

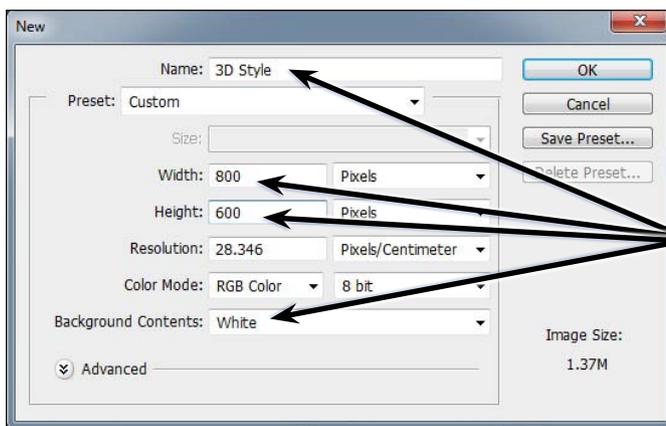
Creating 3D Styles

You can set accurate three-dimensional styles and effects on a object then save those effects as a STYLE so that they can be applied to other objects and text. The process involves gradually adding styles to the shape until a realistic 3D look is obtained. In this case the following gold crown will be created and the styles used to produce it saved.



Starting a New Document

- 1 Load Photoshop or close the current files then display the FILE menu and select NEW.

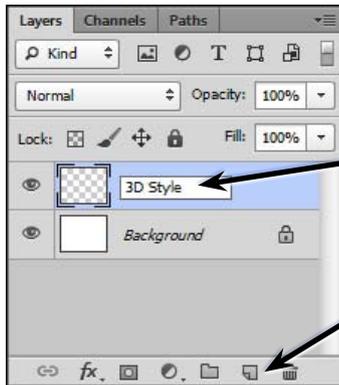


2 Set the NAME of the document to 3D STYLE, the WIDTH to 800 pixels, the HEIGHT to 600 pixels and the BACKGROUND CONTENTS to WHITE.

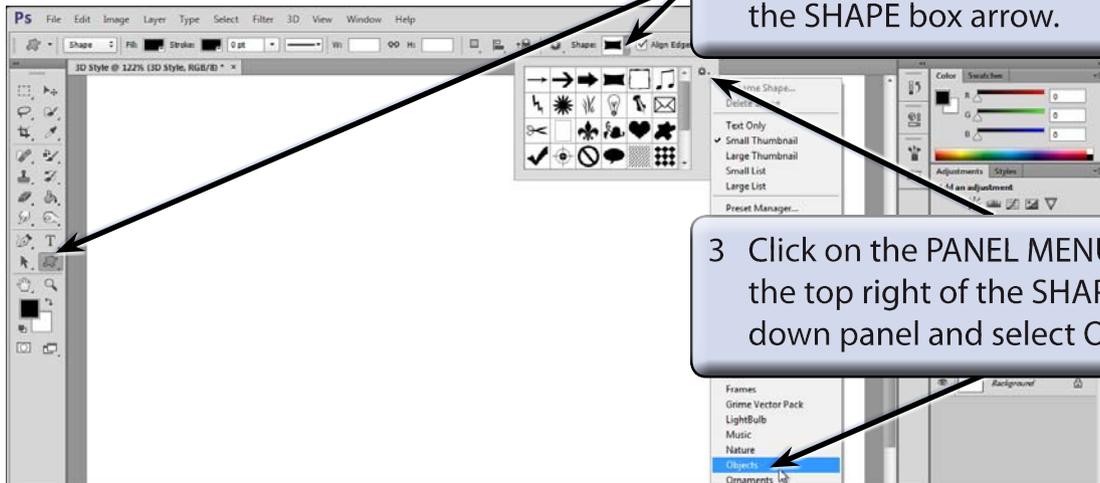
- 3 Select OK to start the document and check that the screen is set to the ESSENTIALS workspace.

Drawing the Custom Shape

One of Photoshop's custom shapes will be used to create the object, although you could use the FREEFORM PEN TOOL to create your own shape. It is best to use a shape with a few curves or circles so that you can more easily view the 3D sections.

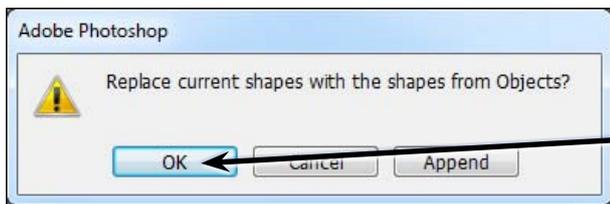


1 Create a NEW LAYER in the LAYERS panel and rename it:
3D Style

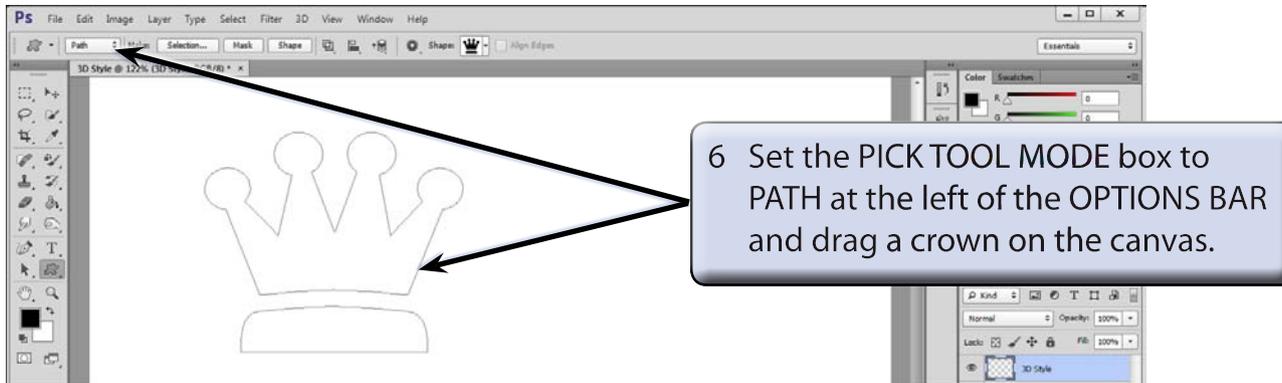
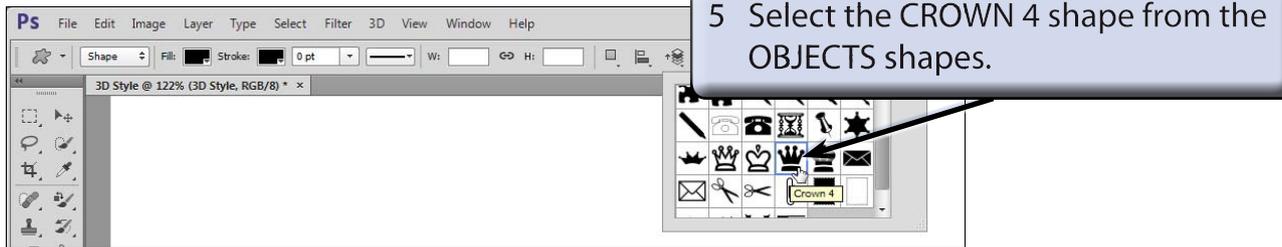


2 Select the CUSTOM SHAPES TOOL and, in the OPTIONS BAR, click on the SHAPE box arrow.

3 Click on the PANEL MENU ICON at the top right of the SHAPES pop-down panel and select OBJECTS.



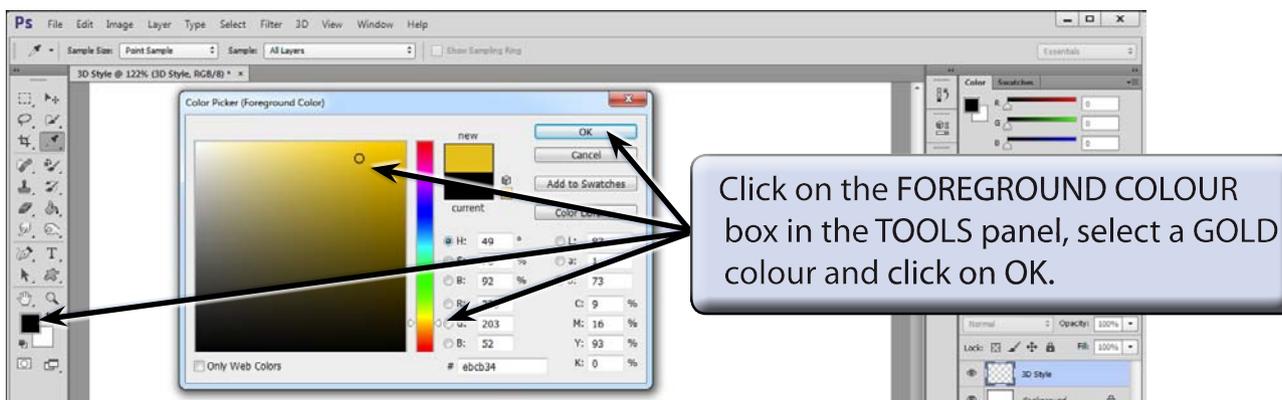
4 Select OK to replace the current shapes with the OBJECTS shapes.



NOTE: PATH needs to be selected in the PICK TOOL MODE box of the OPTIONS BAR so that just the outline of the shape is produced, not a filled shape.

Selecting the Colour

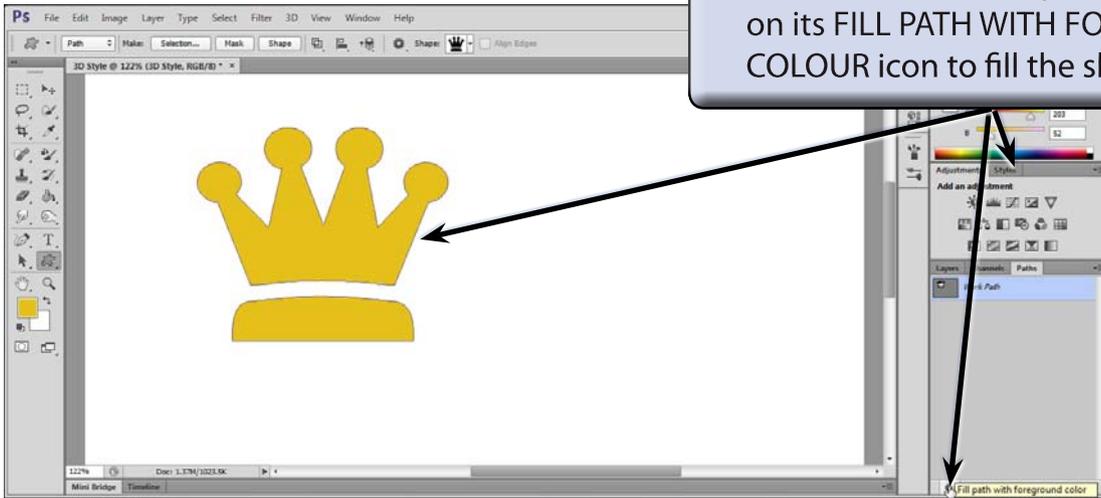
In this case a gold shade will be used to fill the crown then variations of the gold will be used to produce the three-dimensional effect.



Filling the Object

A solid object needs to be produced so that there is no black outline included in the shape. To achieve this, just the path of the object can be selected, the path filled then deleted, leaving just the filled object.

1 Open the PATHS panel which is in the LAYERS panel group (or use the WINDOW menu to open it) and click on its FILL PATH WITH FOREGROUND COLOUR icon to fill the shape.



2 The path can now be deleted so that the shape is just a solid object.

3 Click on the DELETE CURRENT PATH icon at the base of the PATHS panel followed by YES to the warning dialogue box.

