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Self-Made Assignment - Adobe Illustrator

Gradients and Advanced Coloring



1. Set Up the Document

- Open Adobe Illustrator → File → New.
- Choose an A4 or 1080x1080 px artboard.
- Set the background color to dark navy blue (#0a0630) (use a rectangle covering the artboard and lock it).

2. Draw the Planet

- Select the Ellipse Tool (L) → hold Shift to make a perfect circle.
- Fill it with a radial gradient:
- Inner color: light purple (#ff4fff)
- Outer color: dark violet (#6a00b9).
- Apply Transparency → Screen or Overlay for glow effects.

3. Add Planet's Surface (Water/Waves)

- Use the Pen Tool (P) to draw wavy shapes inside the planet (like the blue curves in your image).
- Fill them with a linear gradient (light blue → aqua).
- Use Opacity Mask if you want blending inside the planet.

4. Create the Planet's Ring

- Draw another ellipse slightly bigger than the planet.
- Set the stroke color to pink/purple gradient.
- Adjust thickness using Stroke panel.
- Use Eraser Tool (Shift+E) or Scissors Tool (C) to cut the ellipse so it looks like it passes behind the planet.

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5. Add Glow and Shine

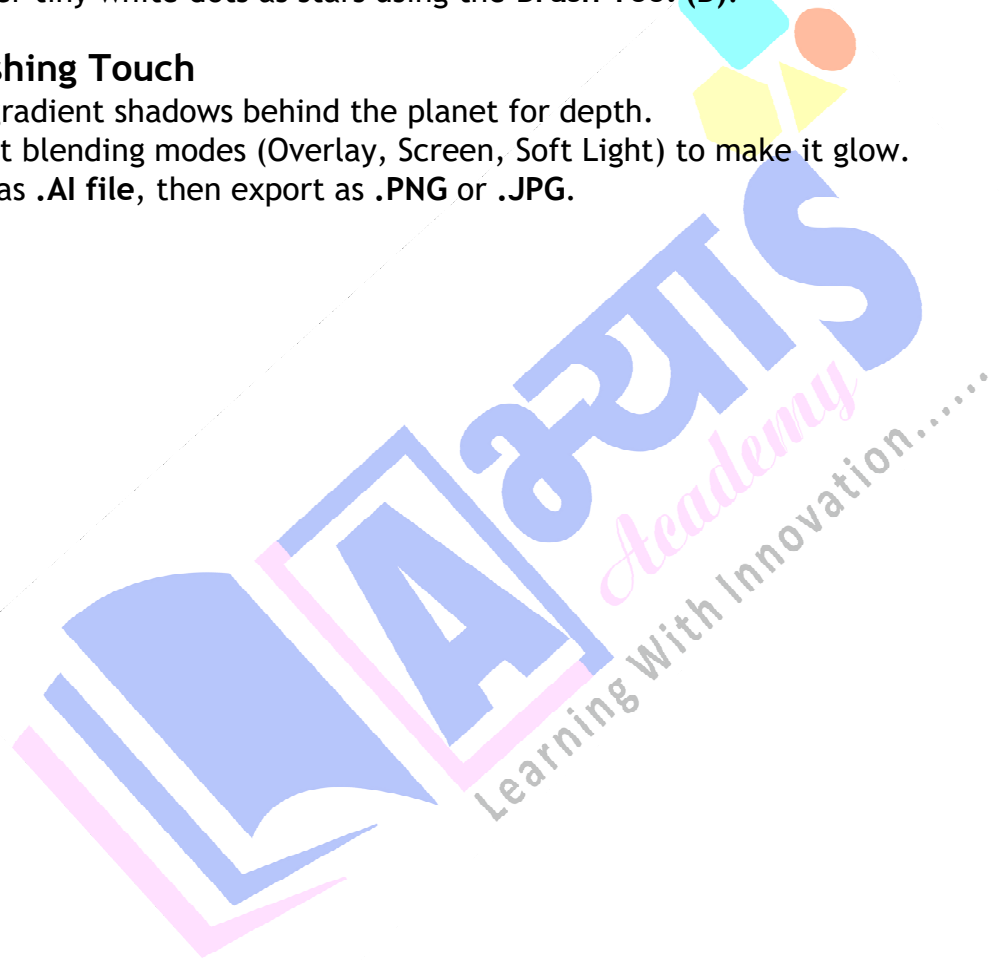
- Use the **Ellipse Tool (L)** again to draw small circles for highlights (white or light purple).
- Set them to **Transparency** → **Screen**.
- Add a **blur effect**: Effect → Blur → Gaussian Blur.

6. Add Smaller Planets / Stars

- Create multiple small ellipses (yellow, orange, blue).
- Apply **Outer Glow** (Effect → Stylize → Outer Glow) with matching colors.
- Scatter tiny white dots as stars using the **Brush Tool (B)**.

7. Finishing Touch

- Add gradient shadows behind the planet for depth.
- Adjust blending modes (Overlay, Screen, Soft Light) to make it glow.
- Save as **.AI file**, then export as **.PNG** or **.JPG**.



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