

# Create Your Own Molten Planet

## Create the Planet

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**Step 1:** Create a new document: 600x600 pixels, white background. Then, create a new layer, name it “**Planet**”. Save the documents as a Photoshop .PSD file. Name it “**Panet.psd**”.

**Step 2:** Choose your **Ellipse Tool**, default colors, set the option to **Pixels**. While holding down shift, create a circle about 2/3 the size of your document. It should be filled with black.

**Step 3:** Then go to **Filter > Render > Difference Clouds**. Reapply the filter two or three more times.

**Step 4:** Go to **Image > Adjustments > Levels** and set the levels to approximately:

- Shadows: 0
- Midtones: 1.06
- Highlights: 190

**Step 5:** Then go to **Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask** and give the settings of:

- Amount: 475%
- Radius: 3
- Threshold: 14

**Step 6:** Then apply the Spherize filter (**Filter > Distort > Spherize**) with an amount of 100% and then again with an amount of 50%.

**Step 7:** Open up your Color Balance **Image > Adjustments > Color Balance**. Give the following settings for each of the items:

- Shadows: [+100] [0] [-100]
- Midtones: [+100] [0] [-100]
- Highlights: [+70] [0] [-15]

**Step 8:** Use the Unsharp Mask Filter again only this time set the amount to about 300% and Threshold to 15. (**Filter > Sharpen > Unsharp Mask**)

## Add Background Stars

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**Step 9:** Expand the canvas to 800x800 (**Image > Canvas Size**), keeping the planet in the center. Fill the background with Black (**Edit > Fill**). Unlock the background.

**Step 10:** (Background layer) Go to **Filter > Noise > Add Noise**. Give the following Settings:

- Amount: 20%
- Distribution: Gaussian
- Monochromatic: Checked.

**Step 11:** Duplicate the Background Layer and set the **Blending mode** in the duplicated layer to **Overlay**.

**Step 12:** In the duplicated layer, go to **Image > Adjustments > Brightness/Contrast**. Increase or decrease the brightness/contrast to control the visibility of the stars.

## Make it Glow

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**Step 13:** Select the Planet Layer (**Layer > Layer Style > Blending Options**) Selection: **Outer Glow**.

Approximate the following Blending Options:

- Blend Mode: Screen
- Opacity: 75%
- Noise: 0
- Spread: 10
- Size: 80
- Choose a Glow color

**Step 14:** Save your PSD document.

**Step 15:** Save for Web. Choose File > Save for Web and Devices. Select the 2-up tab. Under file options choose JPG. Select a compression option, save the JPG as planet.jpg.

