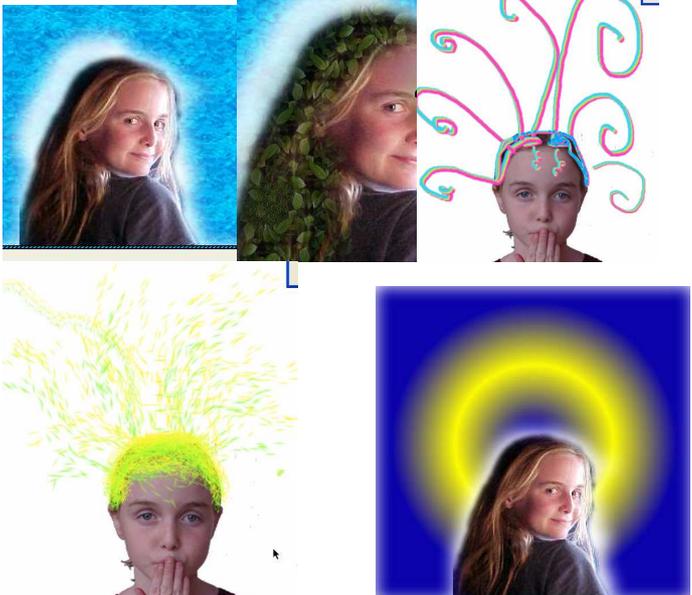# aunt lee dot com

READY FOR MY CLOSE-UP ANIMATIONS!

This is a two-step process.

- First, we'll remove the background from a picture;
- Next, we'll create a new picture with fun original backgrounds & strange hair

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Undo Brush Tool   Ctrl+Z

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Here are the important tools:

Crop Tool (C)   The Crop tool will select just the part you want to keep – just select and double-click

First, let's learn how to remove the background from a picture:

The Magic Wand Tool selects areas by color Select areas you want to remove and hit the DELETE key

If the Tool Options box for the magic wand tool isn't open, you can open it by double-clicking.

If the magic wand selects too much, you can adjust the tolerance level to a lower number

In the Edge box, you can choose feather to get a glow-y look…

Tool Options (Magic Wand Tool)

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Tolerance: 32

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Lasso Tool (L)

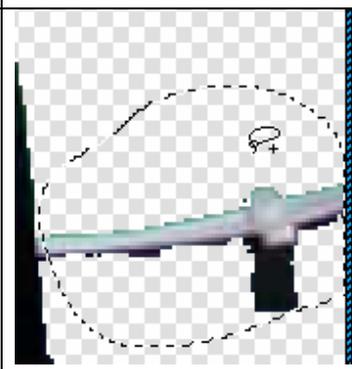At some point, it's easier to select areas to delete with the lasso tool
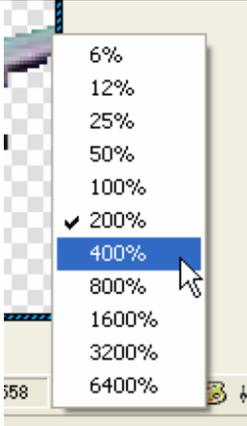
Tip – after you've selected an area, that selection can
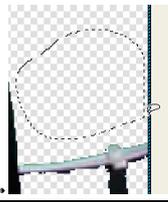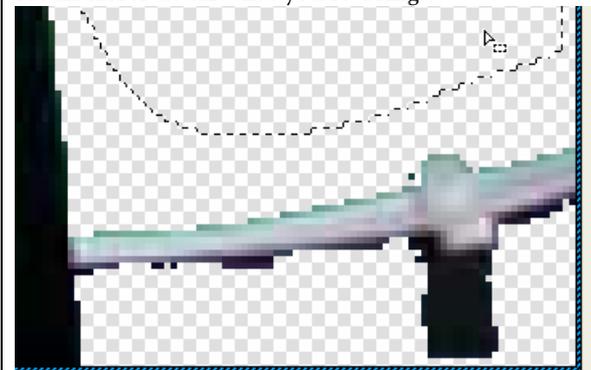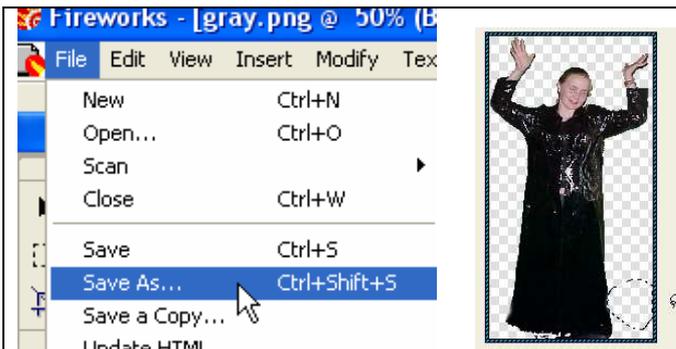
be moved around to other areas…

Just drag and select and delete.

You may also want to change the view to be able to see in closer detail what you're doing…

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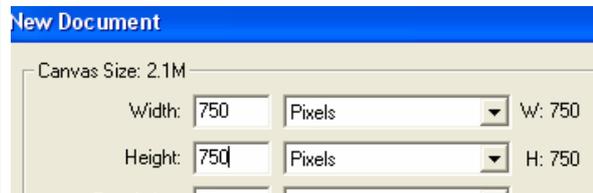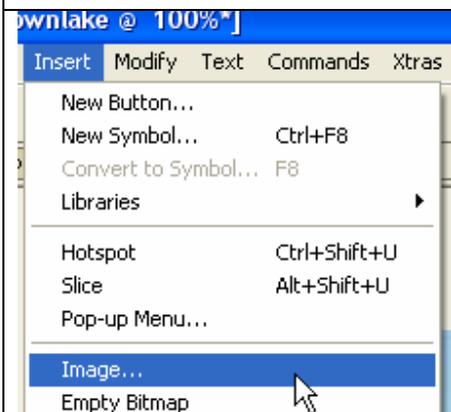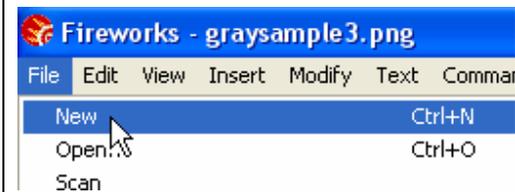|		
Fireworks - [gray.png @ 50% (B File Edit View Insert Modify Tex New Ctrl+N Open... Ctrl+O Scan ▸ Close Ctrl+W Save Ctrl+S Save As... Ctrl+Shift+S Save a Copy... Update HTML		When you've removed the background, save the picture to the closeup folder inside the WFY folder on the W: drive. Give it a name you'll remember, cause you'll hafta find it again
Step two – the animation **Fireworks - graysample3.png** File Edit View Insert Modify Text Comman New Ctrl+N Open... Ctrl+O Scan		Create a new document **New Document** Canvas Size: 2.1M Width: 750 Pixels W: 750 Height: 750 Pixels H: 750 Create it around 750 x 750 pixels, which is around 8" x 8"
wnlake @ 100%*] Insert Modify Text Commands Xtras New Button... New Symbol... Ctrl+F8 Convert to Symbol... F8 Libraries ▸ Hotspot Ctrl+Shift+U Slice Alt+Shift+U Pop-up Menu... Image... Empty Bitmap		Now bring in the picture of yourself… Go to Insert and pull down to Image. Find the picture of yourself that you saved…
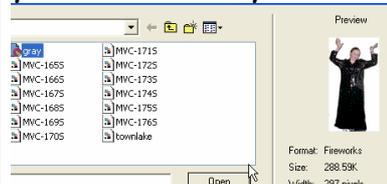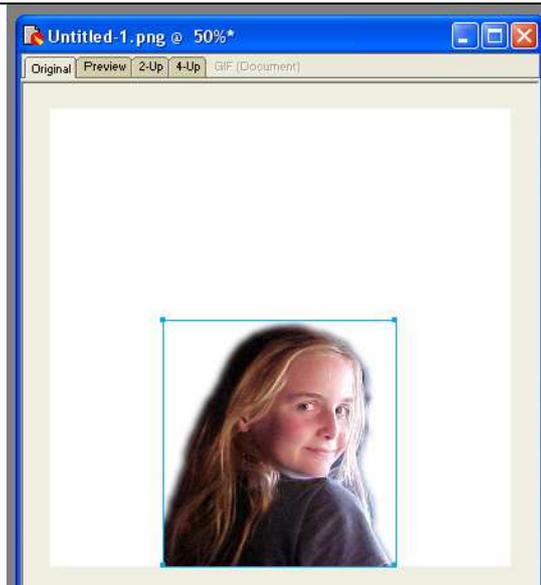
Click Open and you get a little half square thing – click and drag this to the size you want your picture to be…

If you're planning to do crazy hair, put the picture towards the bottom of the picture.

When there's a blue line around your picture, that means you can change it – you can move it around and re-size it
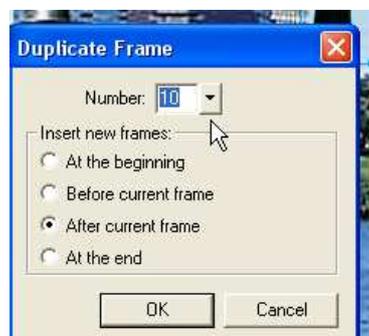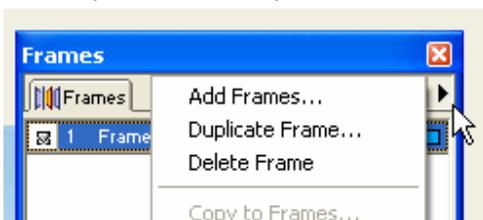
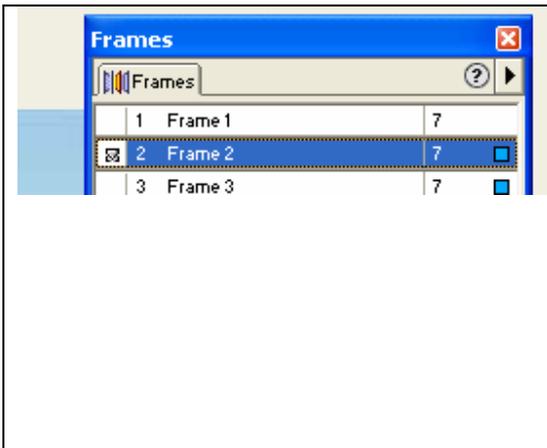# Go to Window and pull down to Frames to open up our animation menu
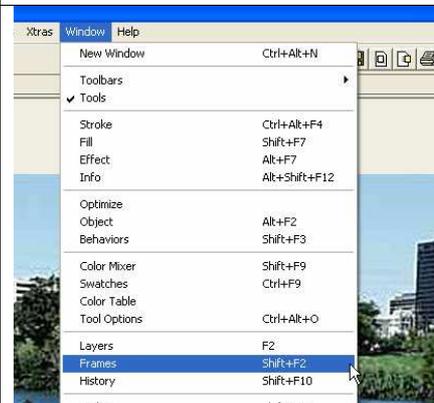
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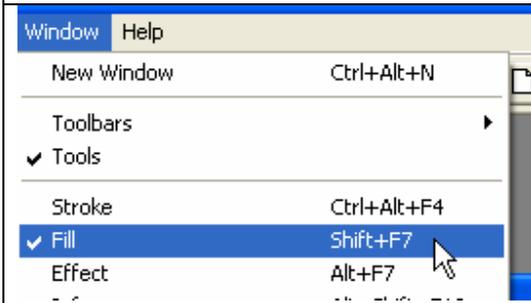

There's a little triangle at the top right of the Frames menu – click on that and another menu pops out…

Choose Duplicate Frame – choose as many as 10 frames…

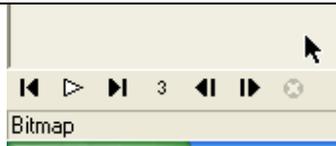|	
	Click on Frame 2 and notice that your picture is still there in the new frame…
	Let's do something fun with the background… Open the Fill window…
	Choose Pattern in the top drop-down box, then look at the available fills in the second drop-down box. Choose one.
	Making sure your picture is selected (when the blue box is showing), pour your fill inside the blue box.

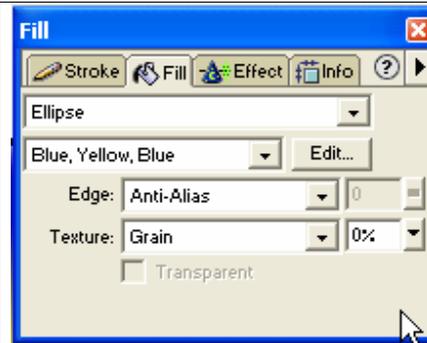|	
Bitmap	Find the VCR style controls and play the movie – note that your picture seems to move between Frame 1 and 2. Now go to the different frames and change your picture's position in each one.
	You can also select the hair with the Lasso Tool and then pour a fill in for new hair – here it's leaves
Experiment with other Fills in the Fills drop-down boxes – this one is Ellipse – see box for exactly how this effect was achieved	

Let's draw in some Wacky Hair!

Choose the Paintbrush tool at the left

Fill

Stroke | Fill | Effect | Info

Ellipse

Blue, Yellow, Blue | Edit.

Edge: Anti-Alias

Switch to the Stroke tab at the top.

Choose different strokes, sizes, tips, and textures to get different wacky hair, then just draw it in with the paintbrush!

See the blue line? That means it's selected, and you can make changes to it in the Stroke selection box and with the Pointer Tool and the Subselection tool
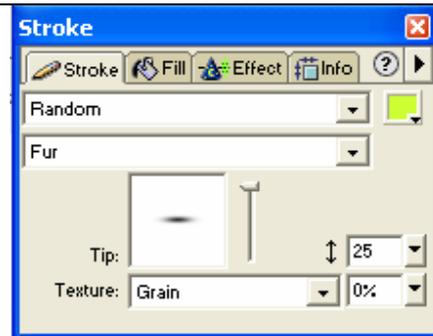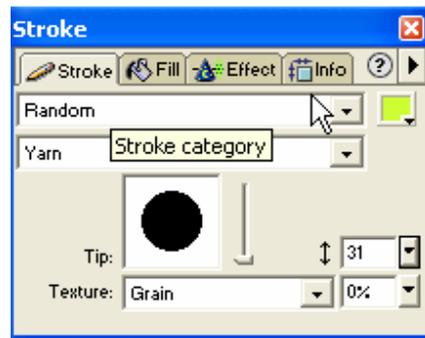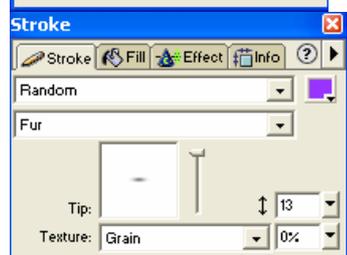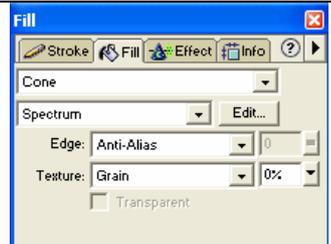
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This has 2 effects – a fill and a stroke highlight in the hair.	**Fill** ☒ Stroke / Fill / Effect / Info (?) ▶ Cone ▼ Spectrum ▼ Edit... Edge: Anti-Alias ▼ 0 Texture: Grain ▼ 0% ▼ ☐ Transparent **Stroke** ☒ Stroke / Fill / Effect / Info (?) ▶ Random ▼ ▢ Fur ▼ Tip: ↕ 13 ▼ Texture: Grain ▼ 0% ▼
	Subselection Tool (A, 1) With the Subselection tool, you can change up parts of the stroke after you've drawn it – click and drag on the dots
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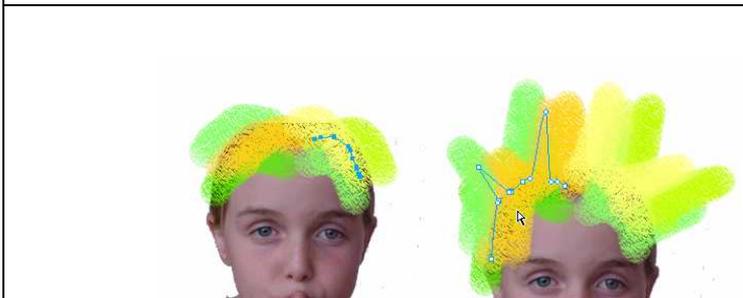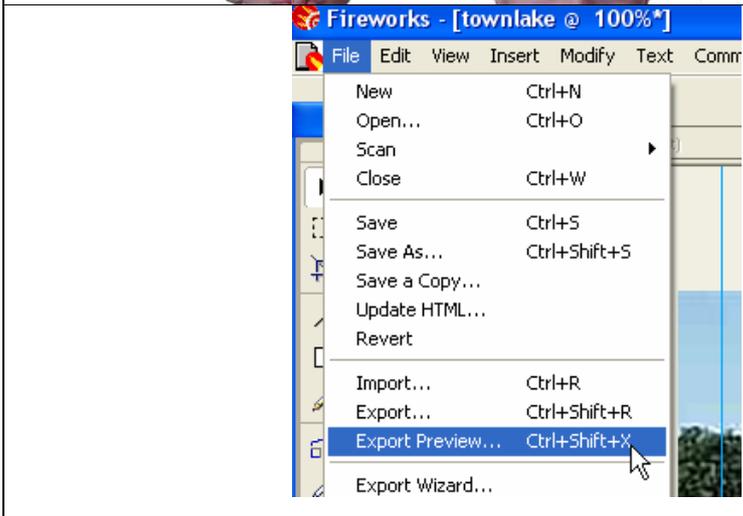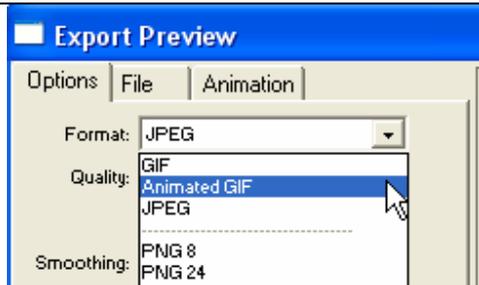
Export Preview Options | File | Animation Format: JPEG ▾ GIF **Animated GIF** JPEG - - - - - - PNG 8 Smoothing: PNG 24	Make sure to select "Animated GIF" as the format. And click the Export button Export...
File name: townlake.htm Save as type: HTML and Images **HTML and Images** Images Only	Be sure to save as type – HTML & images Save to the WFY drive first, and then we'll move the final to a disk.
How to play your animation: Name ▲ | Size | Type Matrix | 392 KB | GIF Image Matrix | 1 KB | HTML Document	Go to the A: drive and click on the HTML file, which should look like the blue internet E in the picture. Your animation will play in an IE window.