How to make a star/sparkle.
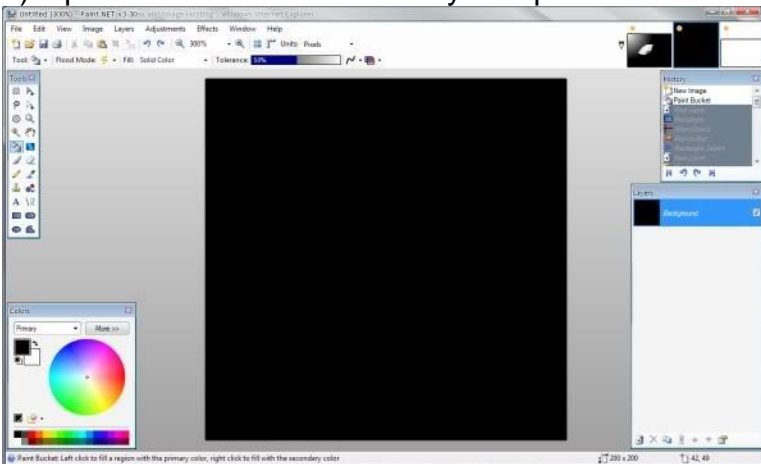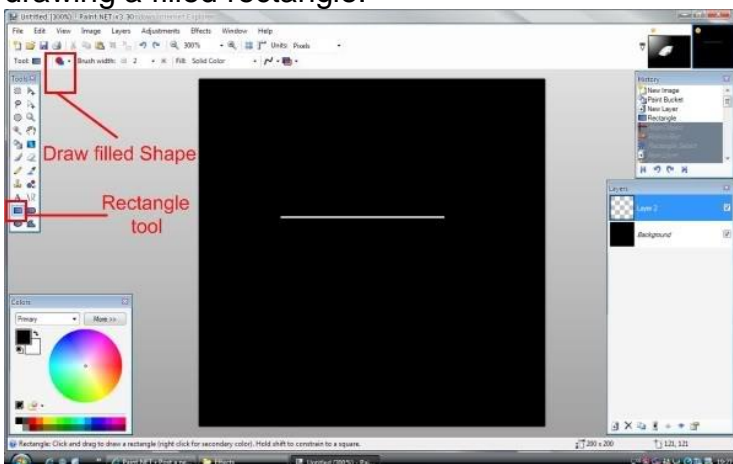
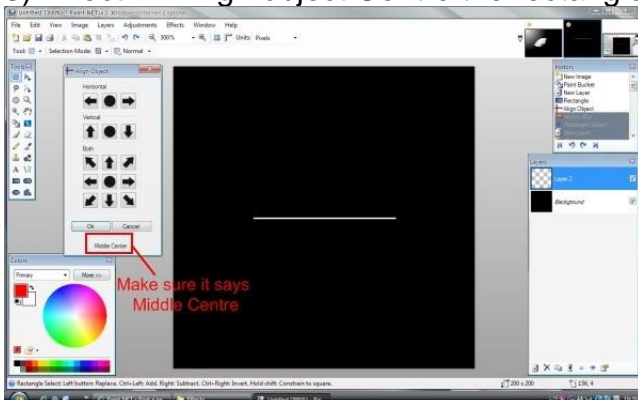The following additional plugins will be needed: Align Object

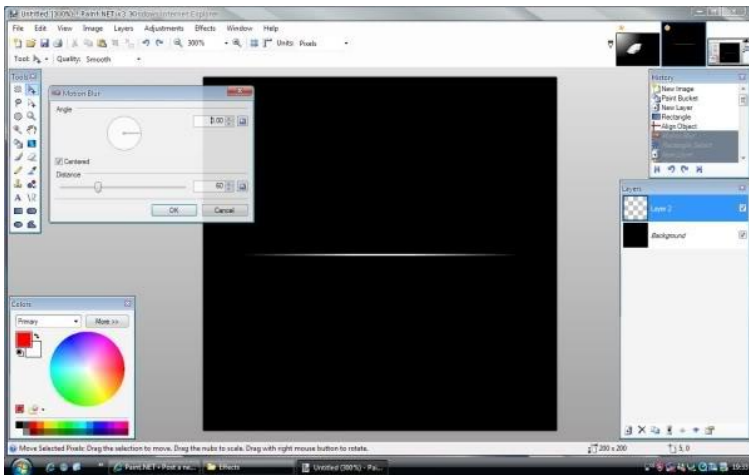1) Open a new canvas at 200 by 200 pixels. Fill the background with black.

2) Add a new layer. Draw a white rectangle, using the rectangle tool, making sure that it is drawing a filled rectangle.
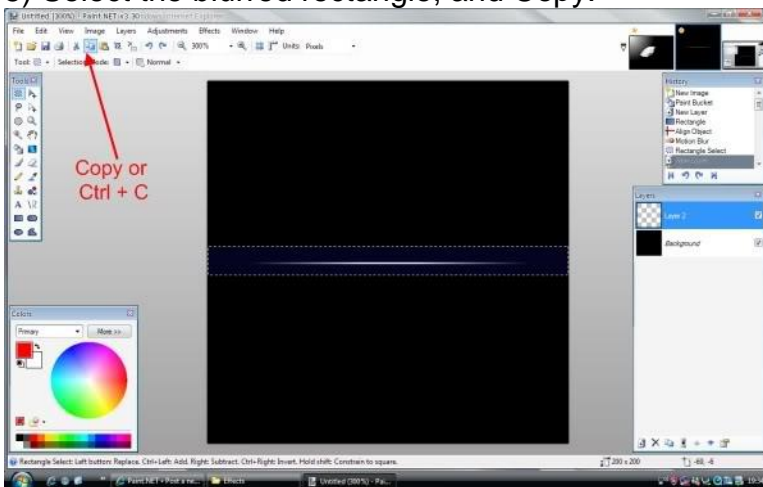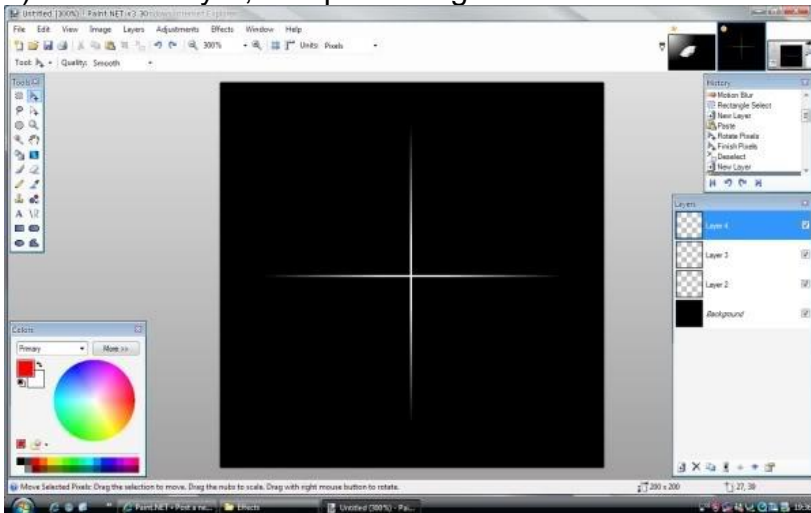

3) Effect --> Align object Centre the rectangle.

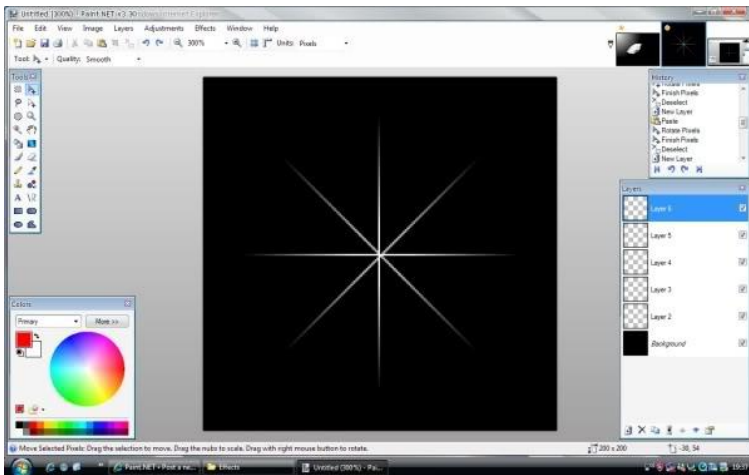4) Effects --> Blurs --> Motion Blur Angle: 0 Centered: Yes Distance: 60

5) Select the blurred rectangle, and Copy.

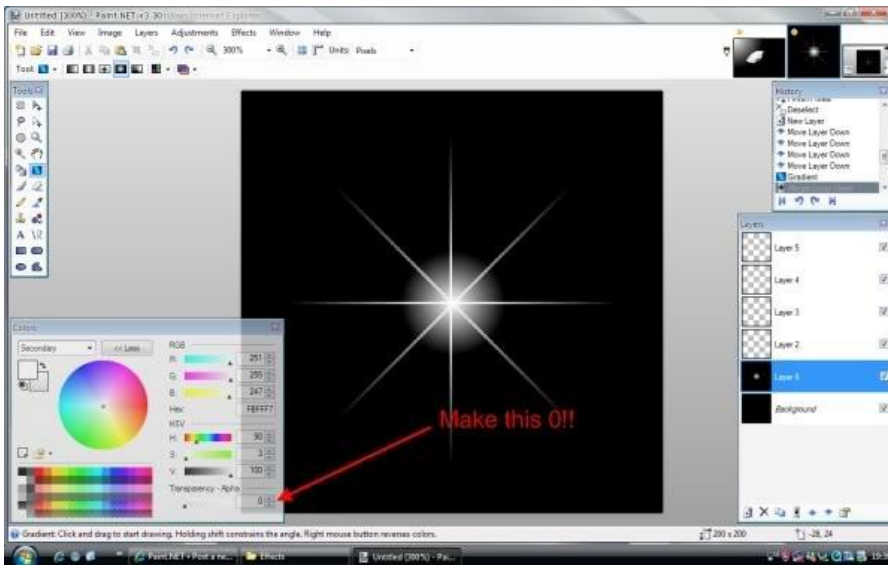6) Add new layer, and paste. Right click and rotate the image 90 degrees.

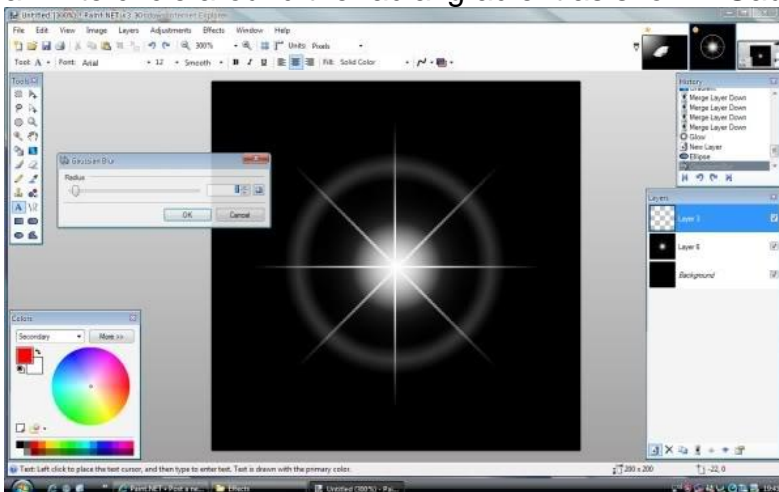7) Repeat step 6 until the kind of star you wish to get is obtained.

😎Name the all the layers with star parts "star".

9) Add a new layer. Make your Primary colour White, and your secondary colour Transparent (Done by making the Transparency-Alpha bit 0). Draw a radial gradient from the centre of the star as shown below.
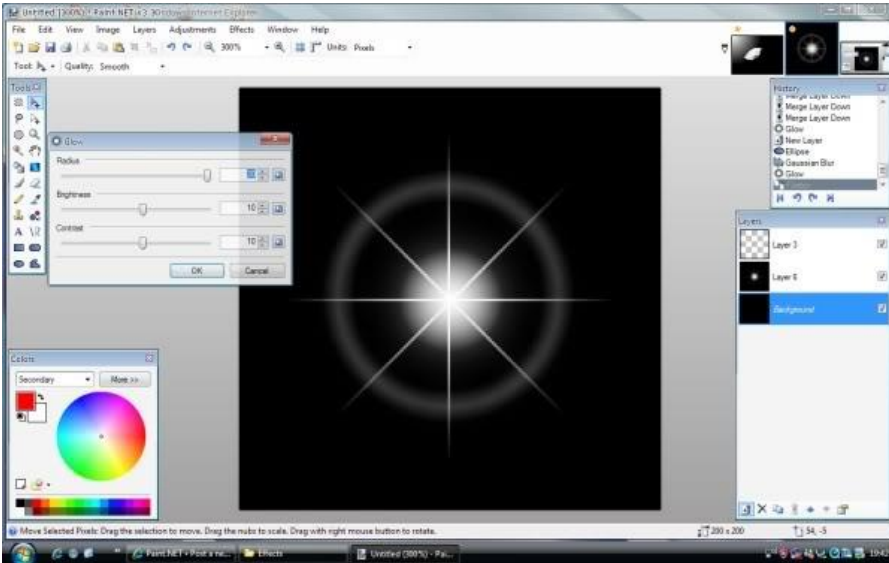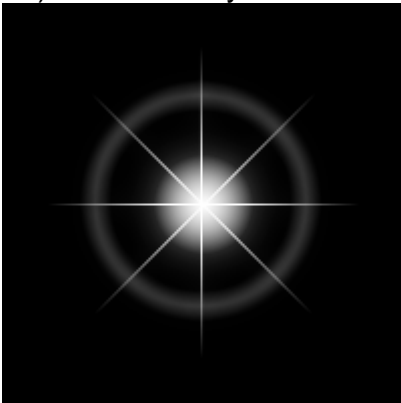

Extra:
10) Add a new layer. Using the Ellipse tool, and with it set on "Draw Shape Outline", draw a white circle around the radial gradient as shown. Gaussian blur at 7 pixels.

11) Add a glow on each layer. Effects --> Photo --> Glow Radius: 20 Brightness: 10 Contrast: 10
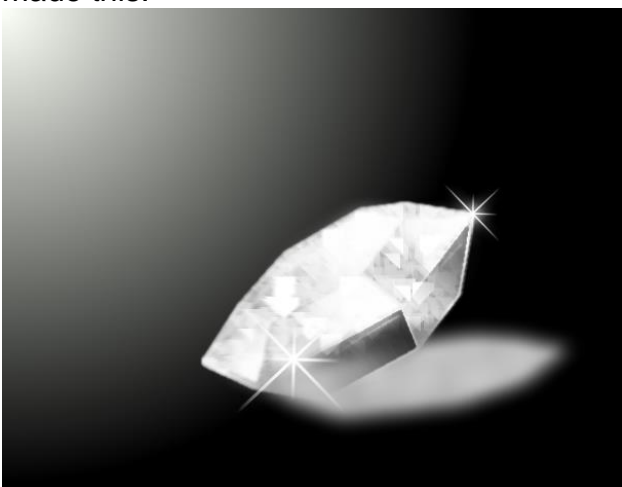

13) Flatten and your done! Finished product:

Use align object on every layer too, to get a nice centred star/sparkle.

This tut could be used for many things, for example as an addition to Ash's Gemstone tut, I made this:

Comments welcome! Please post your attempts at it.