

Fireworks: Text Tool

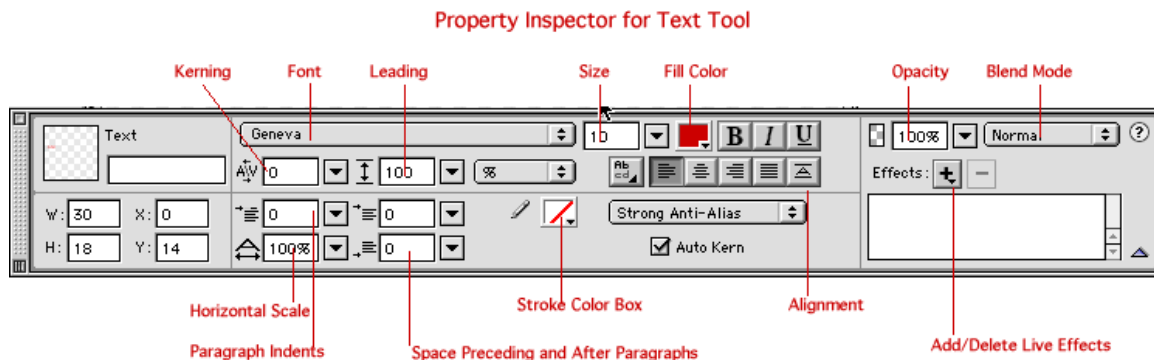
Making fancy text in Fireworks is very easy. All text in a Fireworks document appears within a rectangle with handles called a text box. Using the Property Inspector you can vary all aspects of the text including size, font, spacing, stroke, fill, and live effects.

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.
4. Set up toolbars. Select Window on the main toolbar and select Toolbars. Be sure the Main and Modify toolbars are selected.
5. Set up your panels. Select Window on the main Toolbar and make sure Tools, Properties, Layers, Optimize and Styles are all selected. These panels will remain on the left side of your screen with the exception that the Properties toolbox always resides at the bottom of the window.

Step 2: Entering Text

1. Select the A on the main toolbar and click inside the canvas.
2. An auto resizing text box will appear. Type **YOUR TEXT**.
3. Grab the pointer tool and move the text box around on the canvas by dragging.
4. Use the Property Inspector to select font style, color, size, spacing and other text attributes.

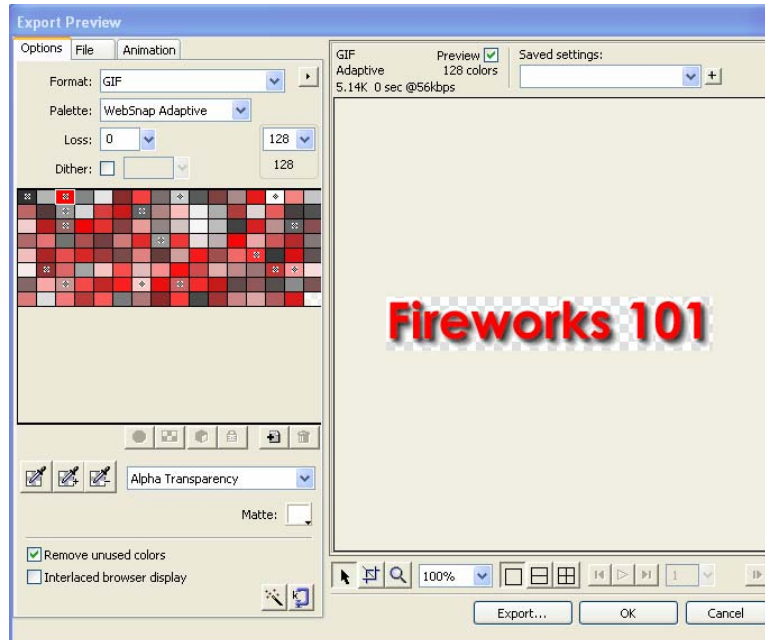


5. Select the stroke and effect attributes to change the style or use a predefined style from the Style palette.
6. To check the spelling, select Text on the menu bar and select Check Spelling.
7. Save as a .png file in order to edit later. (.png – Portable Network Graphics – 1995) File > Save As > Save to appropriate folder

All graphics created for the web must be in GIF or JPG format. All graphics created with Fireworks are in PNG format, therefore each finished file must be exported in GIF or JPG format for use on the web.

Step 2: Saving and Exporting for the Web

1. Once a graphic is trimmed, saved as a .png it must be exported for the web.
2. Select File> Export Wizard



3. In the Export Preview window, select the GIF format since the text is a graphic. (.gif - Graphics Interchange Format – Late 1980's patent)
4. In the Palette option, select WebSnap Adaptive.
5. Select Alpha Transparency and at the Matte option select the shade of the background color of the web page where this graphic will reside.
6. Select Export and export it to the appropriate folder.

If you are using a set style throughout a document it is handy to save the style by selecting Effects in Property Inspector and Select Options>Save as Style.

