

Lesson 16

Transparent Images

Transparent images can be handy when you have a background pattern on your Web pages. Without the transparency option, you're limited to having a border around your image that you may not want.

PSP8 Users



Select & Right Click ' Copy ' open Paintshop, Paste as ' New Image '.

Step One

Select an image of your own or you can download the above image by right clicking on the image and selecting **Save Picture As** to your computer.

Step Two

Open PaintShop Pro and from the menu bar select **File - Open**. You will need to locate the image you have chosen for this lesson, highlight it, and select open.

Step Three

From the menu bar, select **Window - Duplicate**. You will now have a duplicate of your image and it should be named Image1. Close your original image.

*You should never use the original of an image you may want or could use again.
This step is one you should do every time you use an image and a very good habit to develop.

Step Four

With the **Selection Tool** set to **Magic Wand**

Mode: Replace
Match Mode: RGB Value
Tolerance: 20
Anti-alias: Checked
Outside

Click on any area in the background of the image.

Step Five

In the **Layer Palette**, right click on the Background layer and click on **Promote Background To Layer**. This will change "Background" to "Raster 1"

Step Six

Hit the **Delete** key on your keyboard.
This should delete the background and make it transparent.



Step Seven

Go to **Selections - Select None**

Step Eight

Choose **File - Export - GIF Optimizer**

This will bring up the Transparent GIF Saver dialog box.

Step Nine

Click on the **Use Wizard** button at the bottom left to open the Transparent GIF Wizard.

Step Ten

Since the background has already been made transparent, click on **Existing**

Step Eleven

The next window allows you to set the background color of which you will be using this graphic.

This is optional and irrelevant unless you were wanting to use it on a specific background.

For this tutorial just click **Next**

Step Twelve

For the image quality, leave the slider all the way at the top, click on **Next**

Step Thirteen

Select **No, choose the best colors** for an optimized imaged

Step Fourteen

You will see a Preview of your transparent gif

*If you see a lot of "stray pixels" outside your image, you may wish to clean the image up the same way you would a tube

Click **Finish**

A **Save As** window will pop up, make sure your file is named with your name followed by the lesson number:

Example: Jenn-14.gif

Save your new image in your folder then click on **Save**.

You can then close the image you used to create the transparent image and click on **No** when asked if you want to save the changes.



Congratulations! Your Finished...