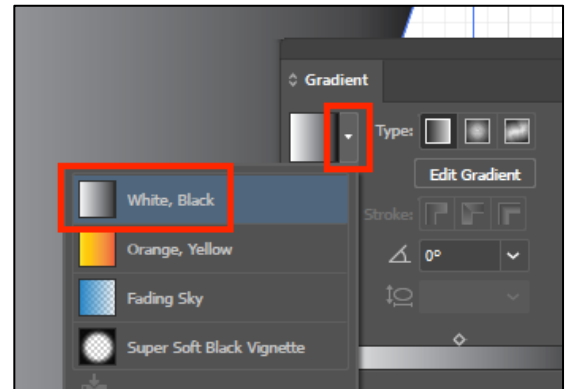# Working with shapes – gradient fill
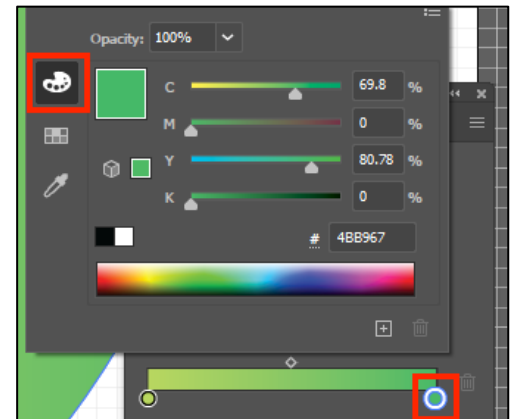
1. **Select** the shape that you want to fill

2. At the **top**, click **Window** > **Gradient**

3. This pops out a **Gradient box** from the **right sidebar**

4. Use the **drop down** next to the coloured box to choose a **White, Black gradient**

   This will remove any colour from your shape.

   That's OK

Set the colours

5. **Double click** on the **left slider** on the **gradient bar** and set it to a light version of the colour you want to be the basefor the fill

6. The best way to choose colours is to use the artists pallete

7. **Double click** on the **right slider** and choose a darker version of the same colour

8. This creates a gradient fill

Things to try

9. Experiment with different colours

10. While you're clicked on **one of the sliders**, change the **opacity** to **60%** to make one side of the fill partly transparent

11. Change the **angle box** to **45 degrees**. You can experiment will different angles to see what effect it has on the fill

12. **Save** your work and then **export** it as a **PNG file** (**File** > **Export** > **Export As**)