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We're going to create Claymation Animations



**We're going to take multiple pictures, then, using **frame by frame animation**, turn our pictures into an animated gif.**



**Lots of cool movies & shows are actually Claymation – Nightmare Before Christmas, James & the Giant Peach, Chicken Run, Gummy & Pokey, The California Raisins...**



**Tips:**

- **Keep shapes simple**
- **Keep action to 10 frames or fewer**
- **Put one object that doesn't move at the edge of the frame to use to keep the frames steady**
- **Make a lot of tiny changes between each frame to make your creations seem alive!**



**Remember you can add titles to advance the story in **post-production**.**



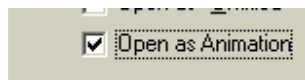
Start up Fireworks

Got your disk with your pictures on it?

*Start here!*

Go to:  
File –  
Open multiple

Important – be sure to choose the “open as animation” option!!



Go to the Click on the files you want to add to the animation – in this case, probably “add all”

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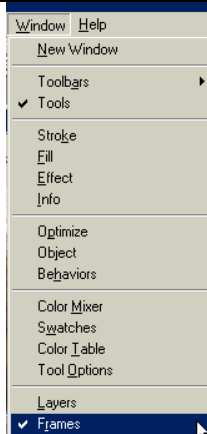


It'll look something like this...



Find the “vcr” controls and play the pictures!

## The Frames window

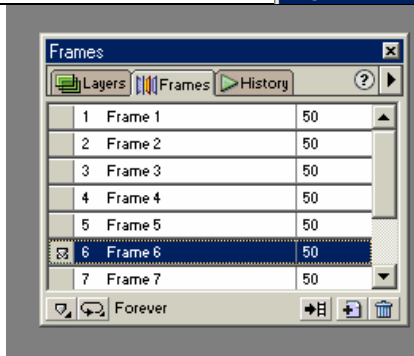


Want to change it up some?

If it's not already open, open the frames window.

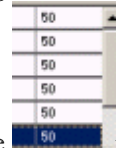
Go to:

Window---frames



When it's open, it'll look about like this...

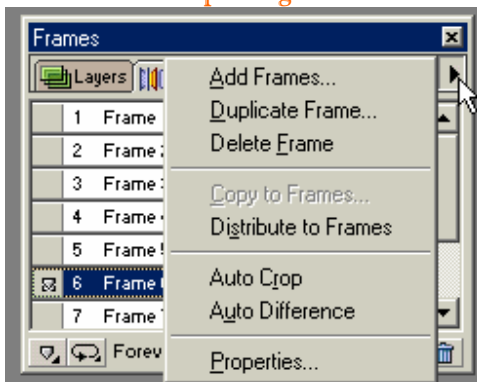
You can change the length of individual



frames by clicking in the right column and just typing in a longer or shorter number.

click a different frame and see how the movie switches to a different picture...

Would you like to add opening titles or closing credits?

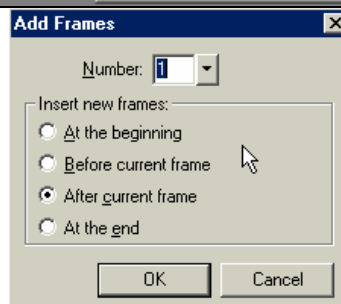


To add more frames, click on the little triangle at the top right of the frames window...

You'll get this menu.

To add credits, click

"add frames"

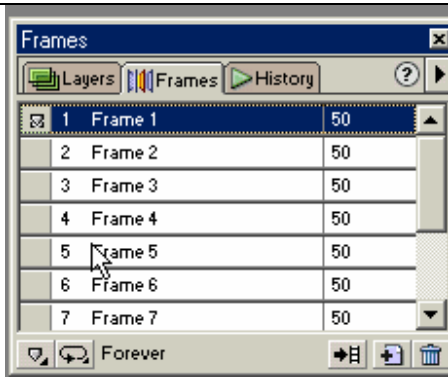


To add opening credits, click

At the beginning

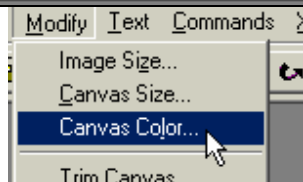
to add closing credits, click

At the end



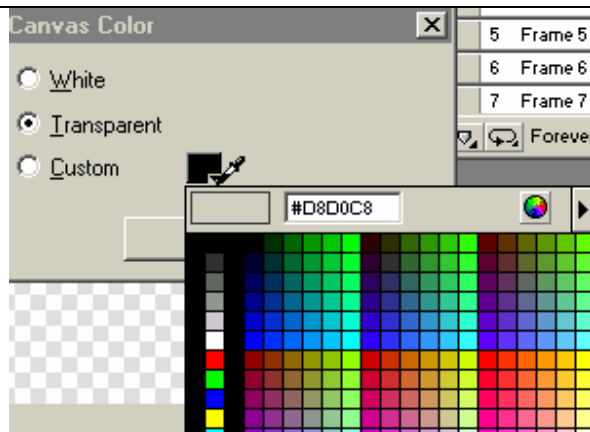
To add opening credits, go to frame one in the frames window...

It should be empty



To change the color of the background, go to:

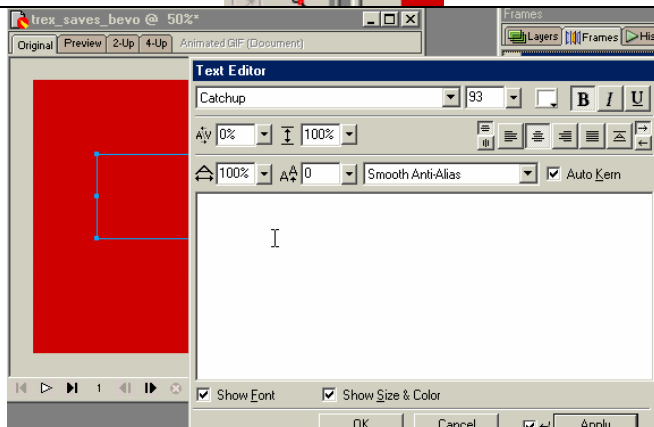
**Modify---**  
**Canvas color**



Go to custom, click the drop-down box by the color, and choose your favorite color for the background...

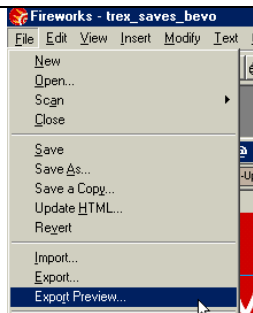


To add words, click on the text tool at the left of the screen...

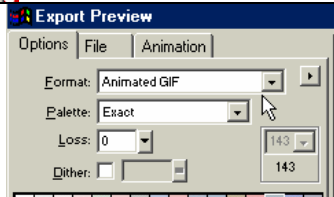


**Click and drag a text box and write in the name of your movie, or titles to advance the storyline**

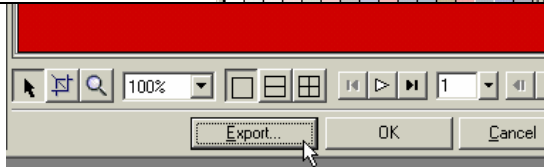
# How to save your movie!



Go to "File—  
Export Preview"



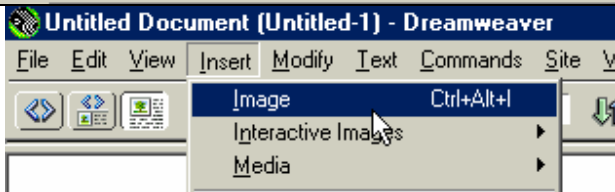
Make sure the format is  
"animated gif"



Click "export"



Give your movie a name and click  
"save"



You can insert  
your movie into your web page in Dreamweaver - just click  
Insert—Image!

It's saved as an Animated gif  
and will have the .gif at the end.