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ANIMATED GRADIENT BACKGROUND IN SHOWIT

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This guide will walk you through the process of adding an animated gradient background to any Showit canvas. Animated gradients can add a captivating and dynamic visual element to your website, making it more engaging for your visitors.

LET'S GET STARTED!

Step 1: Identify the canvas you want to add the gradient effect to:

1. Log In: Start by logging in to your Showit account if you haven't already.
2. Access Your Website: Once logged in, access the website that contains the canvas you wish to edit.
3. Navigate to Canvas: In the Showit editor, navigate to the canvas you want to enhance with the animated gradient background. **Set the background of the canvas to be transparent. The effect will not work if the background of your canvas is not transparent.**
4. Take note of the canvas name for reference in the upcoming steps.

Step 2: Add the CSS code:

1. Understand the Canvas ID: Showit uses a naming convention to create an ID for your canvas. If your canvas name consists of more than one word or character, spaces are replaced with hyphens, and the entire name is converted to lowercase. For example:
 - a. Canvas Name: "Hero"
Canvas ID: #hero
 - b. Canvas Name: "My Canvas"
Canvas ID: #my-canvas
 - c. Canvas Name: "Gradient Background Canvas"
Canvas ID: #gradient-background-canvas
2. Open Advanced Settings: Look for the "Advanced Settings" option within your ShowIt editor. This is typically found in the right sidebar.
3. Paste the CSS Code: In the "Advanced Settings" section, locate the "Custom CSS" box.
4. Paste the following CSS code into this box, targeting your canvas by its ID. Replace your-canvas-id with the actual ID of your canvas (e.g., #hero, #my-canvas, or #gradient-background-canvas):

```
#your-canvas-id{
  background: linear-gradient(85deg, #FF9A8B, #FFC3A0, #FF9A8B);
  background-size: 300% 300%;
  animation: gradientAnimation 6s linear infinite;
}

@keyframes gradientAnimation {
  0% {
    background-position: 0% 0%;
  }
  50% {
    background-position: 100% 100%;
  }
  100% {
    background-position: 0% 0%;
  }
}
```

Step 3: Customize the Gradient Animation:

Now that you've added the CSS code targeting your canvas, you can customize the gradient animation to your liking. Follow these steps to make adjustments:

Changing Gradient Colors:

1. **Edit CSS Code:** In the "Custom CSS" or "Custom Code" box where you pasted the CSS code targeting your canvas, locate the part of the code that defines the gradient colors.
2. **Modify Colors:** Replace the color values within the CSS code with the colors you prefer. You can use standard color names (e.g., blue, red) or hexadecimal color codes (e.g., #FFA500) to specify your desired gradient colors.

```
background: linear-gradient(85deg, #FF9A8B, #FFC3A0, #FF9A8B);
```

Adjusting Animation Speed:

1. **Edit CSS Code:** Within the same CSS code, locate the part that specifies the animation duration. The duration is in seconds (e.g., 12s).
2. **Modify Duration:** Change the duration to speed up or slow down the animation. A shorter duration (e.g., 4s) will create a faster animation, while a longer duration (e.g., 20s) will slow it down.
3. **Example CSS for Animation Duration:**

```
animation: gradientAnimation 6s linear infinite;
```

Step 4: Target Multiple Canvases

To apply the animated gradient background to multiple canvases, including those on other pages, follow these steps:

1. **Identify Canvas IDs:** Begin by identifying the IDs of all the canvases you want to target. Remember the naming convention where spaces are replaced with hyphens and all characters are in lowercase. Make a list of these IDs

Example IDs: *#hero, #my-canvas, #gradient-background-canvas*

2. In the CSS code that you added in Step 2 (the code targeting your initial canvas), locate the part where the canvas ID is specified. Replace the single canvas ID with a comma-separated list of all the canvas IDs you identified in Step 1.

Example CSS for Multiple Canvas IDs:

```
#hero, #my-canvas, #gradient-bakground-canvas{
  background: linear-gradient(85deg, #FF9A8B, #FFC3A0, #FF9A8B);
  background-size: 300% 300%;
  animation: gradientAnimation 6s linear infinite;
}
```

3. **Apply to Other Pages:** If you want to apply the effect to canvases on different pages, follow these additional steps:
 - a. Navigate to the page where the other canvases are located within the Showit editor.
 - b. Paste the CSS code in the Custom CSS box under Advanced settings for that page.
 - c. For each canvas on that page, repeat Steps 1 and 2 to identify the canvas ID and edit the CSS code, including the comma-separated list of canvas IDs.

Final Thoughts

Congratulations! You've successfully added an animated gradient background to your Showit canvas or canvases. This dynamic effect can make your website more engaging and visually appealing to your visitors.

If you enjoyed customizing your canvas with this animation and want to explore more creative possibilities, be sure to follow us on Instagram [@doitwithshowit](#) for inspiration and updates.

For in-depth tutorials and code snippets on achieving great effects with Showit, [visit our blog](#). We regularly share easy-to-follow guides and tips to help you take your Showit website to the next level.

Thank you for choosing Showit and for joining us on this design journey. We look forward to seeing your stunning creations!