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Adobe InDesign CS Adding Drop Shadows

Adobe InDesign CS allows you to add shadows to an object, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. Specifying the horizontal or vertical placement of the shadow are among some of the options you can choose from.

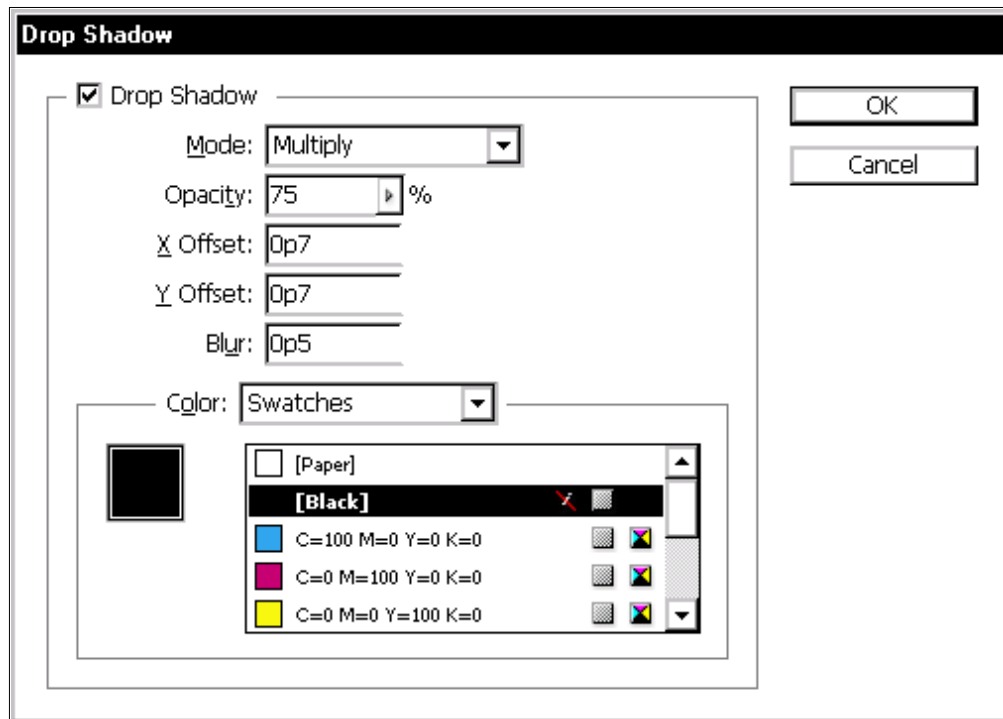
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Adding a Drop Shadow

Adding drop shadows to objects can give your document more character.

NOTE: If you are adding a drop shadow to a text frame, you must first add fill and stroke to the text frame. For more information, please refer to [Adding Fill and Stroke to Objects](#).

1. Using the *Selection Tool*, select the object you want to apply a drop shadow to
2. From the *Object* menu, select **Drop Shadow...**
The *Drop Shadow* dialog box appears.



3. Select **Drop Shadow**
The drop shadow controls become active.
4. From the *Mode* drop-down menu, select a blending mode
5. From the *Opacity* text box, type the desired percent of transparency
OR
Adjust the *Opacity* slider bar until you reach the desired opacity setting
6. To adjust the depth of the drop shadow, in the *X Offset* and *Y Offset* text boxes, type a value
HINTS:
Positive X offset values move the shadow right, and negative values move the shadow left
Positive Y offset values move the shadow down, negative values move the shadow up

7. In the *Blur* text box, type the distance from the edge of the shadow where you want the blur to occur
HINT: The larger the value, the more blurred the shadow.
8. To select the color of the shadow using color swatches
 - a. From the *Color* pull-down list, select **Swatches**
 - b. Select the desired colorTo specify a color using a color mode
 - a. From the *Color* pull-down list, select a color mode
 - b. Drag the slide bars until the desired color is reached
9. To see the drop shadow before applying it, select **Preview**
NOTE: A checkmark appears in the box when it is selected.
10. Click **OK**

Removing a Drop Shadow

If you decide a drop shadow is unneeded on an object, you can remove it

1. Using the *Selection Tool*, select an object you want to remove the drop shadow from
2. From the *Object* menu, select **Drop Shadow...**
The *Drop Shadow* dialog box appears.
3. Deselect **Drop Shadow**
4. Click **OK**
The shadow is removed from the object.

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