



Fireworks: Masking Text

You can use masking techniques to create gradient and patterned text as well as mask photos into text.

Masking Text

1. Begin a new image and set the transparent canvas size to 500 x 300.
2. Draw a vector rectangular shape.
3. Change the fill to a texture, gradient and/or color. **(Fig.1)**
4. Type text below rectangle using a wider font such as Gill Sans Ultra Bold.
5. Move the text on top of the rectangle and select **Cut** from the **Edit Menu**.
6. Select only the rectangle **(Fig. 2)** and from the **Edit Menu** select **Paste as Mask**.
7. Press Ctrl + Alt + T to trim your canvas and save as a .gif in Studio 8 or export as a .gif in MX 2004.



Fig. 1

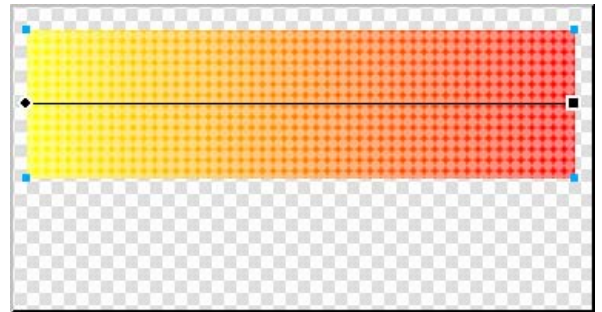


Fig. 2

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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. Be creative and continue to play and experiment with Fireworks!

Thankful