




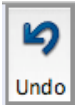
Editing Images with ImageBlender

Use Imageblender to edit the size and appearance of an image. You can use special effects such as bevel, cool edge, and page curl. Add layers to include text or drawings on the image. You can find tutorials of ImageBlender called "Snacks" at <http://www.myt4l.com>

FYI

- Imageblender can be very slow, so be patient!
- 'When using photos, always click on OPEN and get the photo first. It will create the canvas size for you.
- To create an original image, click on the NEW icon.
- When choosing colors, click ONCE to get the Color Palette. A double click gives you the color wheel, and makes it harder to duplicate a color.
- Imageblender works in layers. Create a new layer each time you want to add a new element to the project. 
- You must EXPORT images to use them in other applications!

Undo and Revert:



- **Undo** A great tool to use is the Undo Tool. Click it whenever you made a mistake and the last thing you did will undo!



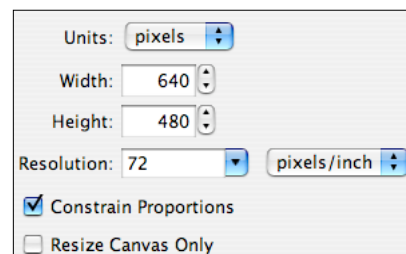
- **Revert** Revert will take the image back to the last saved version.

Image size:

There is a difference between the image size and the view of the image. Changing the size actually makes the photo smaller. Changing the zoom just changes how big it looks on the screen while you are editing it.



- Click on the Size Tool in the toolbar **Size**
- Click on the Constrain Proportions box to keep the width and height in proportion as you change the size.
- In the Image Size dialog box, select the size you wish to use. 640 x 480 is usually a good size for printing.
- If you are using the image on the web, change to about a 200 pixel width.
- You can change the pixels to inches if that is a better reference size for you to use.



Get the image:

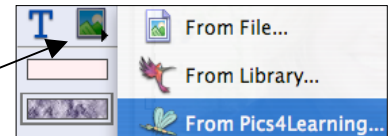


The New Tool in the toolbar creates a blank page on which you can add images, text, and other layers. If you wish to edit a photo you already have, click OPEN, not New.



- Click Open and navigate to your photo.
- You can find a library of photos from Pics4Learning by clicking on the Image Tool > Pics4Learning.

- OR drag and drop a photo onto the image window.



Zoom the View:

- Sometimes the original image file is very small and may look pixilated (broken up) on your screen. Zoom to make the view of the image smaller and you will get a better idea of what it really looks like. The Zoom bar is at the bottom of the image.

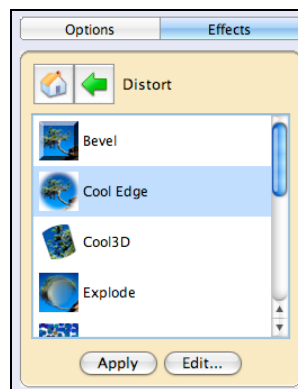
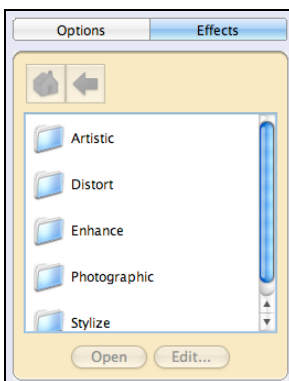


- If the photo is very large, you can make the zoom smaller to see more of the photo on your screen.
- Zoom is useful to help you edit, but does not actually change the size of the original image.

Apply Effects:

You can add cool effects such as bevel, cool edge, and page curl to the image. You can apply more than one effect to an image.

- Click on the Effects Tab on the right of the screen.
- Click on Distort





- Click on the effect you wish to use and click Apply.
- If you don't like the effect, click on the Undo Tool in the top toolbar.
- Each Folder in the Effects Menu makes different kinds of effects.
 - Use the Artistic Folder to change the image to watercolor or oil paints.
 - Use the Enhance Menu to brighten or sharpen images.

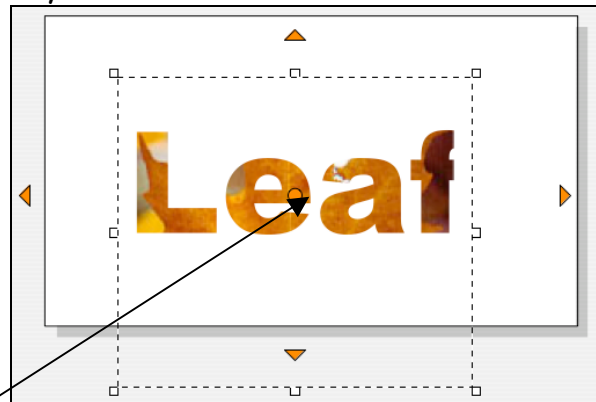
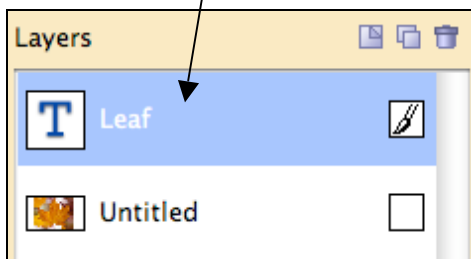
Create Cool Words

- Open a new photo
- Make the photo a size no larger than 8 inches or 600 pixels



- Click on the Text Tool  and add a word or short phrase. It will appear in a new layer.
- Make the text as large as you can and use a thick font such as Arial Black. The word should cover as much of the photo as possible.

- With the text layer selected, click on the Cool Words Tool. . The text will cut out the letters from the photo layer.



- Use the orange dot in the center to move the photo around and get the best portions in the text.
- Save, then Export the image as a .jpg.

Save and Export the image:

Be careful when saving! You might want to keep the original and save a copy with your changes.

- **SAVE** actually only saves the Imageblender file.




- **Export** To use the image in another application like WebBlender or Appleworks, you must Export the image as a .jpg. Click on Export and name the file. You do not have to type .jpg in the file name.
- Save.

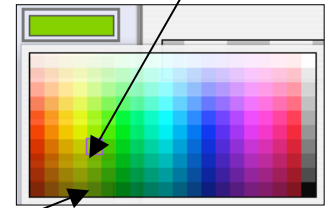
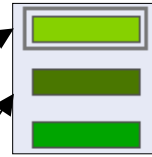
Using Gradients of Color

You can use a variety of colors in the color fill to create 3 dimensional lines or objects. You can add a layer of text to the Gradient image if you wish.

Bars




- Click on New to create a new project.
- Make the size 700 length and 35 width
- Click on the Gradient Tool 
- Click on the first color in the Color Palette
- Select one light color
- Click on the next color box in the color palette, select a darker shade of the same color
- As you select colors, you will see the Gradient start to form in the Preview window.

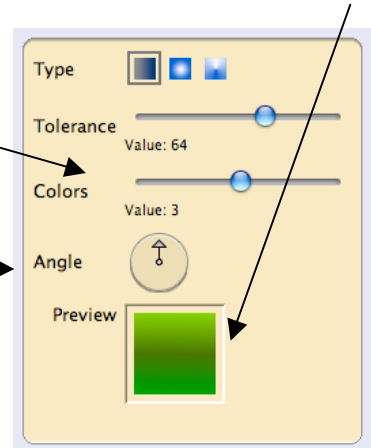


- Slide the Colors bar to add additional colors. It will add the colors in the same sequence as the Color Palette.

- Change the Angle to make the stripe go horizontal.



- Click on the Fill Tool  to fill the color in the layer
- If you want to add text to the Gradient image, click the Text tool and add the layer on top of the




Gradient.



Crop Photos




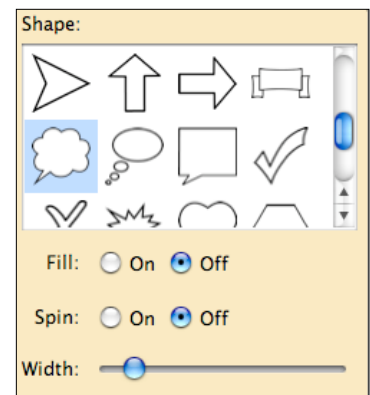
- Click on the Selection Tool  and draw a box around the area you wish to keep of the photo.
- From the Image Menu at the top of the screen, select Crop Image.

Adding Shape Elements

Add hearts, circles, speech bubbles, etc. to a new layer on an image.



- Select the Shape Tool 
- Select a color
- Select the shape from the window on the left.
- Click Fill ON to have a solid colored shape, or Fill OFF to create an outline shape.
- Control the width of the shape outline with the width slider.



Combine elements to create banners, headers, sidebars, and to enhance photos

You can create a banner using the Gradient feature with text, or use a shape from the Shapes Library. Be creative and combine the different features. Examples:

- Shadowed text on a colored fill layer:



- Cool Word on a colored background layer:



- This vertical image was created with a background color, text layer, and a frame made with the shapes library (2 rectangles of different colors give dimension to the frame)
- This photograph was cropped and the speech bubble shape added on a new layer. The text box is the third layer:



- Text and drawing elements can be added over a photo:

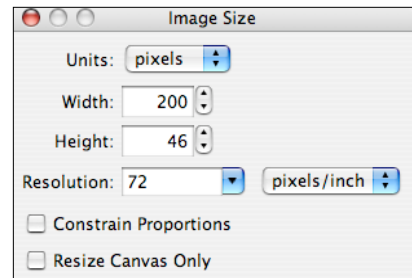



Add Shadow to Text (or images)

You can create interesting headers using shadowed text.

- Click on New to create a new project.
- Select the size of the canvas you will need. A single word or phrase can be created in a canvas that is 200x45. Experiment with the size once you have the text in it. You don't want a lot of empty space, as it will become part of the image.

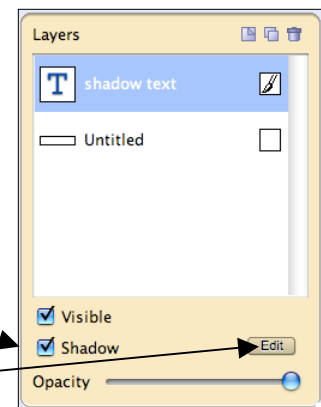
Shadow Text



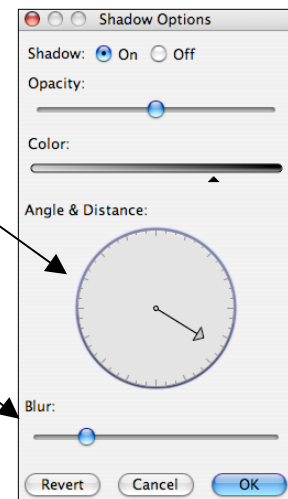
- Click the Text Tool  and type the word or phrase. The background will look like a checkerboard. This simply indicates that it is transparent. Once on a web page, it will be the same color as the background of the web page.



- Click on the Shadow Box in the Layers window
- Click on the Shadow Edit button to edit the blur and angle of the shadow.
- Experiment with the blur and angle to make the shadow look the way you want.
 - The Angle will bring the shadow closer/farther to the real text.
 - The Blur will sharpen the shadow text.



Shadow Text



Remember to EXPORT images to use in other applications, such as Dreamweaver, Appleworks, Keynote, and WebBlender.