

Fireworks

what can it do?

Image editing, image optimizing,
HTML & JavaScript,
primarily for web site use.
Good integration with DreamWeaver
and Flash

Highlighted features

- Better pop-up menu code creation than DreamWeaver, and CSS styling
- More blend modes than Photoshop
- Perspective shadow
- Solid shadow for “3D” objects
- Convert marquee to path and back again (“Select/Convert..” And “Modify/Convert”)

More features

- Drag panels into center area to show additional tools
- Autoshapes
- Image editing panel with additional options
- Last used fonts show on top of fonts list
- Text editor to allow easier editing

Layers

- Default “New” file has 2 layers.
- Web layer is always top layer. Contains web “objects” such as slices and hot spots. This is shared on all frames.
- One layer can contain many objects. Most recent is on top.
- Drag layers to rearrange order.

Text tools

- Click once to type line, but can change line into text box by selecting & dragging a corner to edit box size
- Tweak quality with Anti-alias tools
- Can also apply styles found in the Assets panel / Styles. Choose style and then choose font

Text on a path

- Create a path - keep fill empty and stroke if needed
- Cut with the vector knife tool (hold shift to keep it straight)
- Type some text, select text and line and do Text / Attach to path
- Select text and use Properties panel to edit as needed

Adding Filters

- Filters can be applied to selected shapes and text etc.
- In the Properties panel, click the Filter “+” sign, choose filter and additional settings become available
- Play with the Alien Skin and Eye Candy settings.

Image & text manipulation

- Imported image (drag or click for size)
- Select image, Alien Skin / Edges..
- Set “torn paper”, check bg color, edit settings
- Text has a Style from the Assets panel applied



Shape Fill Options

- Select a shape
- Next to the fill color: Fill options..
- Choose Pattern, and find endless varieties that can be applied

Filters



**The Alien Skin
Halftone setting**

**The
Eye Candy / Motion Train
setting**

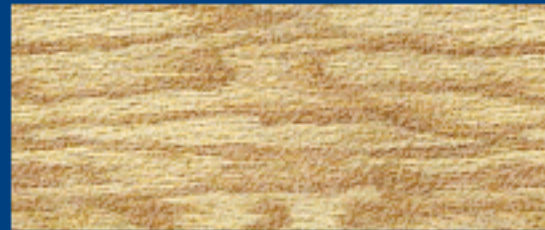
Torn paper edge

Create a shape with the vector shape tools. In the Properties panel choose: **Alien Skin Splat.. Edges** Set the background color, and tweak the amount of effect as needed

Line options



Fill options



Shadows

- **Perspective shadow:**
- Select shape:
 commands / creative / add shadow.
- Shadow is on a separate layer and can be adjusted as needed
- **Solid shadow:**
- Select object, in Properties panel, select filters / shadow / solid shadow.
- Can change the angle, and color to create illusion of 3D object

Graphic Symbols

- Creating symbols to be re-used as needed.
- Select a graphic:
 modify / Symbol / convert to symbol (F8)
- It then appears in the Library panel, and an instance of it can be dragged to the page
- Can edit the symbol itself (affect all instances), or just a single instance of it.

Roll-over Buttons

- Create a button – add text
- Duplicate the **frame**, and edit the “over” state
- Slice button, set button link in Properties panel
- Right-click on slice and select “Add simple rollover behavior”
- Click Preview tab to see it in action

Exporting roll-over button

- File / Image preview..
- Go through all optimize settings as needed.
- Fireworks will place the images in a folder, and create the HTML page
- Open the page in DreamWeaver and copy / edit as needed

Button symbol

- Create a button, select all and “cut”
- Open Library in Assets panel, and click on the “new symbol” icon – choose “button” and paste art into the button window
- On “over” tab, copy “up” state and modify for the roll-over effect
- Drag button symbol onto page and modify each as needed
- To crop: Modify / Canvas / trim canvas

Ready-made buttons etc

- Under Edit / Libraries there are several pre-made goodies which can be imported into the document library.
- All properties can be edited as needed.

CSS Pop-up Menus

- Choice for CSS or Javascript (?)
- Set up popup menu first: do graphics, then make it a slice. Right-click and add Popup menu....similar to DW
- File/image preview../set optimizing and "export", then options choose CSS, check document specifics tab

Saving / exporting options

- Select "File", "Export Wizard"
- Go through the choices to pick the right format/resolution/file size
- Set the configurations in the export preview window

Using Quick Export

- Top right of window
- Export to software installed – additional software-specific options available
- Also HTML export/copy wizards

Links

- <http://www.colr.org/>
- <http://meyerweb.com/eric/tools/color-blend/>
- <http://wellstyled.com/tools/colorscheme2/index-en.html>
- <http://www.logolounge.com/articles/default.asp?ArticleID=540>
- <http://www.hypergurl.com/colormatch.php>
- <http://www.pixelyzed.com/pixelforge/removebackgrounds/>
- <http://www.joycejevans.com/tutorials/Fireworks/fwtutorials.htm>