



Fireworks: Create a Button

Making buttons in Fireworks is very easy using the different shape tools. Applying effects and fill patterns or gradients can enhance along with text and rollover actions.

Step 1: Setup

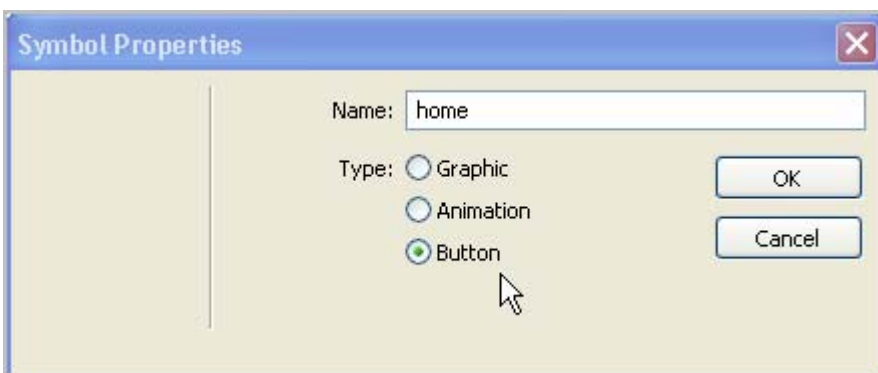
1. Open Macromedia>Fireworks.
2. Select Create New > Fireworks File.
3. Select a 500 x 500 pixel canvas, resolution 72 and select the transparent radio button.

Step 2: Drawing the Button

1. Select the rounded rectangle from the vector menu.
2. Draw a rectangle onto the canvas and make it 150 x 60.
3. Label the button with desired text.
4. Format the button using a swatch selection from the assets panel.

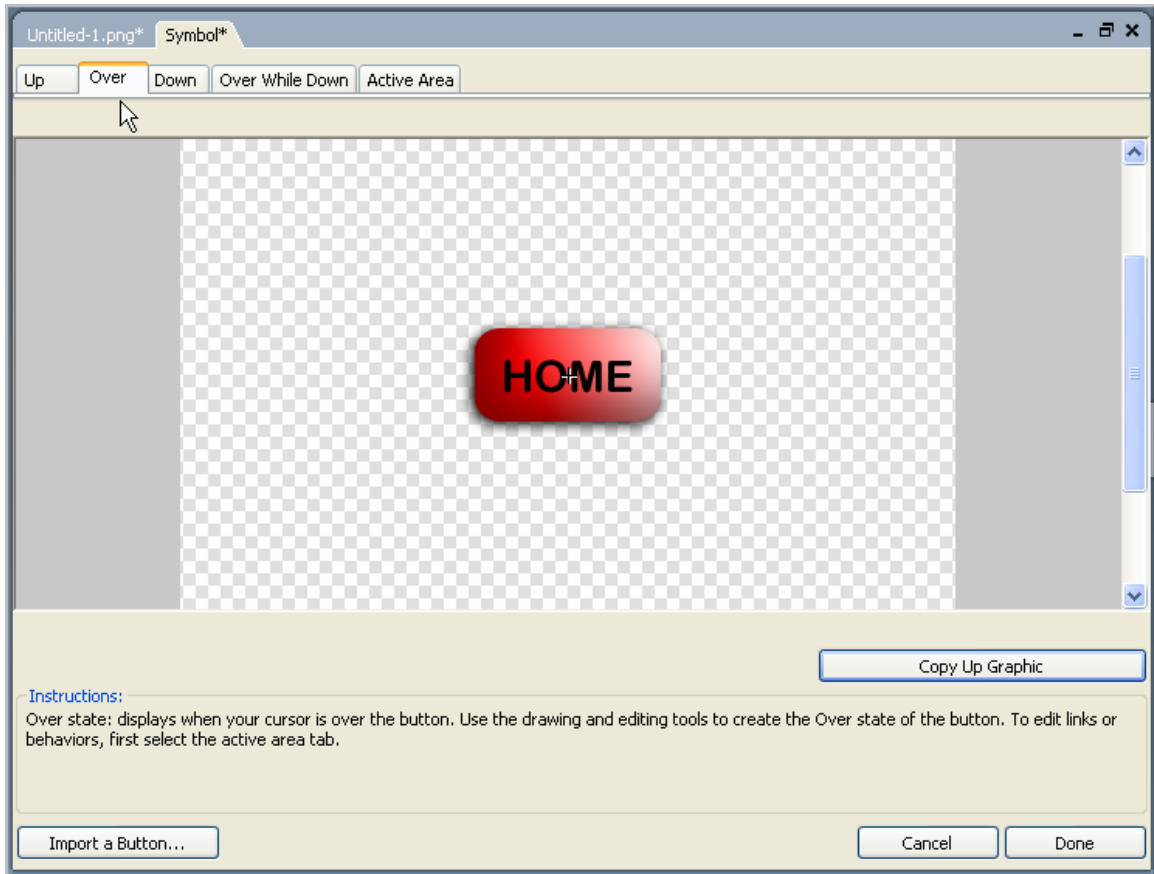


5. Select the button and text and change it to a symbol by pressing F8 or selecting Modify>Symbol>Convert to Symbol.
6. Name the button in the first field and select the button option.

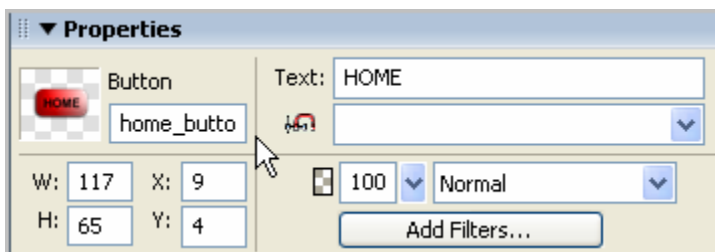


Step 3: Creating a Rollover

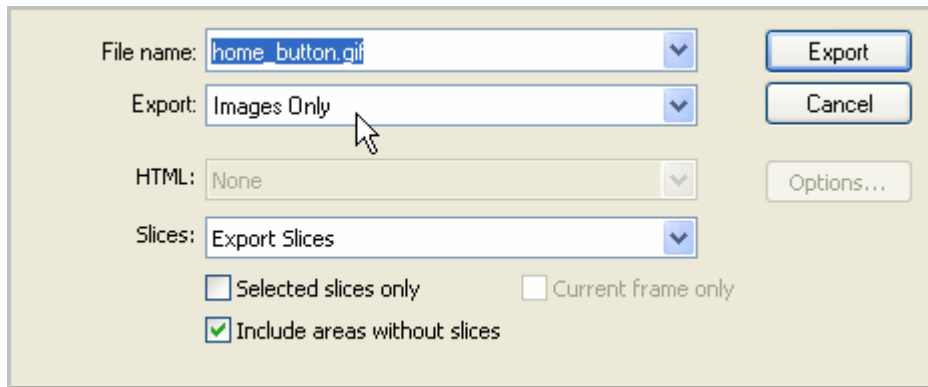
1. The button is now covered with a slice. Double click on the button.
2. Select the Over tab and Copy up Graphic.
3. Select the button and recolor or resize for the desired rollover effect.
4. Changes to the text can also be formatted.
5. Select Done when finished.



6. Select Ctrl +Alt + T to trim the excess canvas.
7. In the Properties Inspector, name the button.



8. Save the button as a .png to edit later or to create instances for the library to create similar buttons.
9. Export the button as a .gif and select Images only from the Export field. This will export two images to use in Dreamweaver as Rollover Images.



Inserting Rollover in Dreamweaver

1. Insert cursor where the desired rollover will be inserted.
2. From the menu bar select Insert> Image Objects> Rollover Image.
3. Name the button in the first field and browse to select each image.
4. Insert the correct URL link in the link field.

