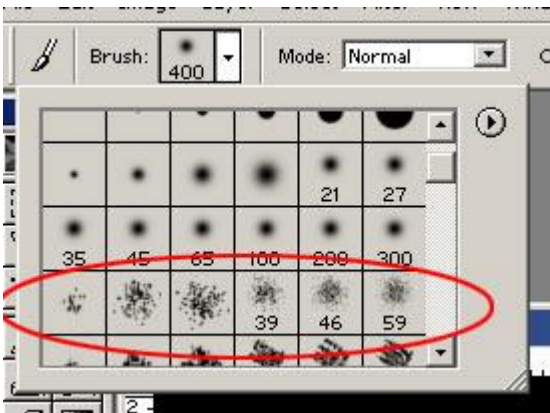


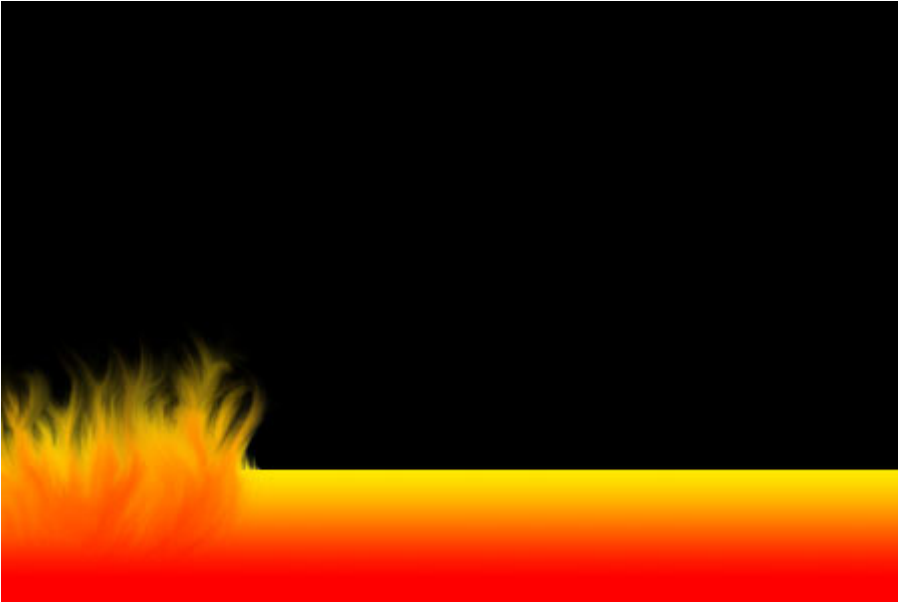
1. Fill the background layer with black. Make a new layer, name it "flame"
2. Select the "flame layer". Select an area in the bottom of the image using rectangular marquee. Fill it with red/yellow linear gradient. You should have something like this now:



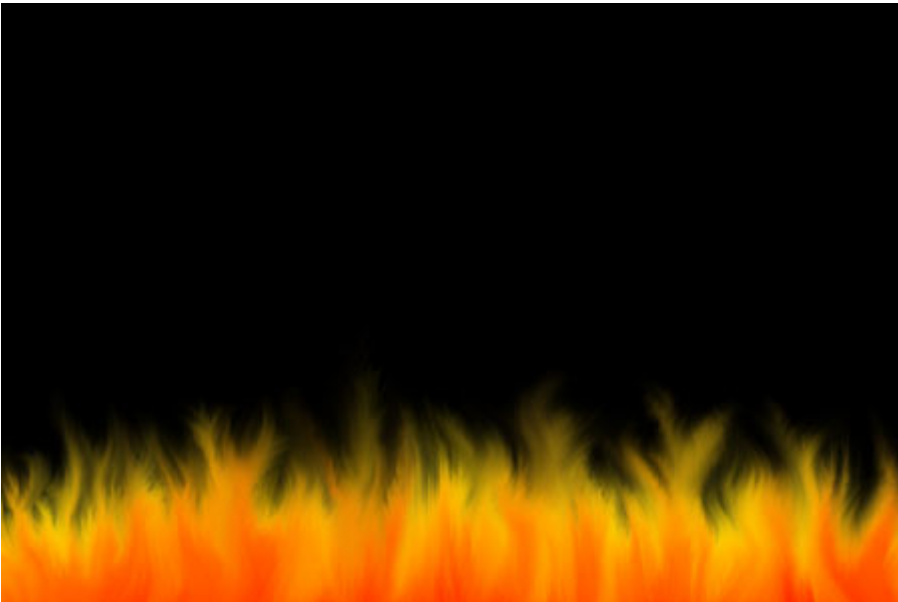
3. Now, use the smudge tool to create flames. The spatter brushes shown below are great for this use. I used 60% brush pressure. Smudge from upwards and downwards with different sized brushes for the best effect.



Leftmost part of the image smudged:



All done. I moved the "flame" layer down a bit to remove the excess red color.



This isn't the most realistic looking flame, but it's fast and easy to make and it looks pretty nice. Here's something I did:



Hopefully you'll find use for this method!