

# Creating Shadow Text using AppleWorks by Cindy O'Hora

"Who knows what lurks in the hearts of men? I do, a desire for Shadow text!"

One way to add jazz to your document's title is to create a shadow text title. This is easily accomplished in AppleWorks Draw.

You can see one I made for a [school's site](#).

**Step 1:** Open a draw document.

**Step 2:** Create a text frame by clicking on the text tool (letter A) and then clicking one time on the document.

**Step 3:** Enter the text. Adjust the style, size, color, and font to your preferences. I find that using the Expand style setting often enhances the appearance of a Shadow Title.

**Step 4:** With the handles active: Go command⌘... d or Edit ... duplicate. You now have two text frames with identical text and settings.

**Step 5:** Change the color of the second text frame's text to a darker shade than the first. When you think about it, many shadows are grays. So set it to a dark gray.

## **In AW 5**

Go Window ... Show Button Bar.

Click one time on the second text frame to make its handles active. (If the handles are already active, do not click.)

Use the Text Color Palette pop-up menu in the button bar. Select by dragging across the palette to the gray shade you desire.

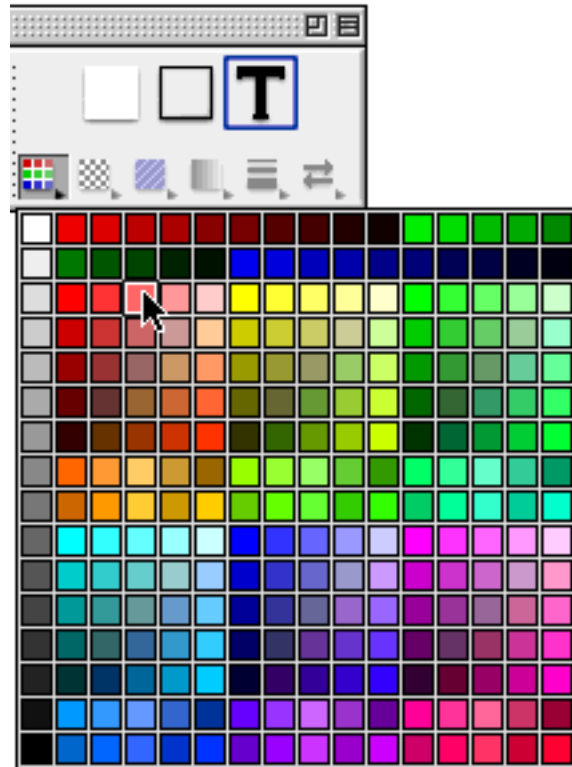
## In AW 6

Click one time on the second text frame to make its handles active. (If the handles are already active, do not click.)

Click on the Bold T in the tools.

Use the Red, Blue and Green text color button to open the color palette.

Drag to your choice.



**Step 6:** Shut off the Auto Grid feature. Go Options ... Turn Off Autogrid. Save.

Draw documents build in layers. Each new item you add is one layer higher than the last. You can adjust the order of these layers using the Arrange ... Move commands.

**Step 7:** With the handles on the gray text's frame active, go Arrange ... Move to Back.



You have set the second frame to be behind the first.

**Step 8:** Use the arrow keys or cursor to align the second text frame behind the first. The first frame will block the gray text so that it will seem to disappear. Don't click on the document. SAVE.

**Step 9:** Now consider which direction you want the shadow to go relative to the text. To have the shadow be above and to the left of the text: Hit the up arrow key one time. Then hit the left arrow key one time. Tweak to your desired look.



If you want to modify the gray text frame, use the arrow cursor to move the first frame slightly out of the way. Now you can easily click on the gray text frame.

**Step 10:** Having achieved shadow nirvana, group the two frames together. Go Edit ... Select All. (⌘... A)

Go Arrange ... Group (⌘...g). The two text frames are linked together as a single graphic unit. Note there is only one set of handles now.

## Oh wait!

If you need to make changes to a grouped object, just get the handles and go Arrange ... Ungroup.

## Get thee to thy document:

You can copy ... paste it into your word processing document (Remember to open tools and click on the arrow first!) or your web page.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." ~Eleanor Roosevelt

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