

Fireworks: Masking

You can use masking techniques to round images, create buttons or feather images.

Masking an Image to a Shape

1. Begin a new image and set the transparent canvas size to 300 x 300.
2. Import a photo.
3. Draw a rounded rectangular or elliptical shape over the image. **(Fig.1)**
4. Select the shape, go to menu > **Edit** and **Cut**.
5. Select the photo, go to menu > **Edit** and select **Paste as Mask**. **(Fig. 2)**

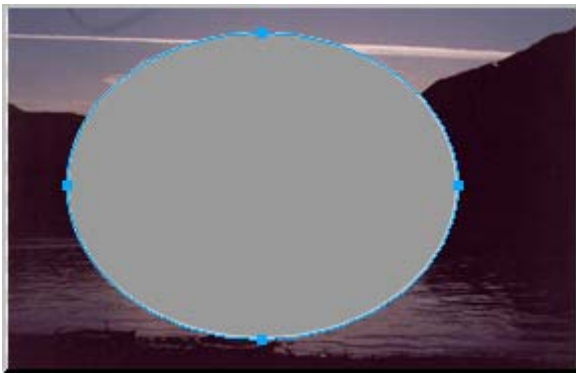
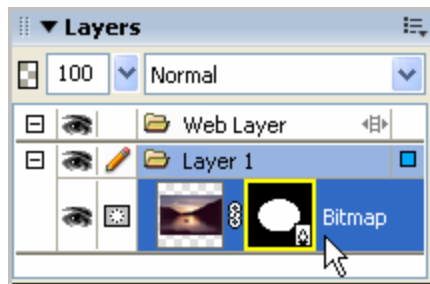


Fig. 1

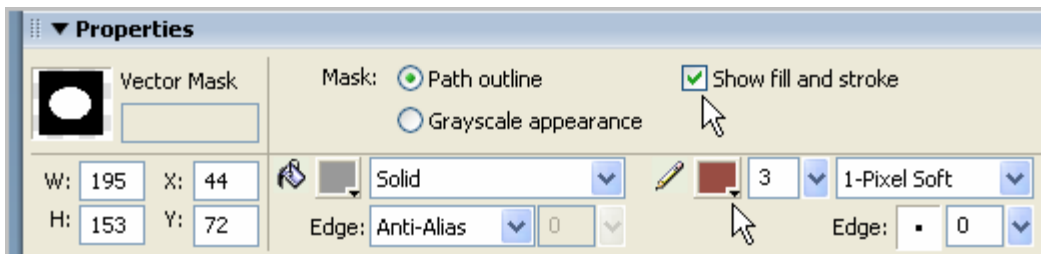


Fig. 2

6. To add a stroke or line around the image, select the mask icon on the layers panel.

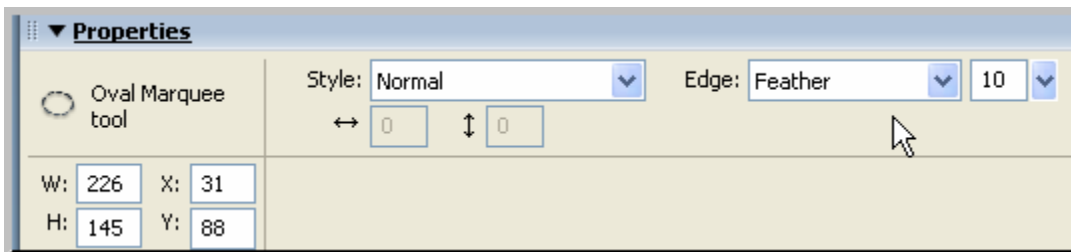


7. Place a check in the Show fill and stroke, select a complimentary color using the dropper tool and change stroke width.

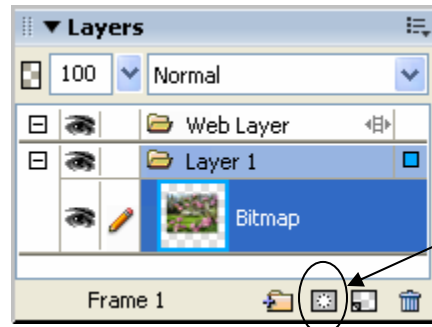


Feathering an Image

1. Import a photo into a 300 x 300 transparent canvas.
2. Use the **Oval Marquee** tool to select an area of the photo.
3. With a selection made the **Oval Marquee** property box appears.
4. Change the **Edge** option from **Hard** to **Feather** and select 5 or 10.



5. On the menu select **Modify > Mask > Reveal Selection** or you can select the mask button on the layers panel as shown below.



Add Mask

Masking Text – Masking a Photo Inside Text

1. Import a photo onto the canvas.
2. Type bold text onto the photo. Resize to fill the space.
3. Select the text, go to the menu and select Edit > Cut.
4. Select the image, go to the menu and select Edit > Paste as Mask.
5. You can use gradients to create a cool text as shown below.
6. Be creative and continue to play and experiment with Fireworks!

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