



Create realistic

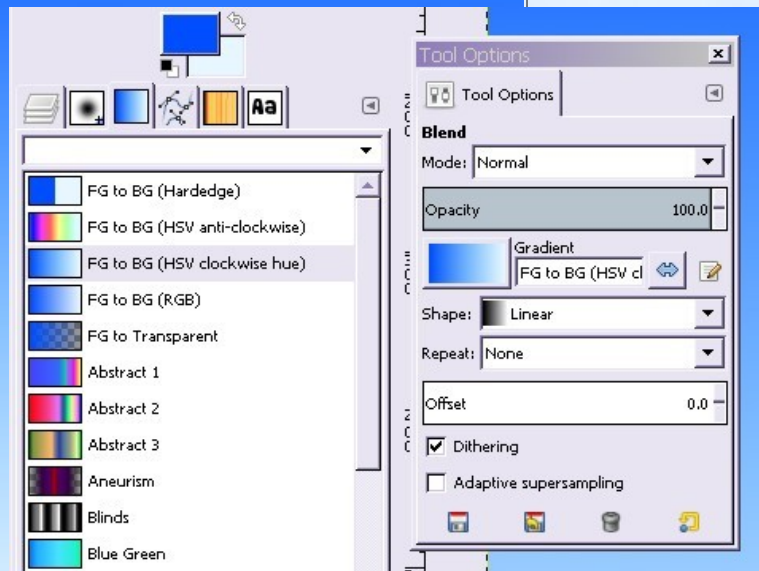


from text!

In this tutorial i will show you how to create a realistic transparent balloons text with strong reflections. This is not for beginners!

Start with a new document 1024x768 and fill it with a linear gradient.

Colors: html: 004eff to e7f6ff



Now write your word.

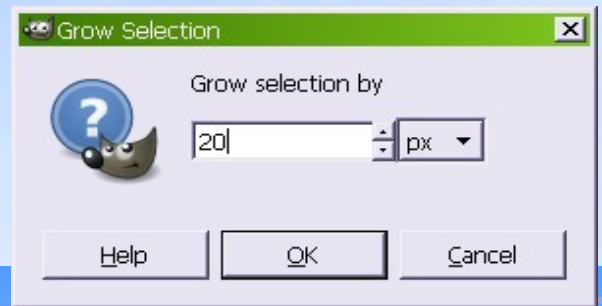
Font: Cookies 140pt color: Black

Add a space between letters!

B A L L O O N S

Layer to image size and alpha to selection.

Grow selection by 20px

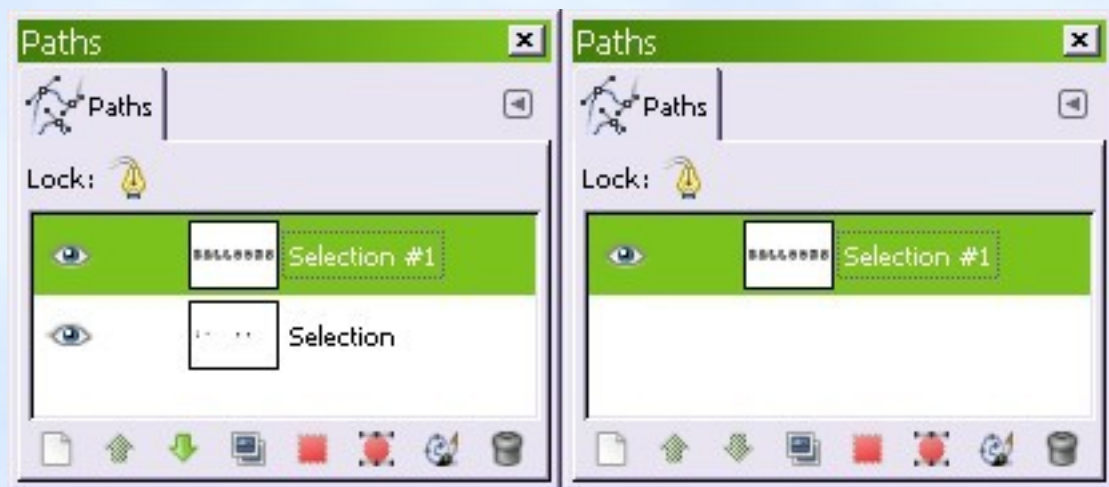


Selection to Path

Now select the holes inside the letters with fuzzy select tool while holding the ctr-key. Selection to Path



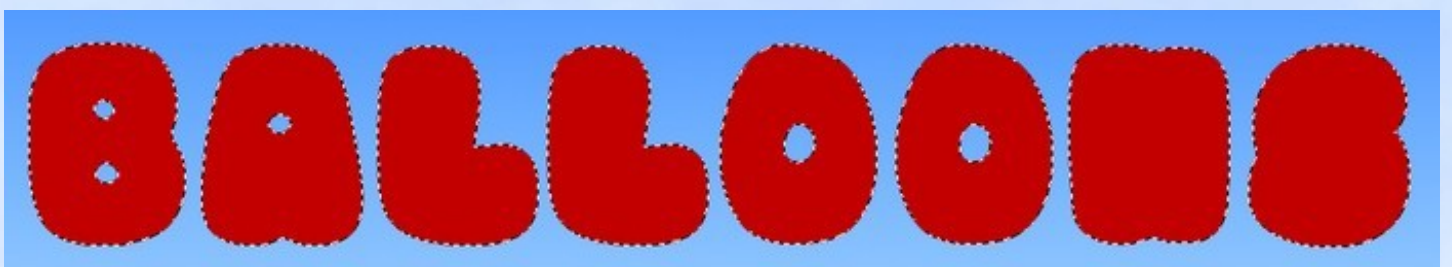
Now we have two paths. Merge visible paths in the path menu:



Create a new transparent layer. Selection from path -> fill it with black
Rename it to **Blur** layer and keep the selection.

Create another new layer and fill it with Red -> c20000

Rename this layer to **Balloons**



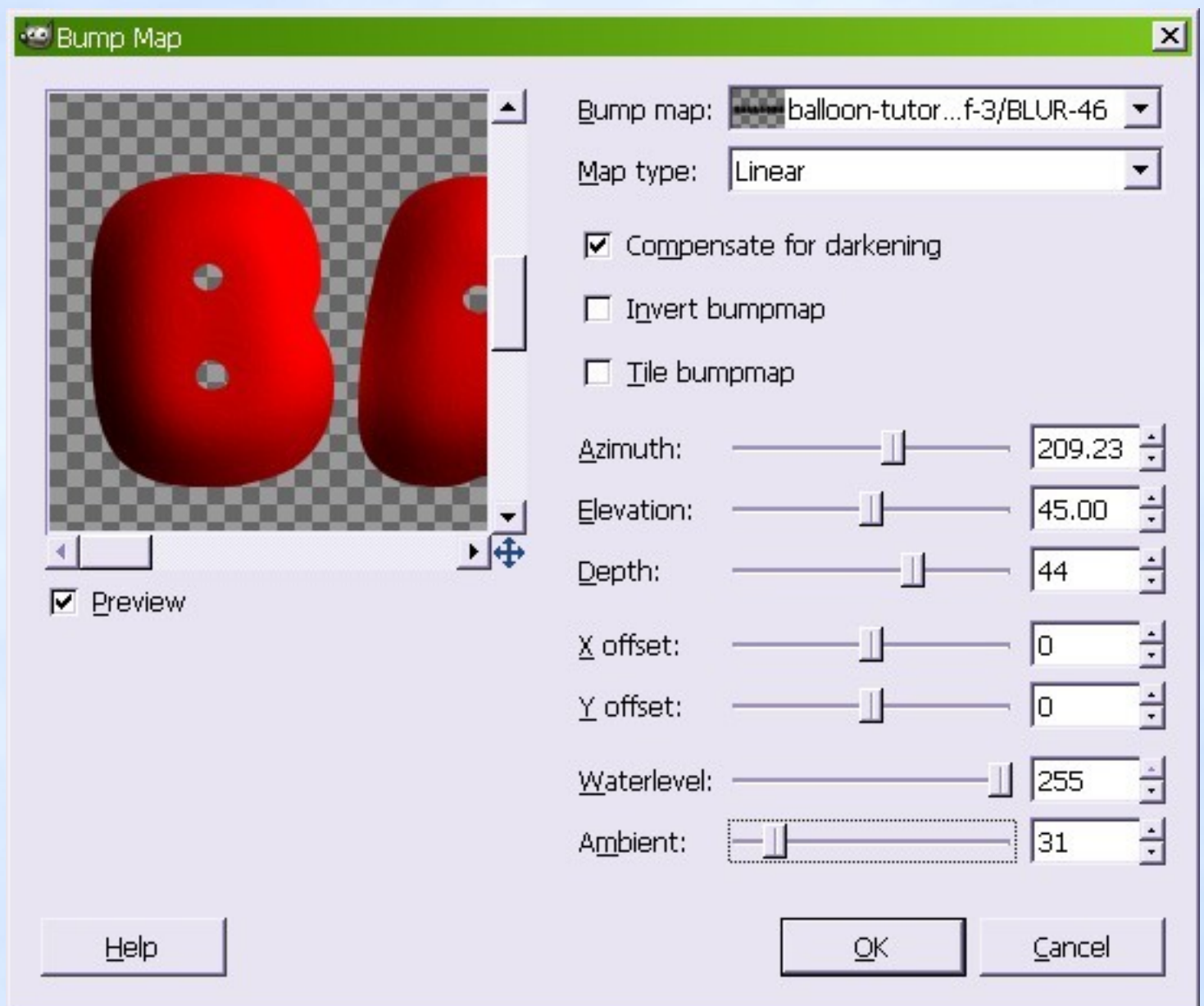
Add gaussian blur on the **Blur** layer: 60px

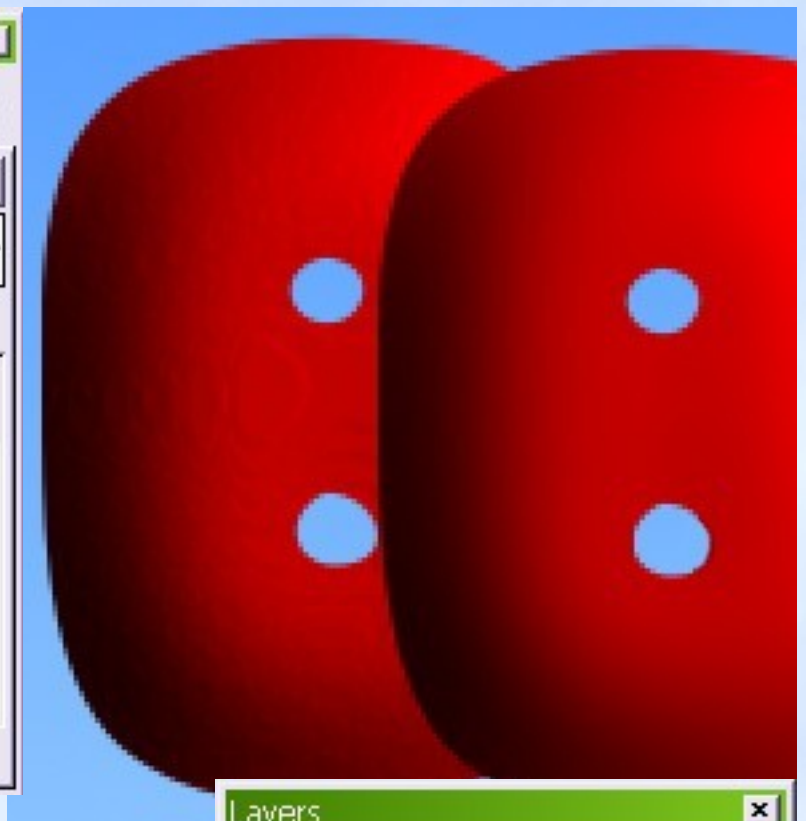
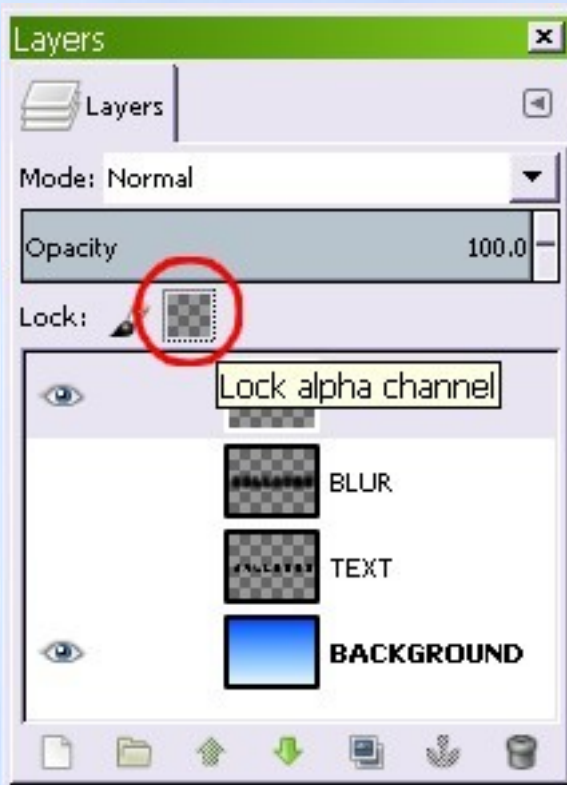


Go to the **Balloons**-layer and add map > Bumpmap

Use the **Blur**-layer to bump

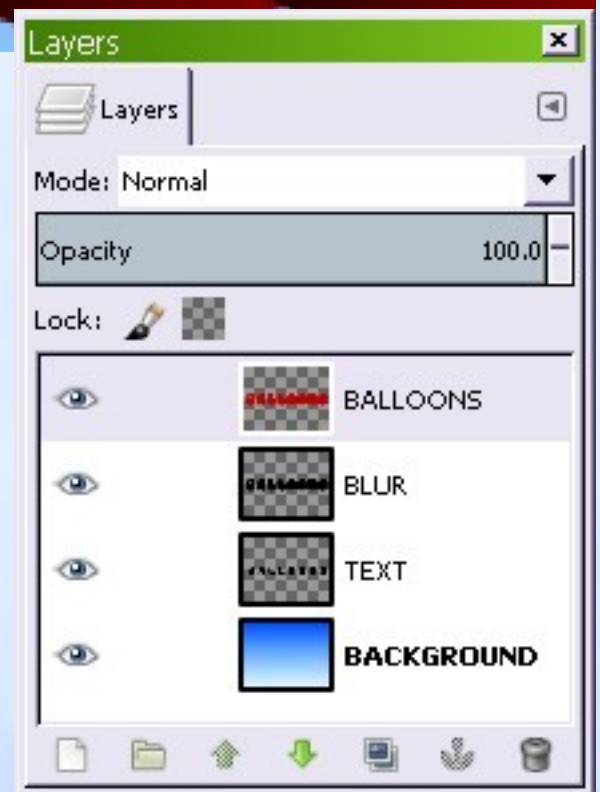
Lock the alpha channel and smooth it using gaussian blur: 10px





For overview, your layers are these now:

Go to **Balloons**-layer and select from path



Shrink selection 15px.

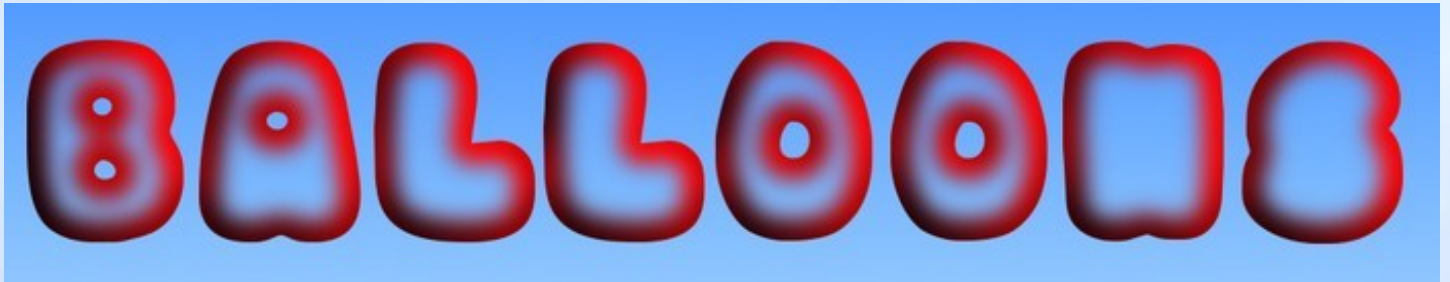


Add layer **mask** and switch to it.

Fill selection with black

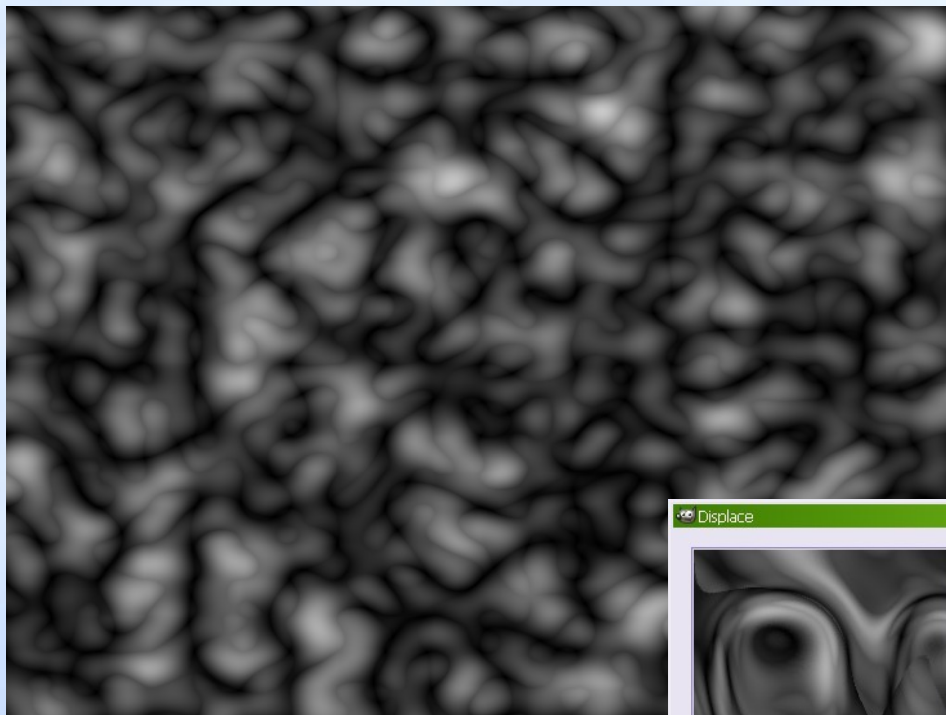


Add gaussian blur **25px** and it should look like this:

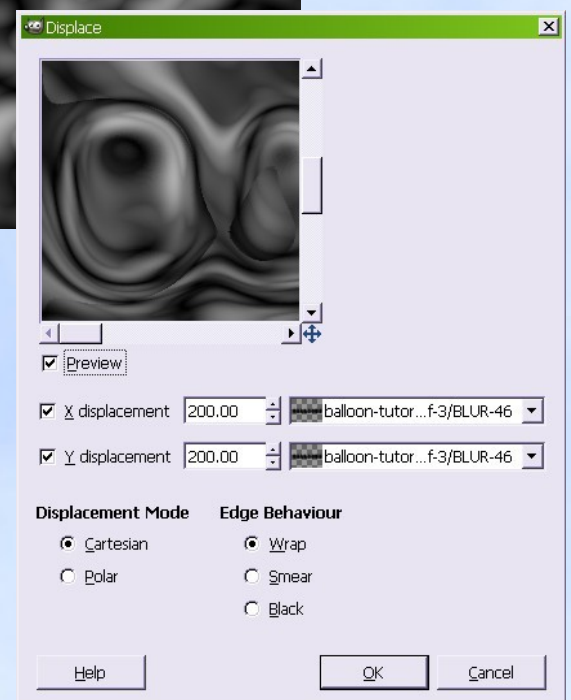


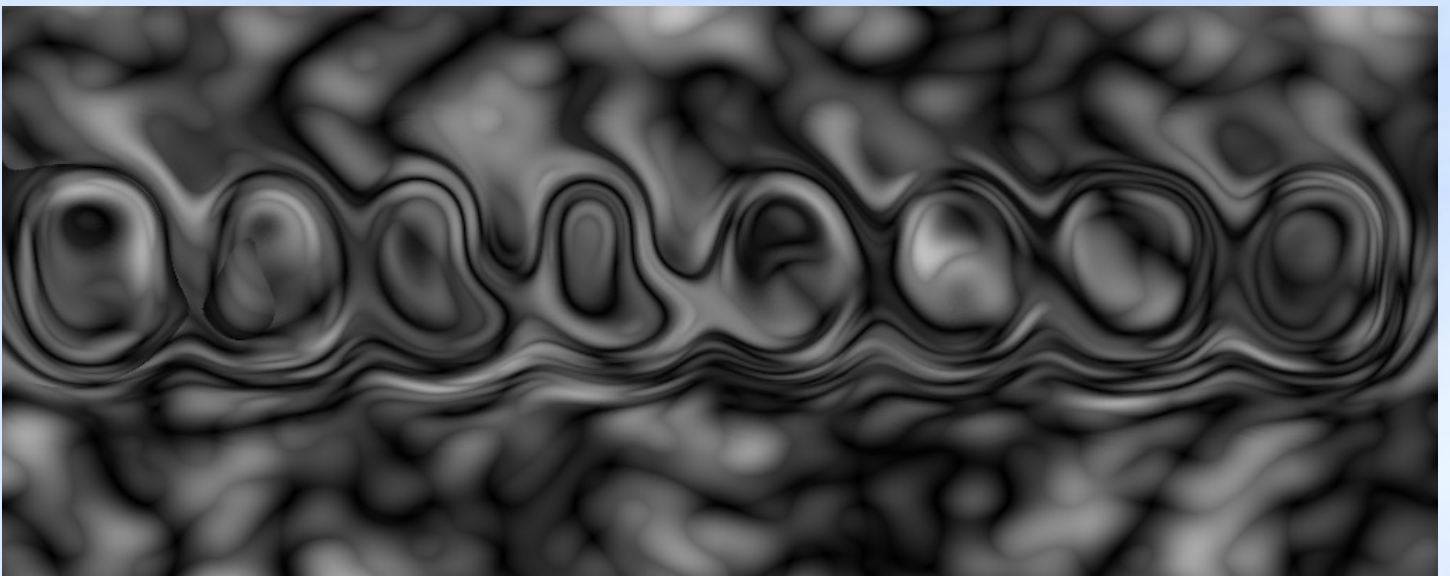
Create new layer and rename it "**Reflections**",

Render>clouds>solid noise **x:10px y:10px** Turbulence:



Use map>displace> use the **Blur** layer:
x:200 y:200

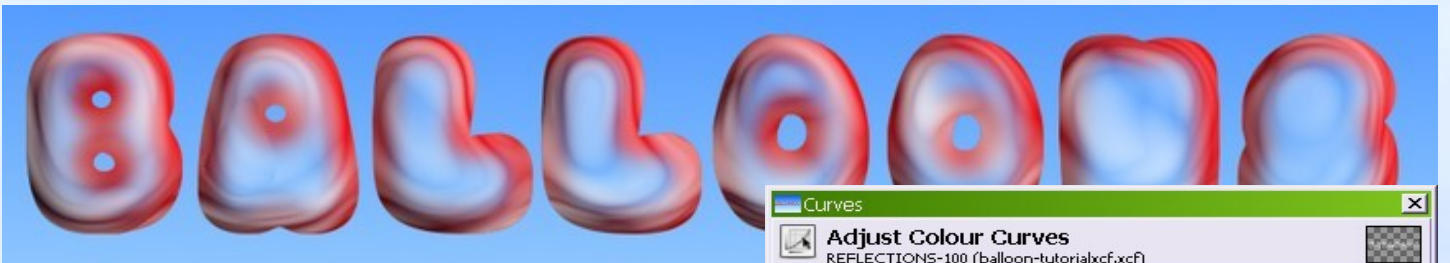




Selection from path, invert selection (ctr+i) > delete

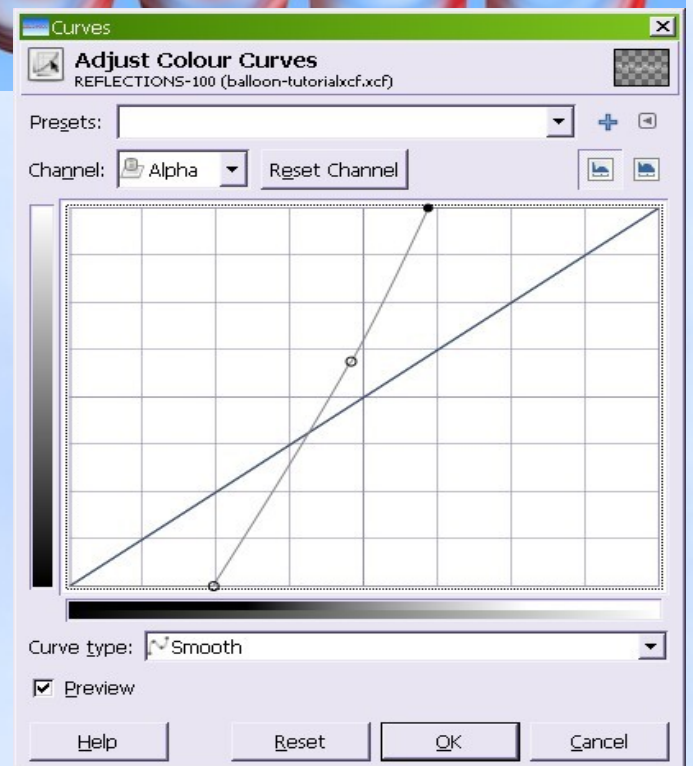


Add color to alpha (black):



Go to the curves menu and adjust the alpha curve:

Reflections layer opacity 20%



Create an other layer with these clouds x:15px y:15px

Rename it "**Reflections2**"

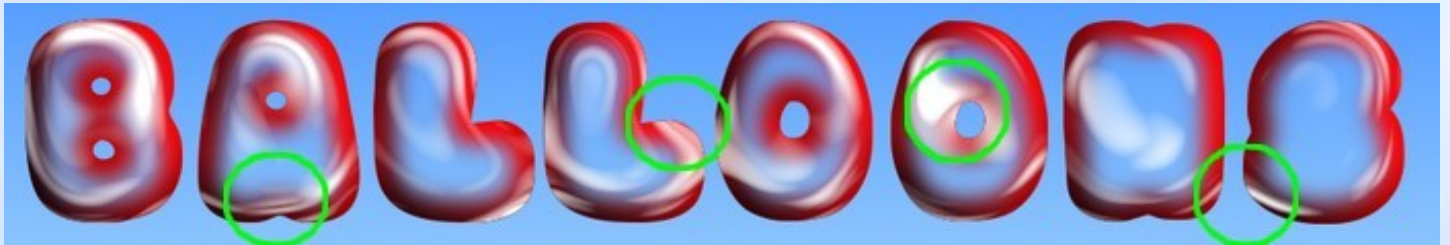
Map>displace> use the **Blur** layer again x:200 y:200

Selection from path invert ctr+i >delete

Color to alpha (black) and curves (like the last)

Reflection2 layer opacity 40%.

You can erase some parts of the two reflection layers:



If you are ready, turn off the background.

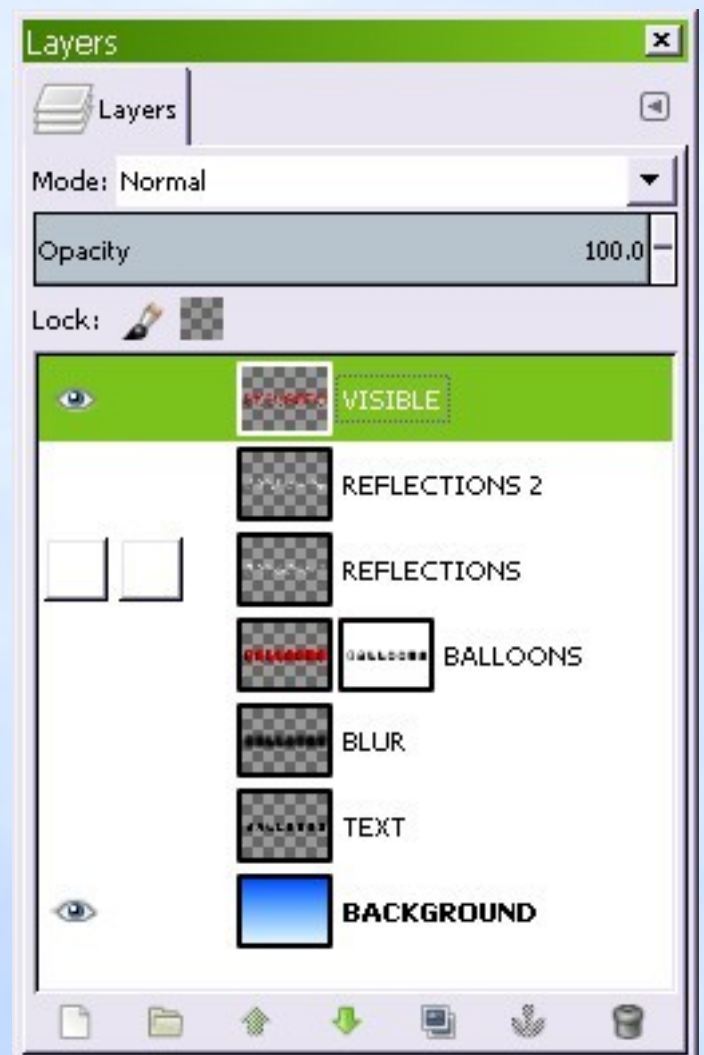
New from Visible

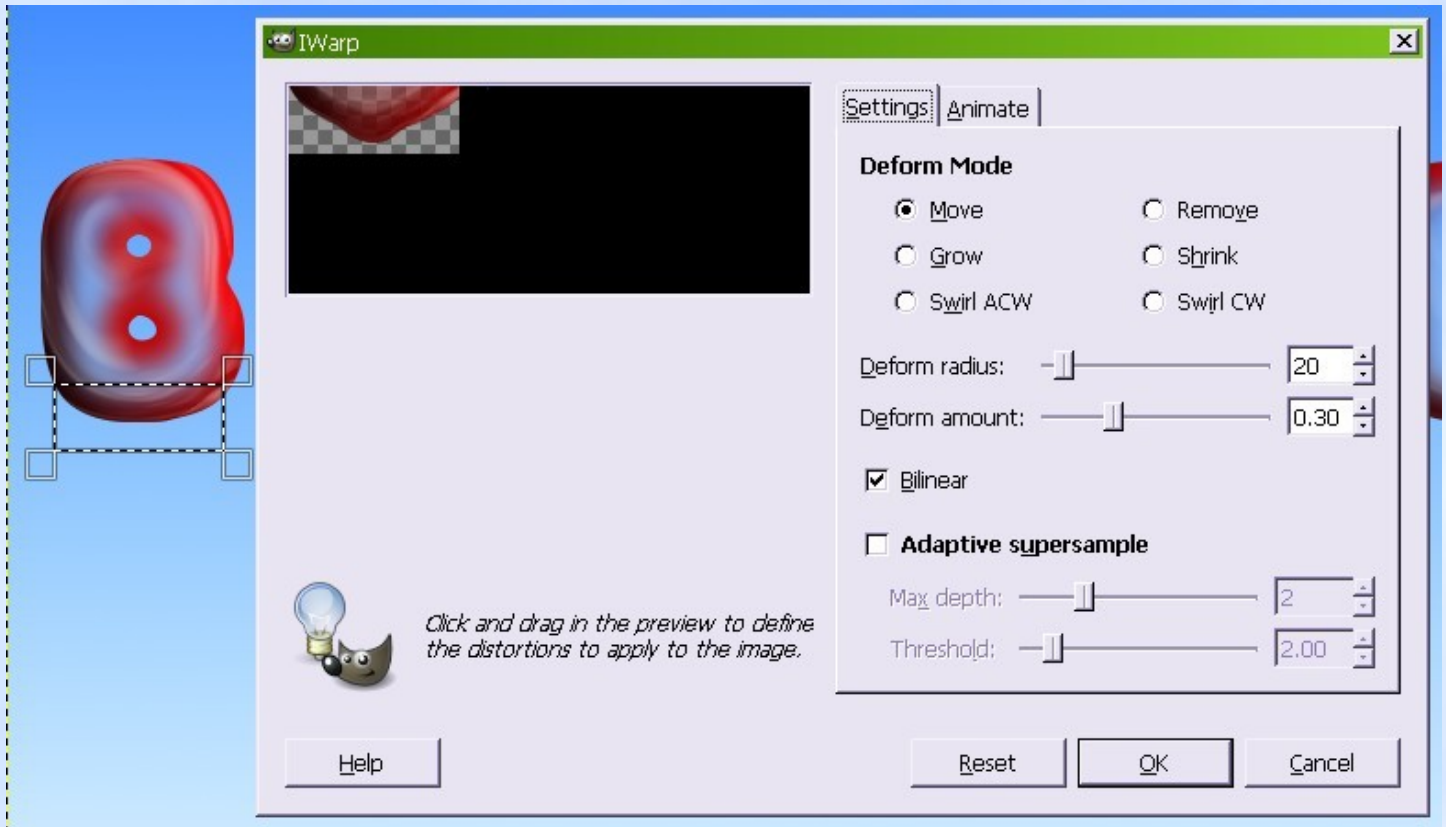
Layer overview now: ->

Go to **Visible** layer and select
bottom part of the first letter
use **iwarp**

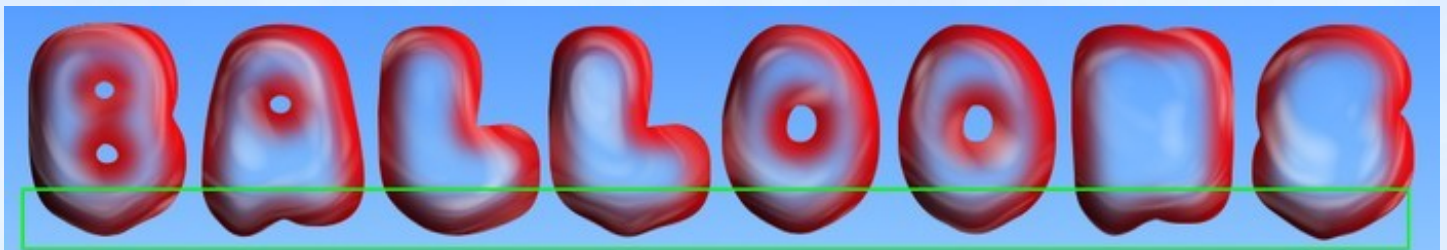
(Filter > Distorts > iwarp)

Move a little part down:





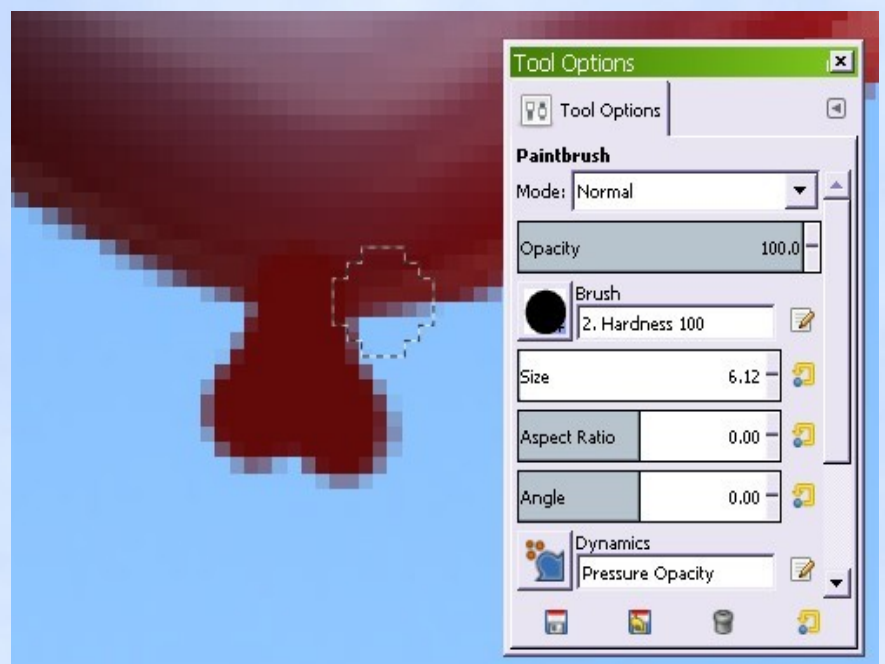
Same for all other letters! The balloons should look like this now:



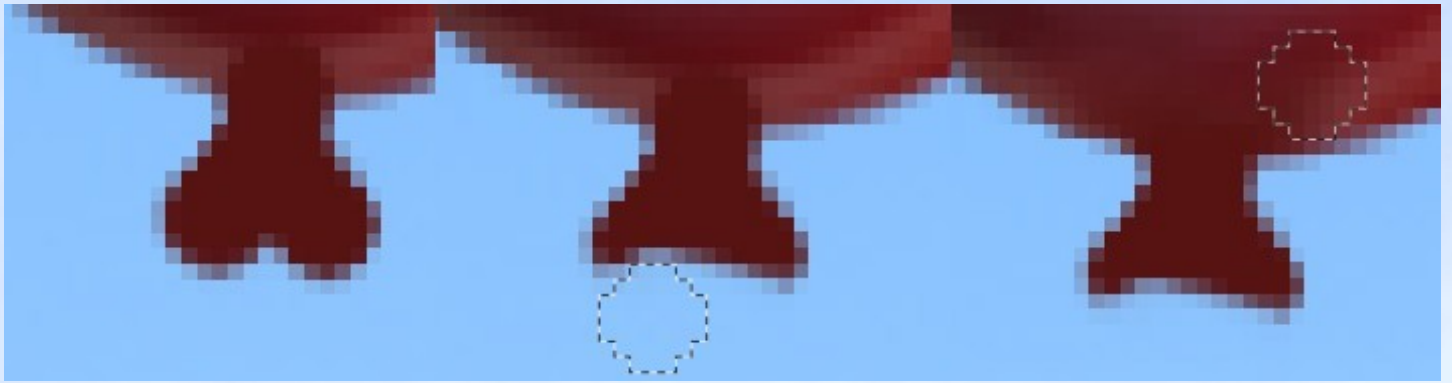
Let`s paint a little bit.
Zoom to the bottom of
the first letter and pick
the color.

(color picker tool)

Paint the knots with the
actual color now:



Erase and smudge some parts.:



Paint one knot for every balloon!

Now we want to have every letter/balloon on own layer.

Cut the balloons out (ctr+x) from the VISIBLE layer and paste from the clipboard as a new layer.

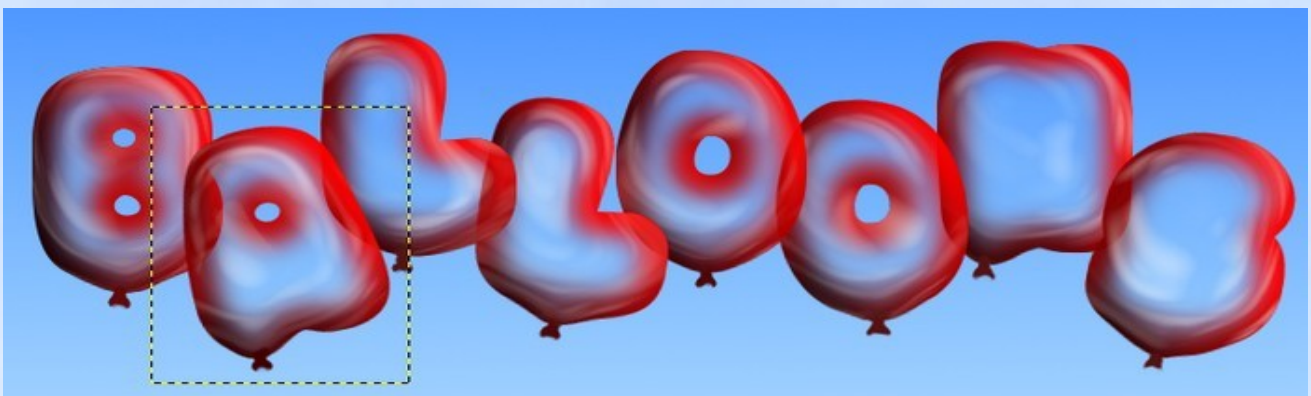
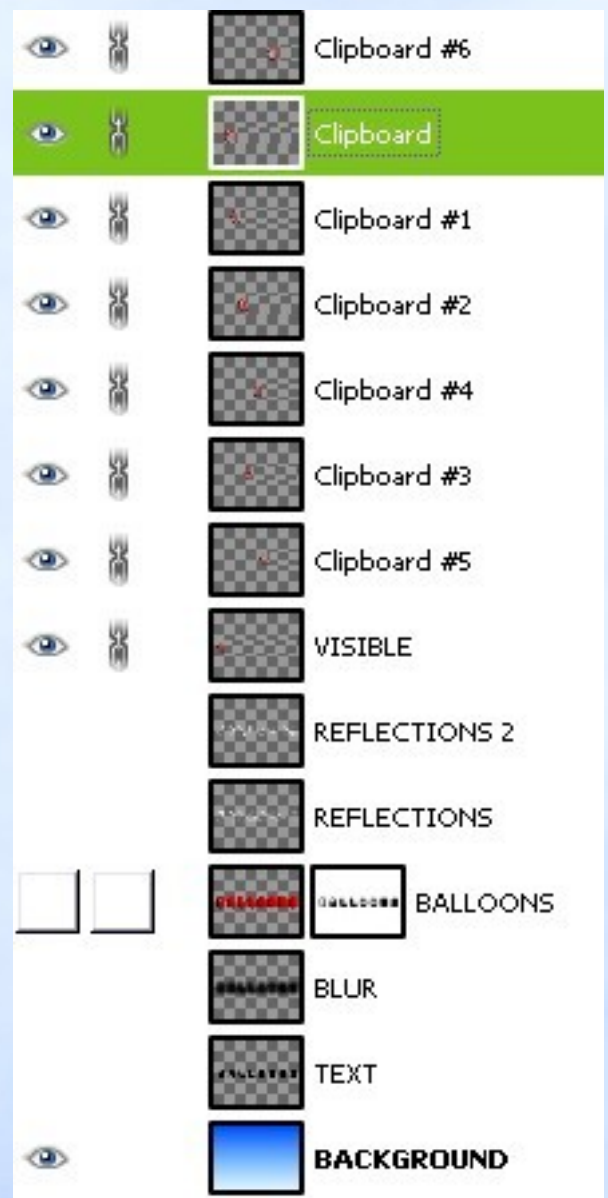
You should have now 8 clipboard-layers. (for the word balloon) ->

Autocrop this layers.

You can arrange the letters how you like.

Some of it could be a little bit rotate.

Lock all clipboard-layers and move it together to the middle of the canvas.



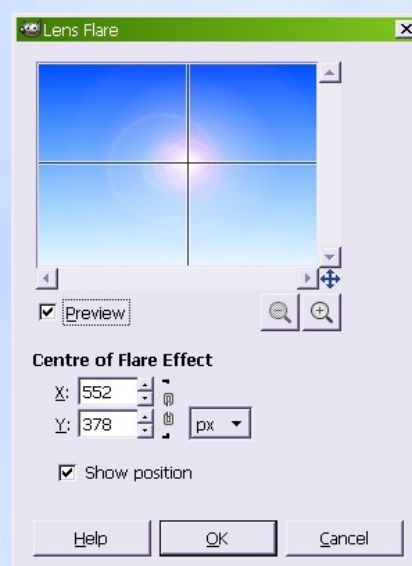
Create a new layer behind the letters.

Paint with the brush **hardness 075** color white size **1px** some stripes from the knots to the bottom of the canvas:

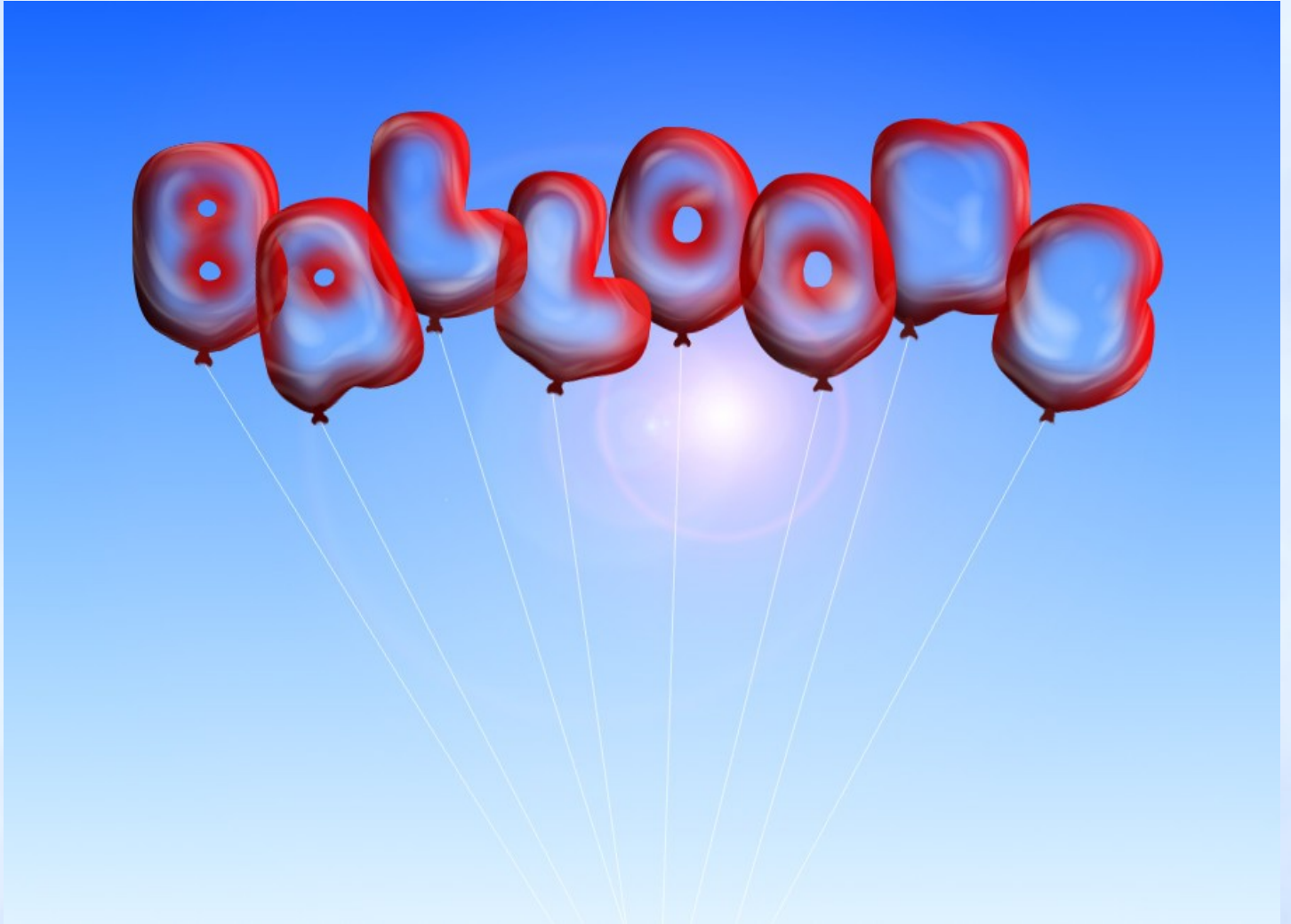
(click once on the knot and hold ctr to get a straight line)



Go to the background and add lens flare to it.



Now the balloon typo illustration is ready!
Congrats!



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