



1. create your canvas, mine is 800x550 #3e3e3e
2. type your text, i used the font 'akaDora' 230px  
(get it here: <http://www.fontspace.com/akatype/akadora>)

# Arabian Nights

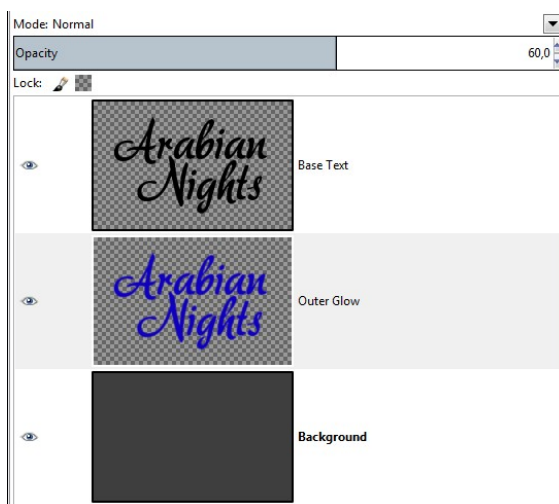
3. alpha select your text and save it to a channel for future use

4. we will start with an **Outer Glow**

create a new transparent layer, put it under the base text and fill the alpha selected text with blue #1000c0

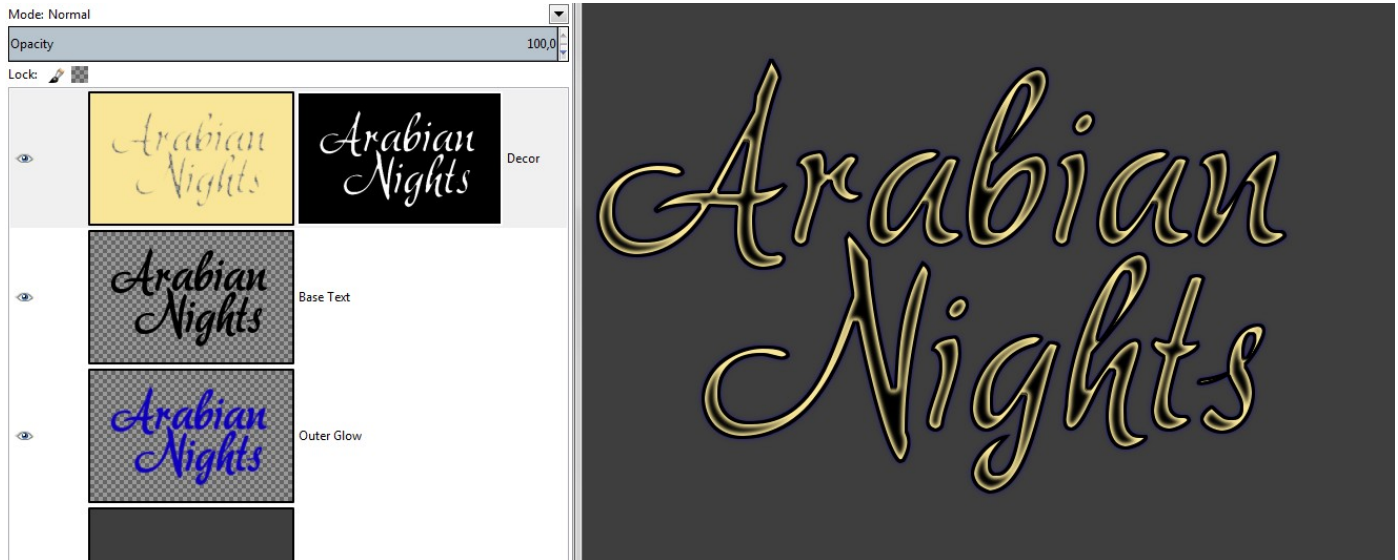
deselect and Gaussian Blur by 5

reduce Opacity to 43%



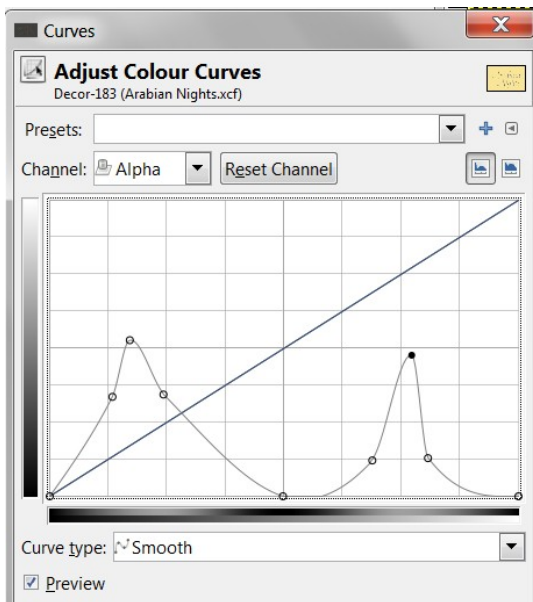
5. next the **Decor** bit

this is an **Inner Glow** with a twist  
create a new transparent layer on top of your base text  
activate Channel to Selection  
Shrink: 6  
Invert  
fill with yellow #f9e698  
Deselect and Gaussian Blur by 5  
activate Channel to Selection again  
Shrink by 3 (!)  
apply layermask from Selection



to get the arabesque-esque shape we will apply a Contour  
use 'Sawtooth' but narrow the top of the pyramid shape from both sides a bit until you are satisfied

if you dont understand Contours, go to this thread and study it first:  
<http://gimpchat.com/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=6518>



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## 6. next a **Highlight**

create a new transparent layer on top of the Base Text

activate Channel to Selection

fill with white

activate the Move Tool and set it to 'Selection'

offset the selection, then hit delete

this is the same technique as you learned in my „Glossy Text“ tutorial

<http://gimpchat.com/viewtopic.php?f=23&t=5808>

Gaussian Blur by 5 and reduce Opacity to 60%

activate 'Channel to Selection', Invert and Delete to get rid of all that's outside the text boundaries



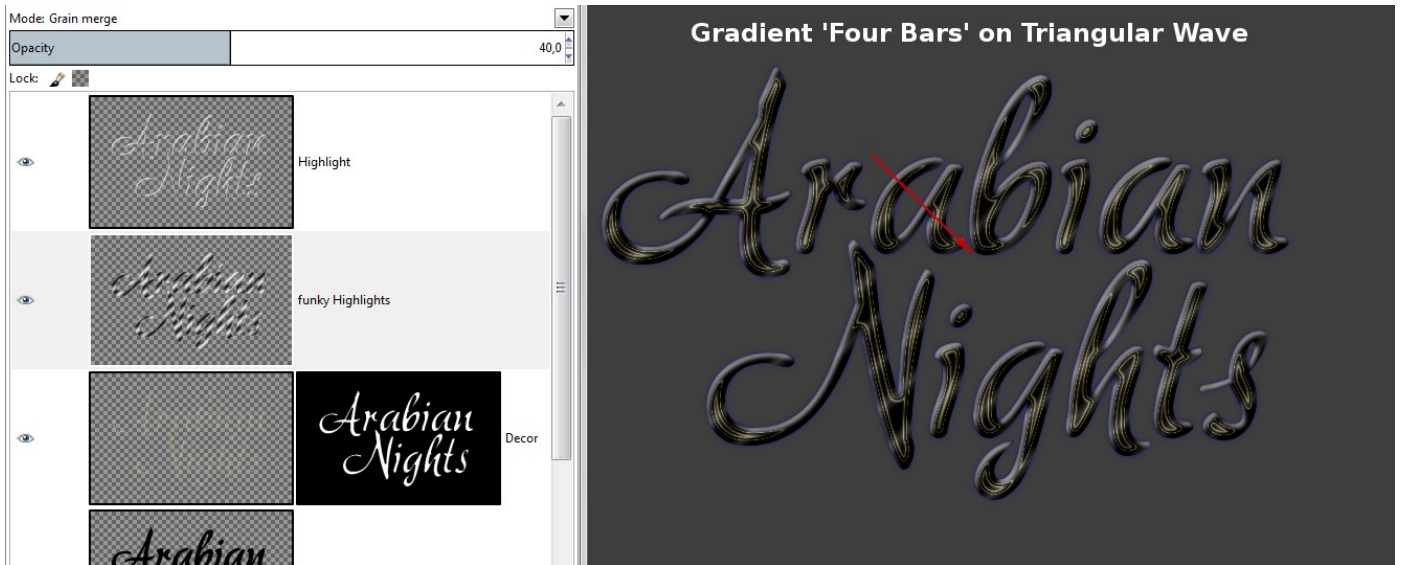
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## 7. for some **funky Highlights** create a new transparent layer on top of the Highlight Layer

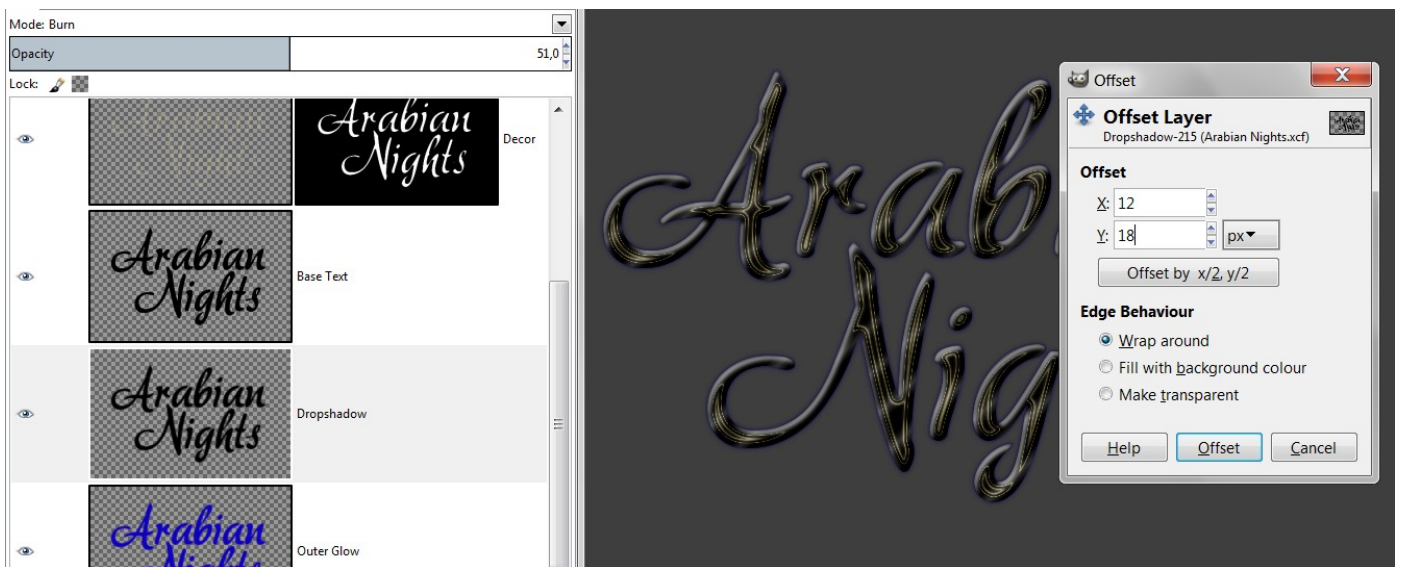
activate Channel to Selection

fill with the gradient 'Four Bars', set 'Repeat' to 'Triangular Wave' – the angle should be 45°

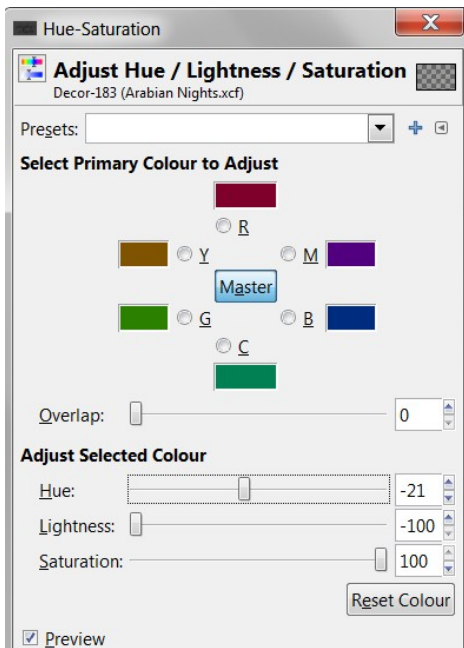
set Mode to 'Grain Merge' and reduce Opacity to 40%



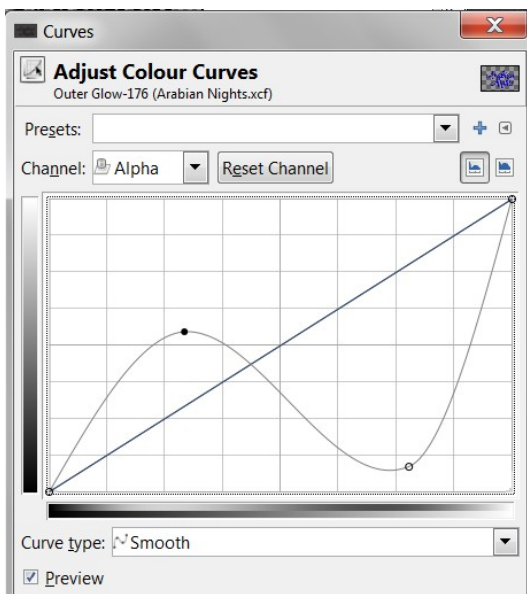
8. duplicate Base Text Layer for a Dropshadow (its already black 😊 )  
 Gaussian Blur by 5, set Mode to 'Burn' and Opacity to about 50%  
 Offset (Ctrl + O) by X:12, Y: 18



9. now some fine tuning:  
 change the colour of the Decor with your favorite method  
 i used 'Change Hue/Lighness/Saturation' with the following values, Colour-Curves is another option



10. add some RGB-Noise to the background Red/Green/Blue 0,04
11. apply a Contour to the Outer Glow



12. and you are done !



You can download the xcf-file, if you want to have a closer look at what i did.

**Attachments:**

 ['s Arabian Nights.rar](#) [827.56 KiB]  
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