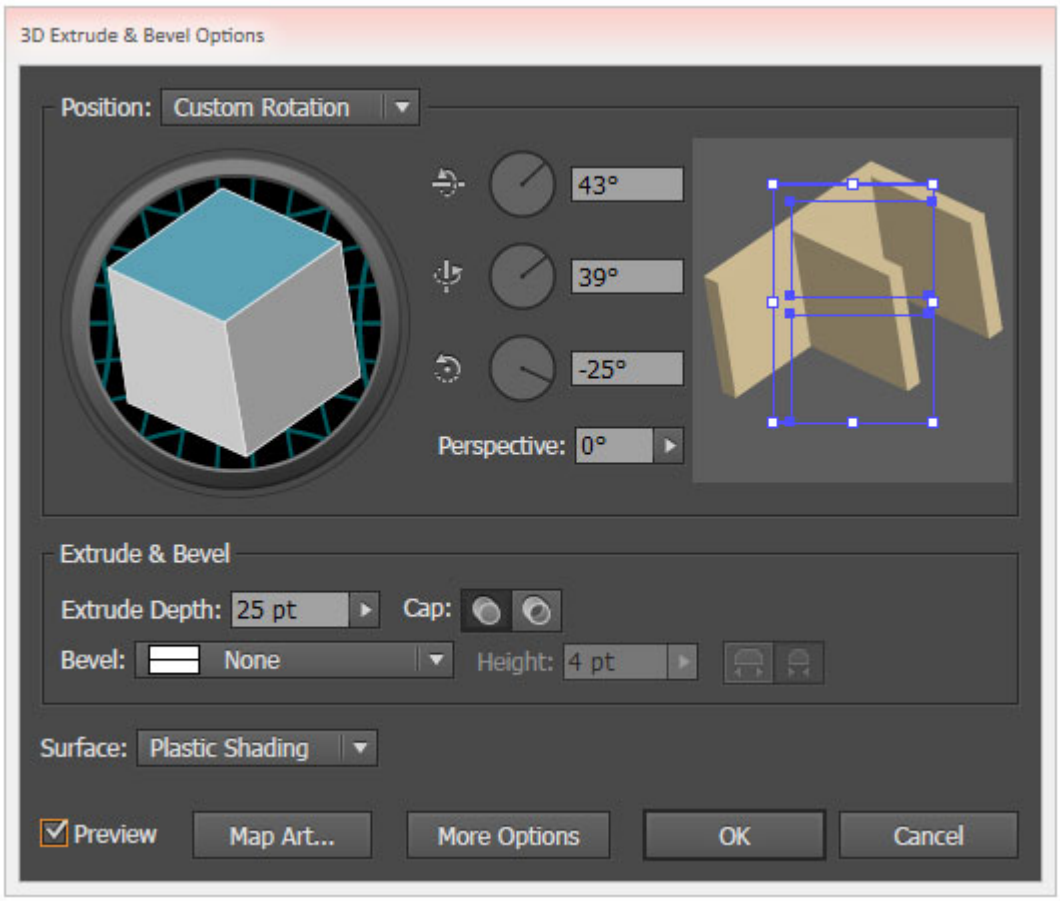


Step 7

For the rest of your knocked over 3d vector text letters, the following attributes in **3D Extrude & Bevel Options** will be

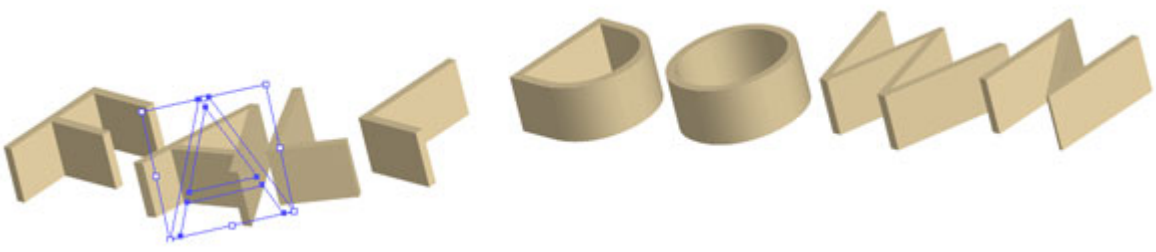
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- **X-Axis:** 43°
- **Y-Axis:** 39°
- **Z-Axis:**-25°
- **Extrude Depth:** 25 pt
- **Surface:** Plastic Shading



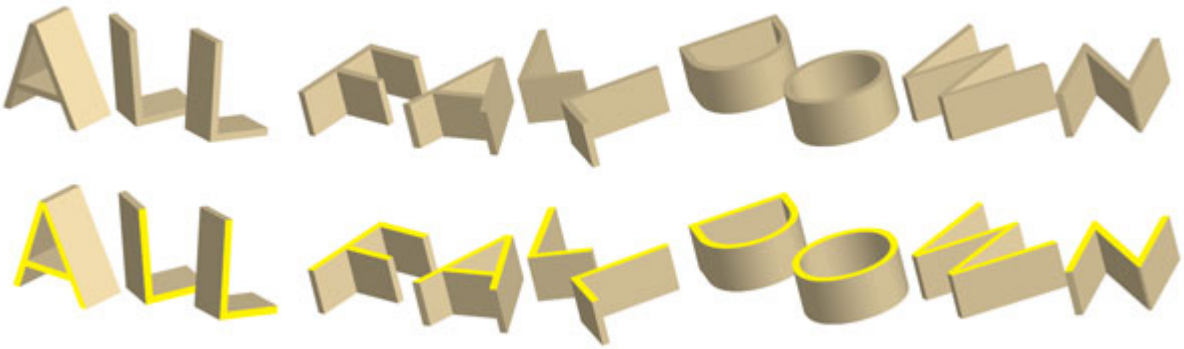
Step 8

Adjust the placement and angle of each letter so they look as though they’re scattered around the same table or surface.



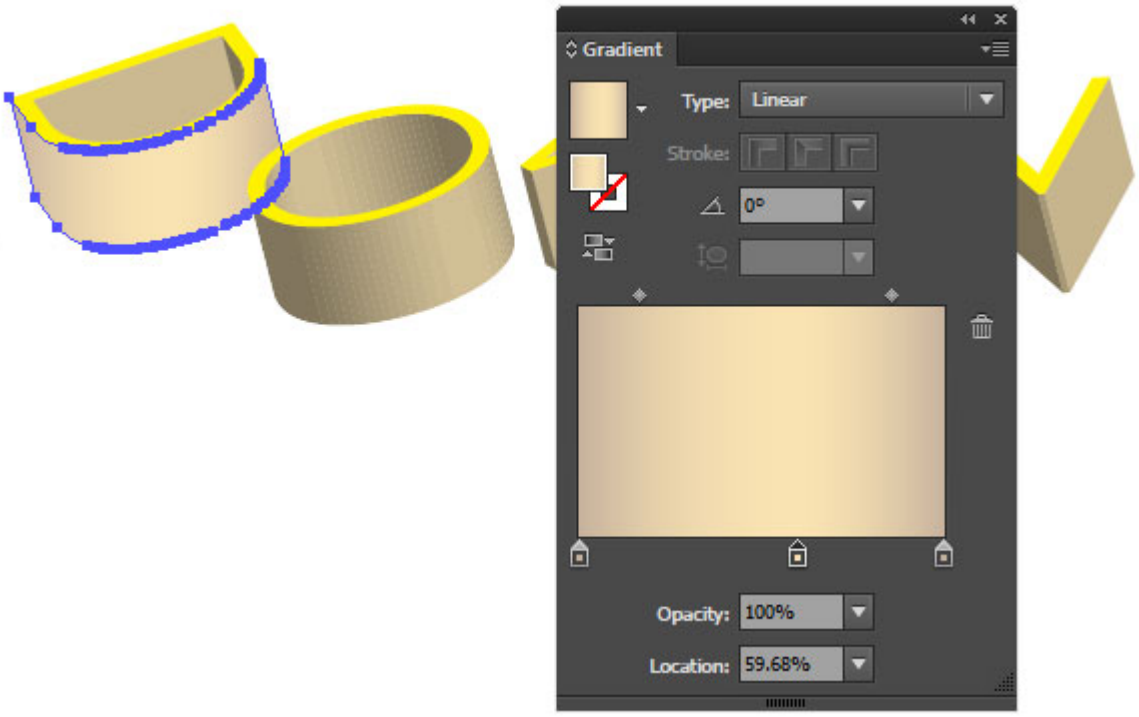
Step 9

Going letter by letter, make sure that each 3d vector text letter is **Expanded** under **Object**. Then, make sure that each plane within each letter has been **United** in the **Pathfinder** panel. Choose a bright color for the front face of each letter. I chose a bright sunny yellow.



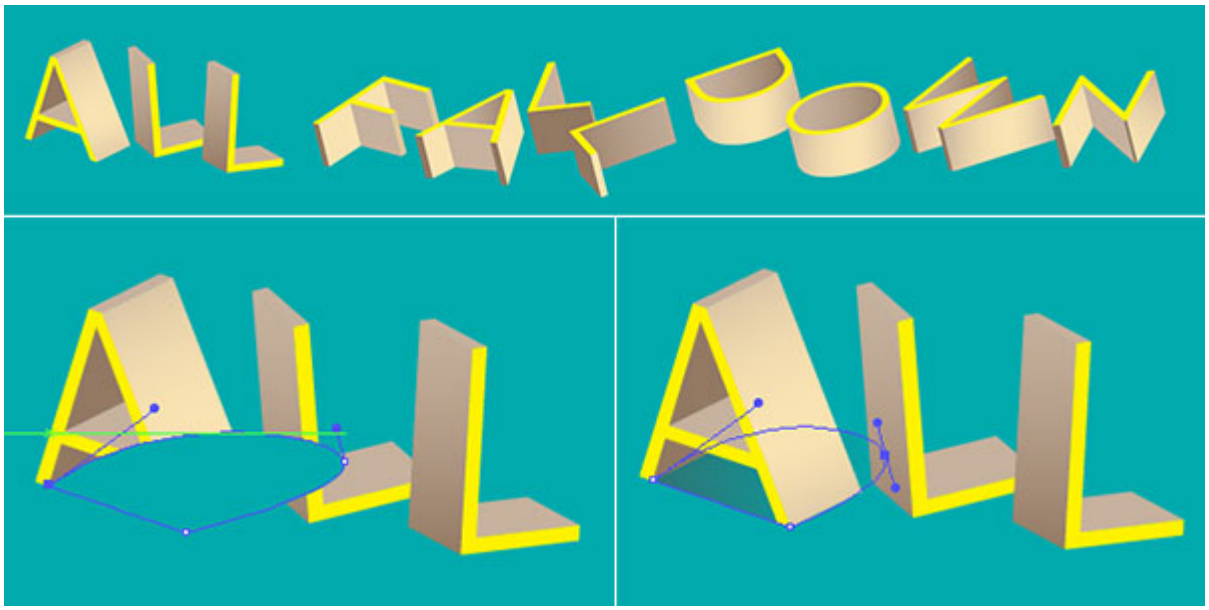
Step 10

Vary the tone of each plane. Rounded sections benefit from **Linear Gradients** applied with the **Gradient Tool (G)** and adjusted within the **Gradient** panel. I started with the tones created with the effect and adjusted them with my palette noted earlier within the tutorial. You want each plane and each gradient to be clean and smooth.



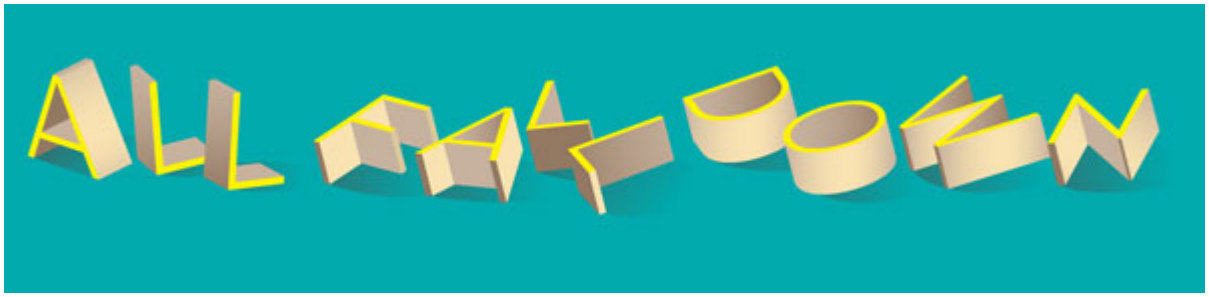
Step 11

Once you've adjusted the colors and gradients of each 3d vector text letter, use the **Pen Tool** to draw shadow shapes beneath some of, or even each of, the letters. Set the gradient to your background color and a darker shade of that color (I chose teal and dark teal). Adjust the gradient's angle with the **Gradient Tool** so the shadow's darkest part is beneath the letter and moves outward in accordance with the lighting of your overall piece.



Conclusion: Knocked Over 3D Vector Text Effect

Well done you! Now you've got the tools and techniaues to create an assortment of knocked over 3D vector text letters scattered across your screen. Share your results in the comment section below and stay tuned for more fantastic tutorials.



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