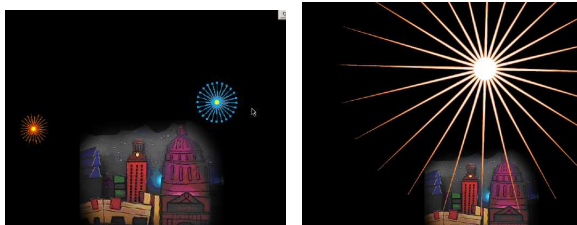


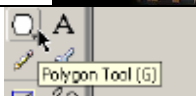
aunt lee dot com

We're going to create our own fireworks display!



We're going to create stars, then, using **frame by frame animation**, make our stars explode over the city.

Then we'll export the file and make an "animated gif"



We'll create our stars with the polygon tool ,



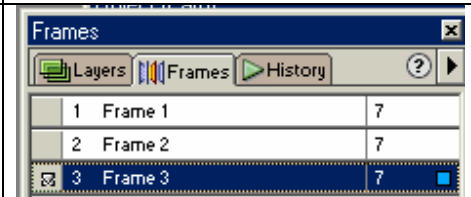
We'll use the distort tool to **morph** out our stars



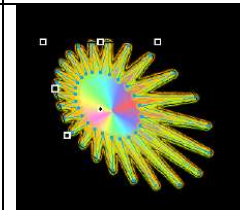
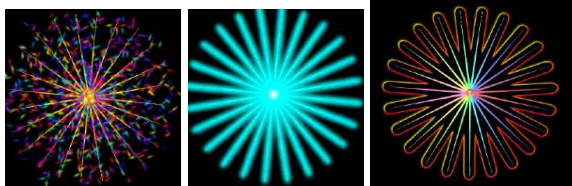
We'll use the Pointer tool to **re-select** our stars



Use the subselection tool to move around **sections** of our star



...And use the Frames window to change our stars, frame by frame



Start up Fireworks

Open the file with the background you want to use



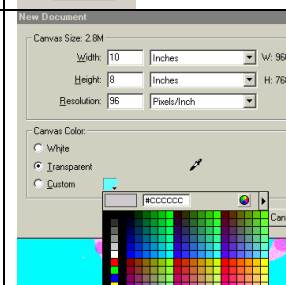
OR, if you want a plain background, Click File button at the top left.

make our background
10 inches wide and
8 inches high

And the background probably black for night



the New



Be sure and choose Inches, not Pixels



Your Magic Assistant –
Edit – Undo



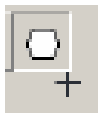
Don't be afraid to
experiment – you can always Edit-
undo your last step.



The Polygon tool is hiding behind the rectangle tool. Click
and hold on the rectangle tool...

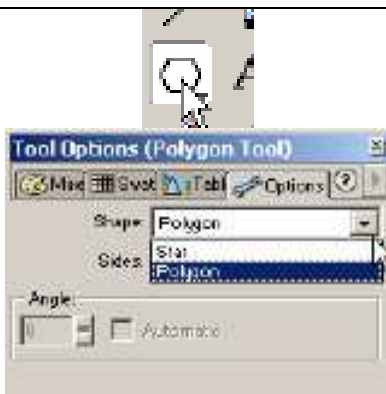


And you get the choices hiding under there...



Choose the Polygon tool – it looks kinda like a stopsign

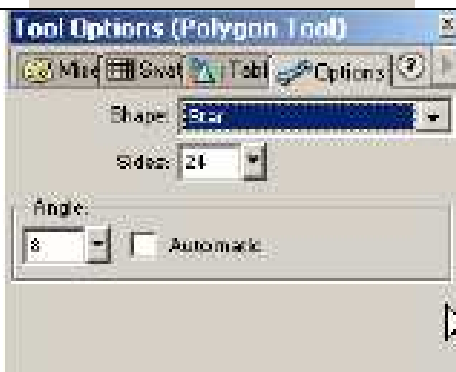
THE
POLYGON
TOOL WILL
DRAW OUR
STARS FOR US



Now, double-click on the tool, and
you'll get a new menu:

Click on the “Shape” drop down
box and choose

STAR

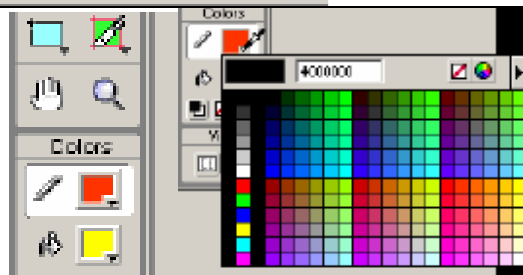


Now, change the “sides” box to a
high number, like

24

and the “Angle” to a low number,
like

8

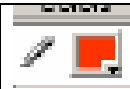


Look at the toolbar on the left,
towards the bottom, and you'll see
the color selectors for the:

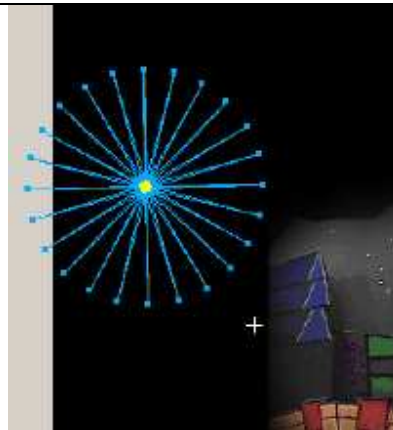
“stroke” (the lines) – it looks like a
pencil

Click on the drop-down box to expand out your color choices

Choose your color combination



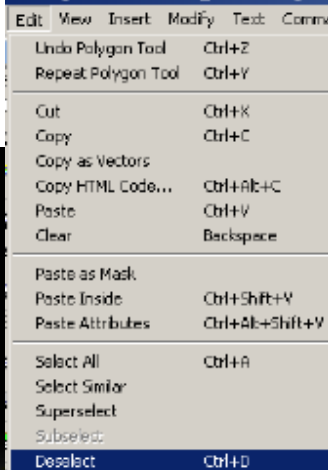
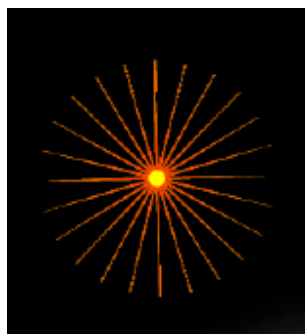
“fill” (the insides”) – it looks like a bucket



Now, just click and drag, and you’ve drawn a star with 24 points!

Note that it looks blue.

This is because it’s still selected, and any changes (like color, for instance) you make will change your star



To **Deselect** your star, Hold down the **Ctrl** key and the letter “**d**”

OR

Click

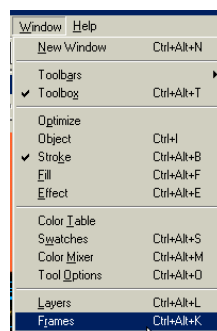
Edit--Deselect

Now you see the true colors!



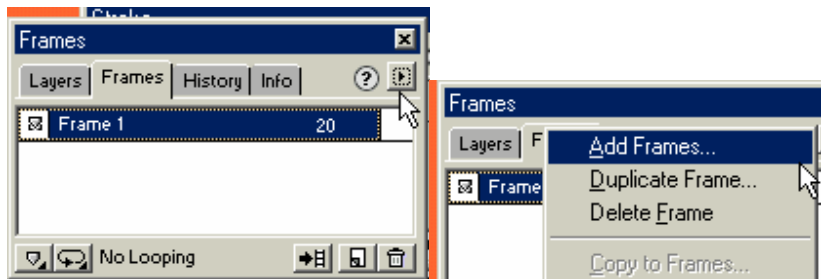
To Re-select your star, you’ll use the pointer tool

Let’s open the Frames Command Window.



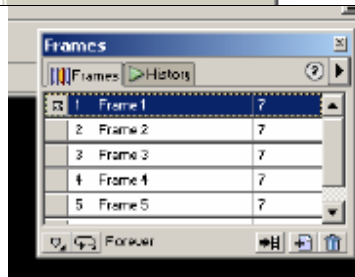
Now we’re going to do the animation part – we’re going to explode that Star!

NOTE – IF YOU STARTED WITH A BLANK DOCUMENT, YOU’LL NEED TO ADD YOUR OWN FRAMES



In the Frames Command Window, click on the little box there at the top right – it’ll expand out a menu.

Choose Duplicate Frame – AND ADD AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR FRAMES



There Are four more frames waiting for your star to explode



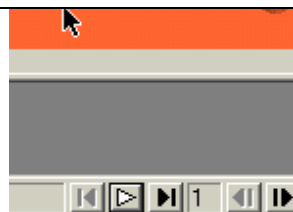
Now, draw the same star again, but in a slightly different place – and maybe a different color and maybe bigger or smaller

Click on

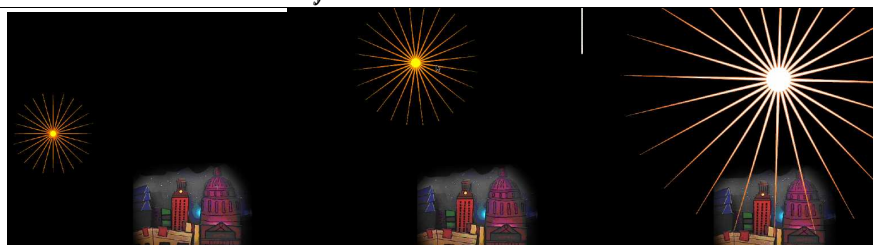
“Frame 2”

and you’ll see it’s blank

Great job.



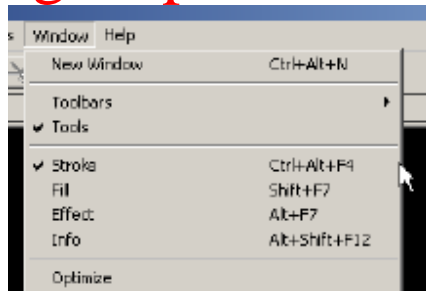
Now look at the bottom right of your screen – see those controls that look like VCR buttons? Those will “play” your fireworks star



Now, Click on Frame 3 and draw the same star again, in a different place, a different size, different color.

Then play back your results.

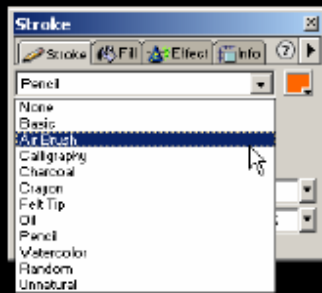
Change Up Your Stars



To get a million different styles of stars, open up the

Stroke

window

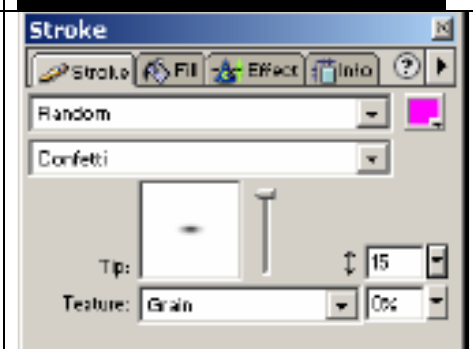
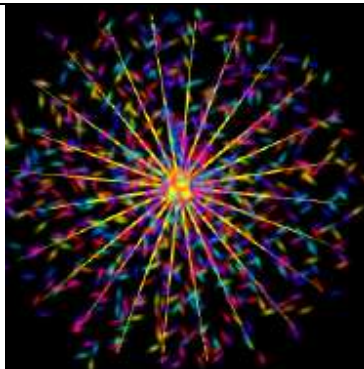
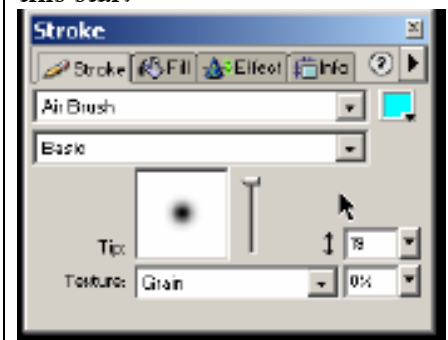


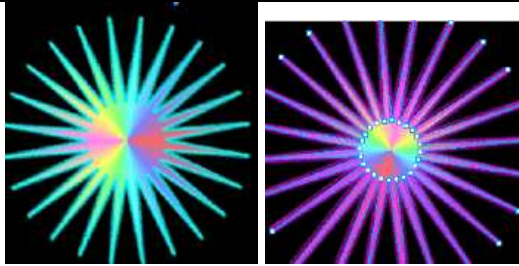
Click on the drop-down box where it says "Pencil", and choose another stroke

Try **Airbrush**

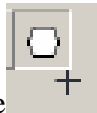


Here are the elements chosen to get this star:

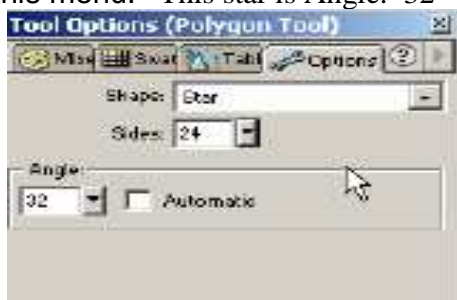




To get a bigger center, change the angle of the star to a higher number.



Double-click on the Polygon tool again, if you need to, to open up this menu. This star is Angle: 32 – Sides -- 24

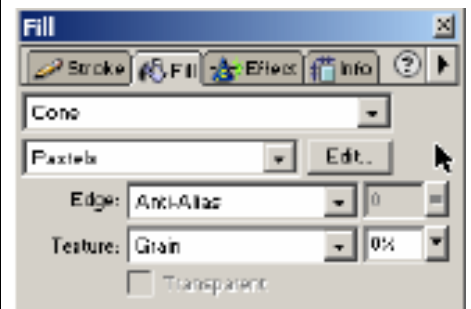


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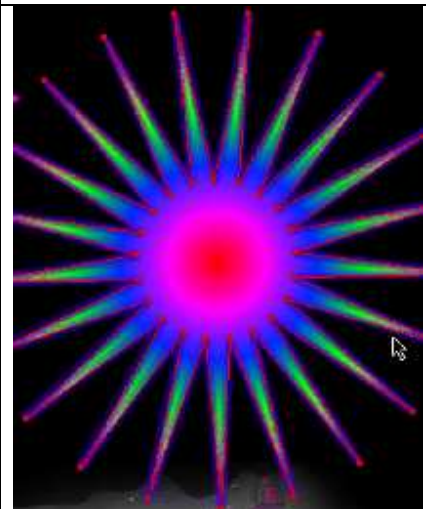
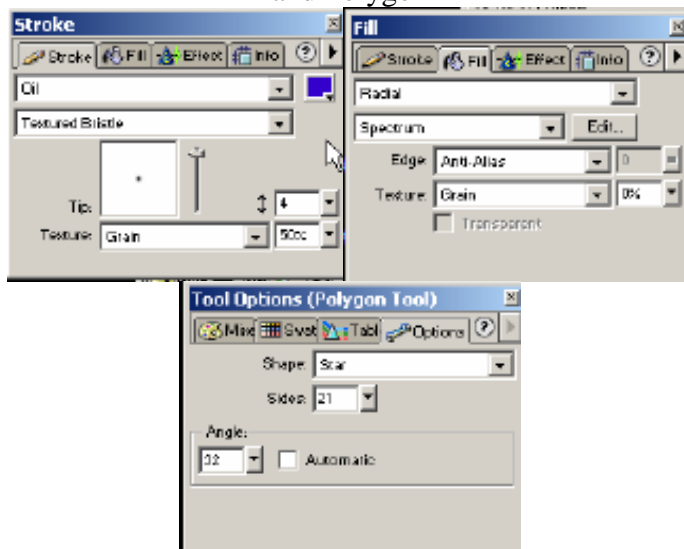
To get the cool pointed center, go to the

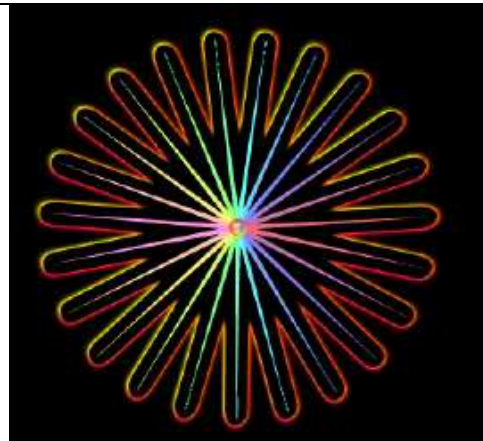
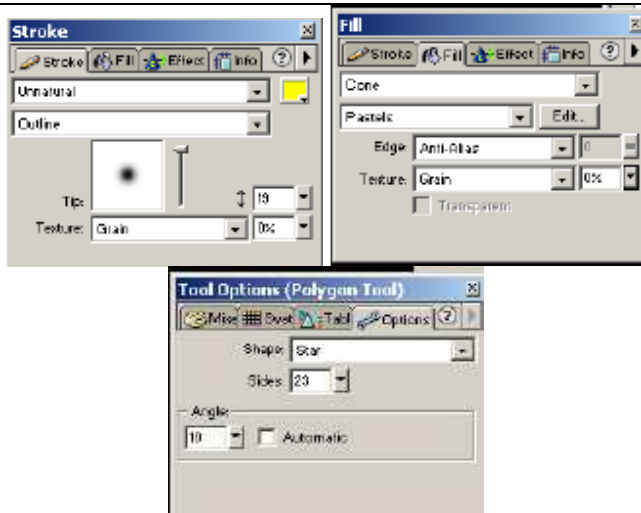
Fills

Tab and choose
“Cone”
And “Pastels”



To get this exact star, change options on all three menus – Stroke, Fill, and Polygon





Better Explosions!



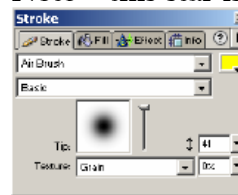
For best effect, put the same star in several frames, and stretch it out bit by bit over the several frames...



Use the subselection tool to move around **sections** of our star

Just Click on the “Points” at the edges and Pull out!

Note – this star is Air Brush...



Better Explosions II



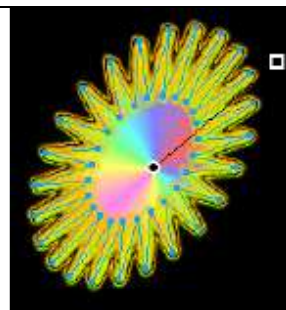
We'll use the distort tool to morph out our stars

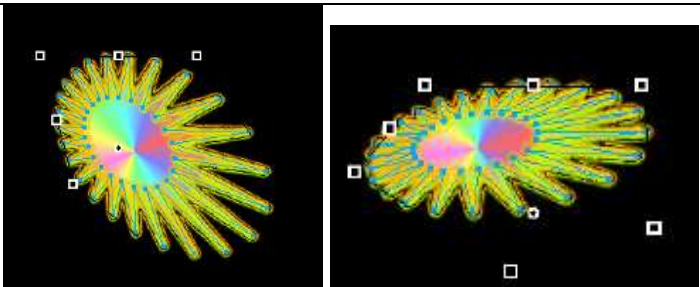

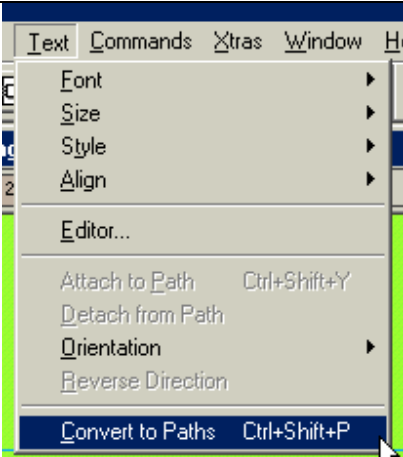

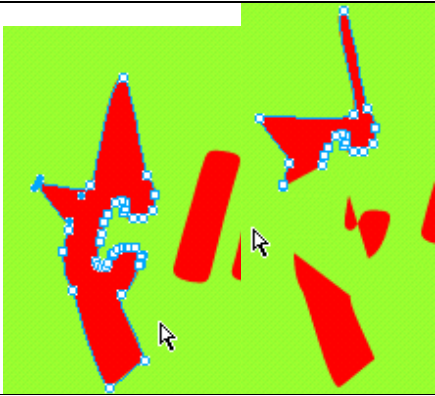


use the Pointer tool to re-select the star

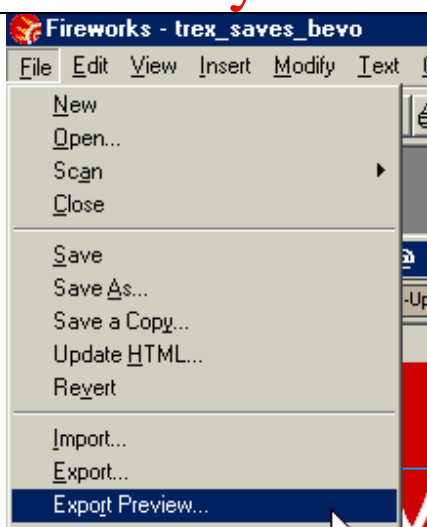


Click and hold the Scale Tool to get to the Skew & Distort Tools



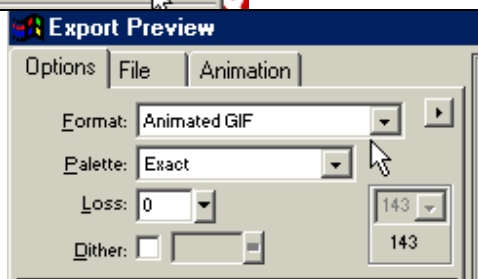
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|---|---|
|  | <p>Now Click and Drag on the “handles” until you get the effect you like.</p> <p>You can combine the Transform and the Subselect morphing tools</p> |
|  | <p>Let’s make some text explode!</p> <p>A Create some text.</p> |
|  | <p>With text selected, go to Text—Convert to Paths.</p> <p>With the subselection tool, click away from the text, then click on the letter you want to change.</p>  <p>Note that now it’s a path with bunches of path points</p> |
|  | <p>Now with the subselection tool, you can grab at the points of the letter and make it look any way you want.</p> <p>You can even “explode” the letters piece by piece.</p> |

How to save your movie!

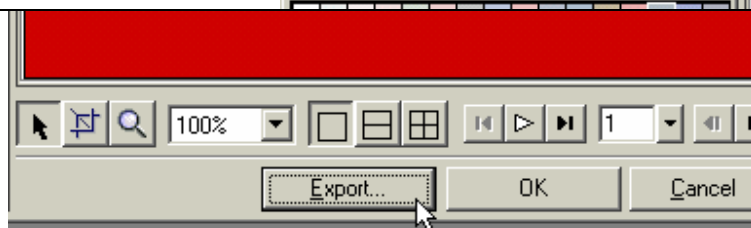


Go to “File—

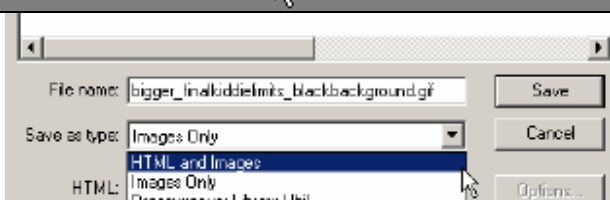
Export Preview”



Make sure the format is
“animated gif”

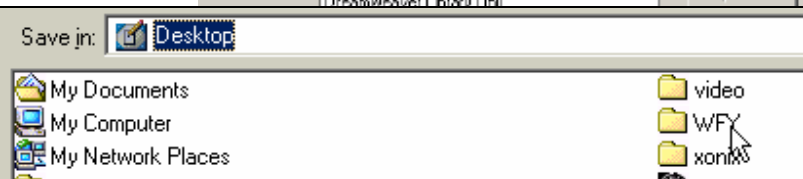


Click “export”

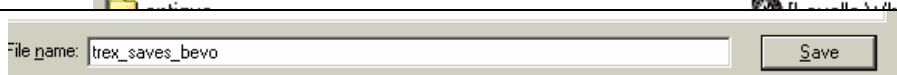


Under “save as type”, choose

Html and images



Be sure you save to the wfy folder!!!

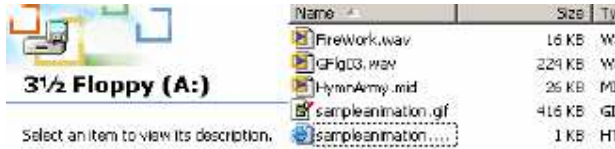


Give your movie a name and click
“save”

| Name | Size | Type |
|------------|-------|---------------|
| tester.htm | 1 KB | HTML Document |
| tester.gif | 24 KB | GIF Image |

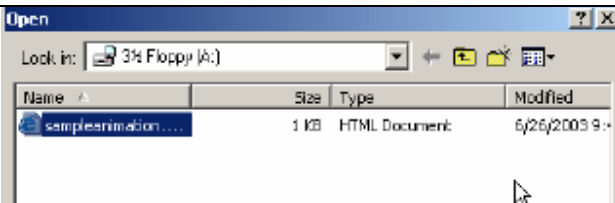
It's saved as an Animated gif
already inserted into an HTML
file.
Click on the HTML document to
play your animation.

TO PUT FIREWORKS SOUND EFFECTS IN YOUR ANIMATION!

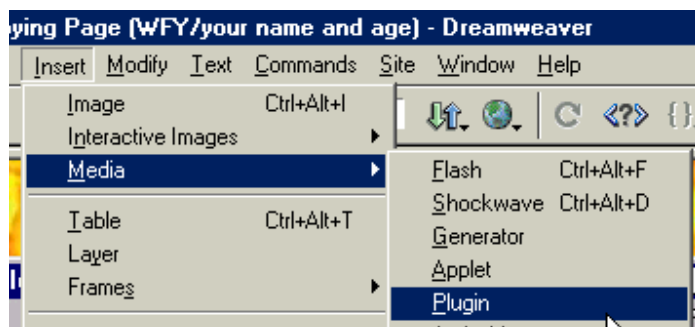


SAVE (OR COPY) THE TWO FILES ONTO YOUR FLOPPY DISK

Open up Dreamweaver

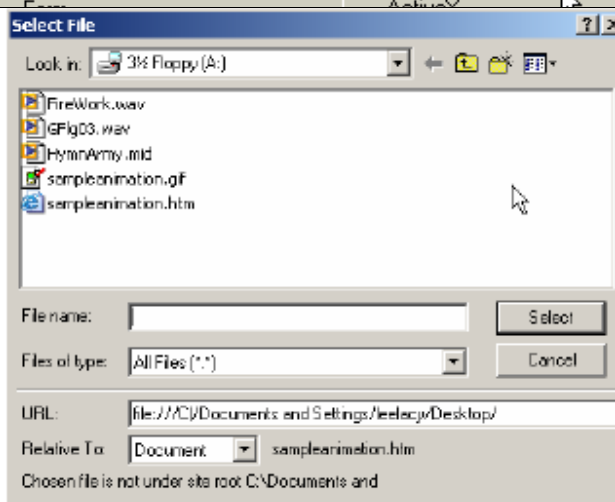


FILE—OPEN YOUR HTML PAGE IN DREAMWEAVER



Go to
Insert – Media – Plugin


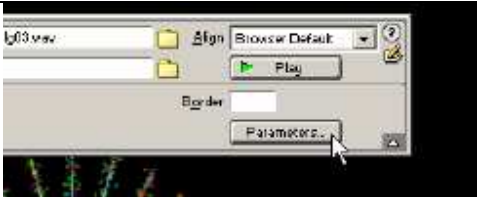
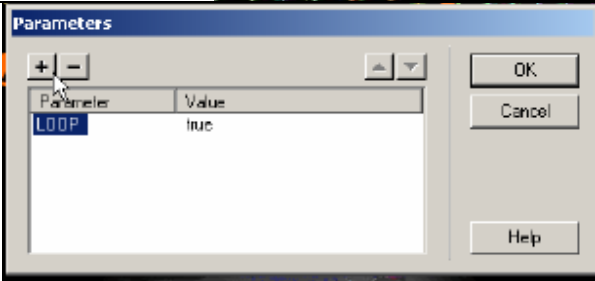

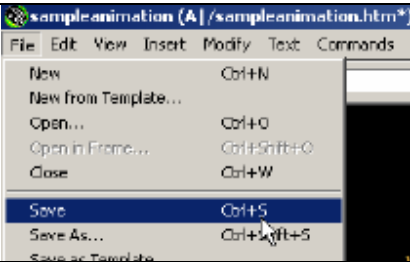
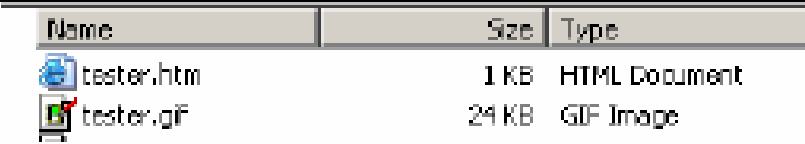
You may want to cursor down to the end of the page if you want your Media Player to appear at the bottom rather than at the top.



There'll be a couple of sound files on your disk – choose one and click Select.

When the music file is inserted, you'll see this symbol:



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|---|--|
|  | <p>To get a full-sized player, choose W: 200 H: 45</p> <p>To get no player, put in 0 for both Width & Height</p> |
|  | <p>To get your music to loop forever, Click Parameters</p> |
|  | <p>Click the  button and then type in loop for parameter true for value</p> |
|  | <p>Save your page to the disk again. If asked if you want to replace the file, choose yes</p> |
|  | <p>Click on the HTML document to play your animation. Listen to the music!</p> |
| <p>Make an Animated greeting card and send it as an email attachment to your friends!</p> | |