

# Integrating a NavBar with Fireworks with Dreamweaver

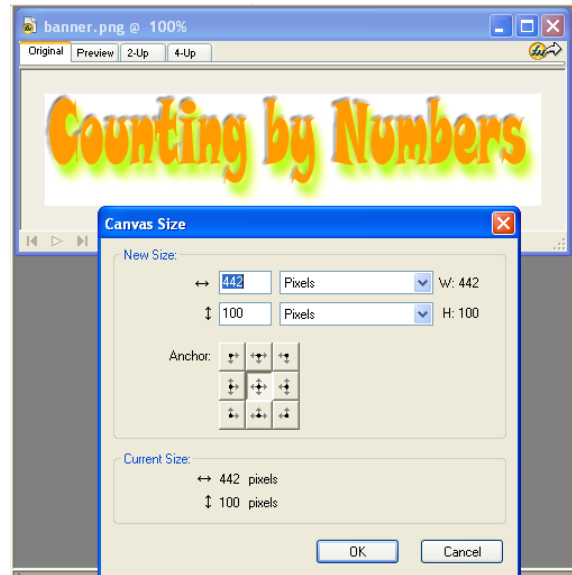
## I. Creating a Banner

This lesson will use the folder **numbers3**. Please copy the folder to **My Documents** from \\triton3\swap\_1\_yr\fireworks\_class\numbers3.

For this assignment, create a banner in Fireworks. The banner should be approximately 450 – 550 pixels wide and approximately 80 to 120 pixels high.

Save the file as **banner.png** and place it in the **resources** folder.

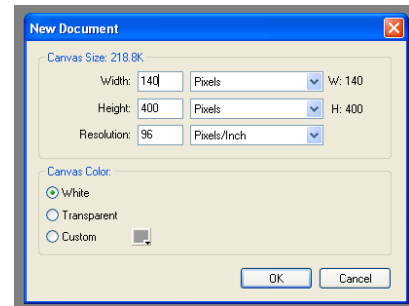
**Export** the banner as banner.gif in the **images** folder.



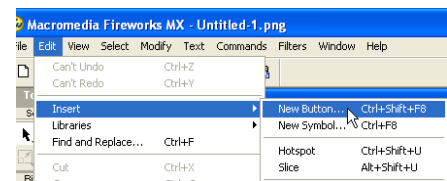
## II. Creating a Navigation Bar in Fireworks

Open Fireworks and start a new file with these dimensions:

Width            140 pixels  
Height           400 pixels



When the Fireworks work area (or stage) appears, click on edit and select **new button**.

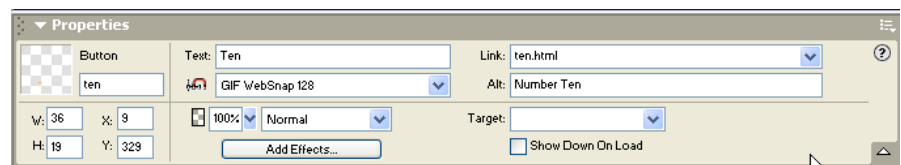


Go ahead and prepare the navigation buttons. For this assignment, create two stage button rollovers.



In the properties box, you will need to complete the following information:

**button name**  
**text**  
**alt text**



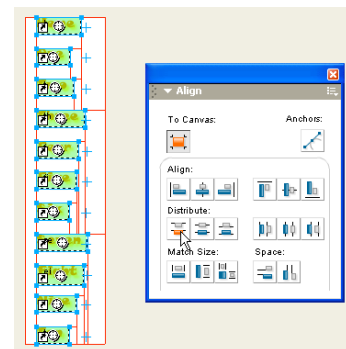
**Note: If you will be using the navbar as a template in Dreamweaver, don't put the links in until you have made the template.**

Once the buttons are created and the information filled in, crop the navigation bar to the height and width you want.

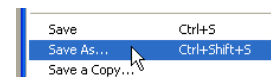


Use the **align** panel to line the buttons up on the left.

Click on **distribute top horizontal** to have Fireworks evenly place the buttons.



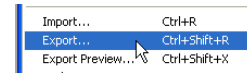
Save the NavBar as **NavBar.png** in the **resources** folder.



### III. Exporting the NavBar

After saving the PNG file, select **export wizard**.

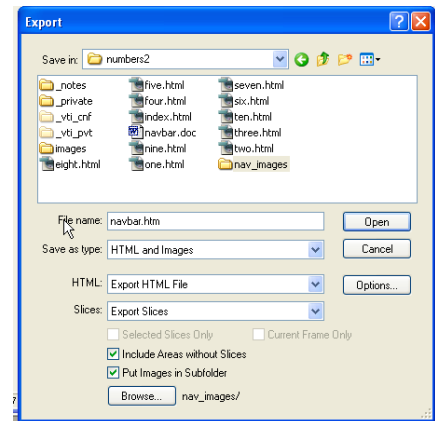
Save for Dreamweaver. You may need to set transparency if you are using **gifs**.



Click **export**.

In the **export** window, make sure the following settings are correct.

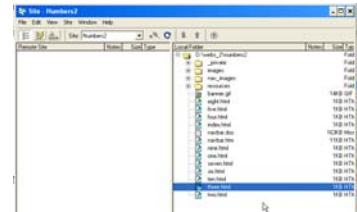
1. Type in **NavBar.htm** for file name.
2. Be sure the correct file is selected.
3. Save both HTML and images.
4. HTML – export HTML file.
5. Slices – export slices.
6. Check “Include areas without slices.
7. Check “Put images in Subfolder.
8. Create a **nav\_images** folder. You will have to browse to create and select it.



Close Fireworks.

## IV. Importing a Fireworks NavBar into Dreamweaver

Define the Numbers3 site in Dreamweaver.

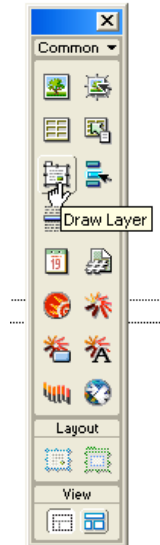


Open a new file.

Using the **Draw Layer** tool, draw a layer to place the banner into.

You are making a guestimate so draw a little large.

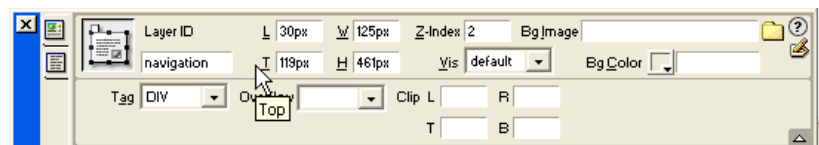
Select **insert an image** from the tool bar and add the banner.gif to the layer.



Draw a second layer to hold the NavBar.



In the properties box, label the layer **navigation**.



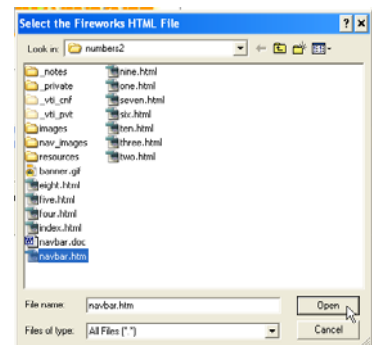
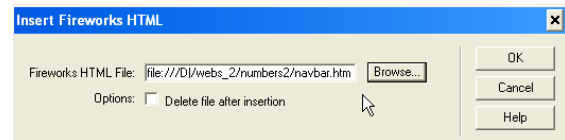
Once you have drawn the layer, click in the center of it. Next, you will need to add the navigation you created in Fireworks.

Click on the **insert Fireworks HTML** button.



You will need to browse to the **NavBar.htm** file.

Ignore the option. You want to keep the file.



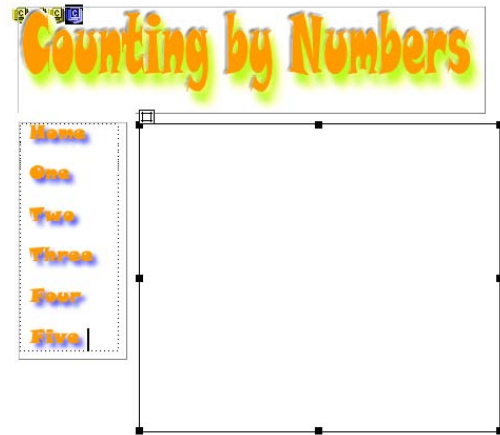
The NavBar buttons should now appear in the layer.



Draw another layer and label this one **content**.



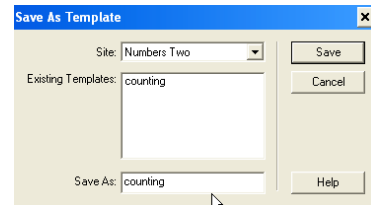
You should now have three layers on the stage.



Next go to the **file** menu and select **save as template**.

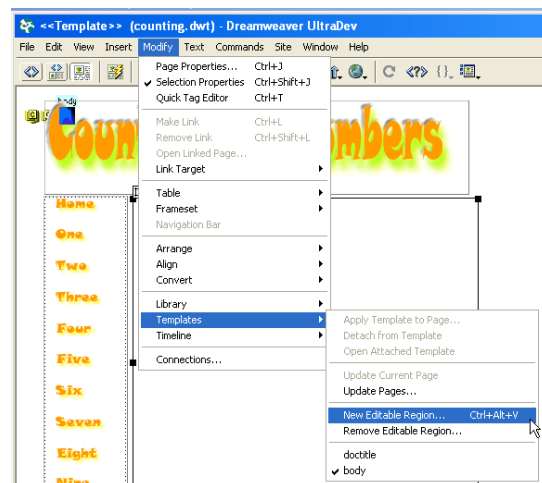
In the next window, name the file **counting**.

Dreamweaver will create a folder to hold the template as well as saving the template itself.

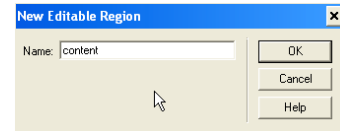


All templates must contain layers that can be modified. These are called **editable regions**.

To create an editable region, select **modify>/templates>New Editable Region**.



Dreamweaver will prompt you to name the editable region. I like to choose names that will remind why I created the region. For this first editable area, call it **content**.

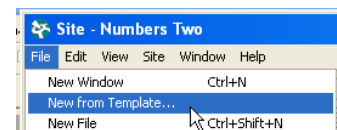


At this point, save and close the template.

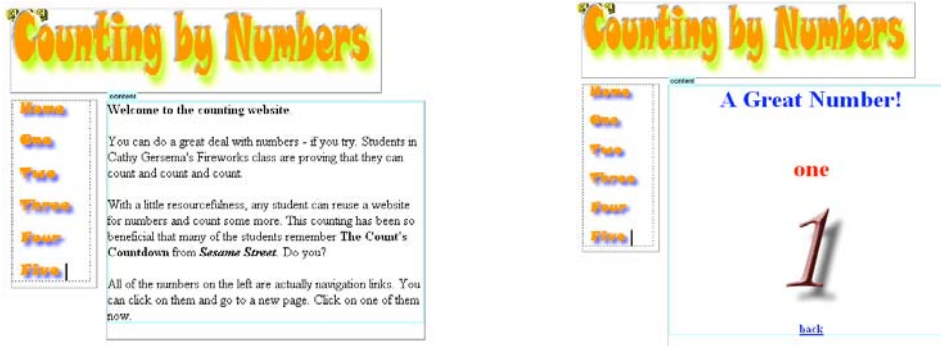
## V. Using a Template

Once you have created a template, you can really speed up the website creation process by using the template to create new pages.

To start a new page using the template, select **new from template** under the **file** menu.



You can now change the editable regions. Save the page and start a new page using the same template.



The pages above were created using the two different templates. Talk about that continuous look and feel. Templates help make that happen.

### Assignment:

Your assignment is to create 5 pages that use the template that you created in the preceding lessons. First, create a welcome page.

To do the first page, **copy** the **content layer** of **one.html** and paste it into the **content layer** of a new page that you have started from template.