

Cooler thing since drop shadows...

Reflections

Here's how to create a reflection of any photo or artwork.

- ☛ Place an image.
- ☛ Copy the artwork.
- ☛ Choose Edit>Paste in Place to paste it right back on top of itself.
- ☛ Select the new copied artwork with the Selection tool.
- ☛ Hold down the Command/Control key and drag the top middle handle down until the image inverts. Make sure the flipped version is about half the size of the original and don't hold down the shift key—we want the copy to be out of proportion.
- ☛ With the inverted copy selected, choose Object>Effects>Transparency.
- ☛ When the dialog box opens first choose Gradient Feather. Select Options>Linear and move the Angle direction to 90°.
- ☛ To finish up, Click Transparency again and drop the opacity of the entire photo/artwork down a little. Do it until it looks the way you want it. I chose 60%.
- ☛ If you think you need to change the reflection and make it longer or shorter, just grab the middle handle on the bottom, hold down Command/Control and drag up or down.
- ☛ Lastly, once you are done, you may want to choose both of the pieces and choose Object>Group.
- ☛ Another great idea would be to make the Transparency settings an Object Style if you were going to do this a bunch.

