

More Text Masking

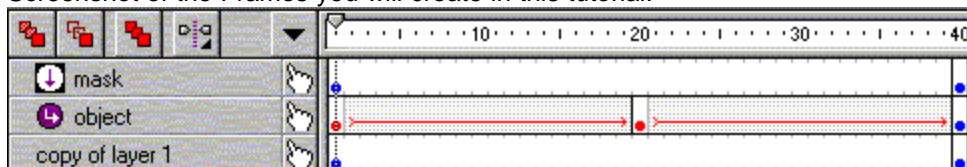
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- Motion tweening
- Drawing basic shapes and filling them
- Copying frames

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Screenshot of the Frames you will create in this tutorial:



1. Start by making 3 layers - don't worry about naming them now because layer 3 is going to be an exact copy of layer 1
2. In Layer 1 make the text you want to have the effect in. I suggest using a large blocky non serif font like Arial - start big - like 72 points.
3. Put keyframes in all 3 layers at 40
4. Copy all 40 frames of Layer 1 by using the Copy Frames command and then paste the frames into Layer 3 (that is all you will do with Layer 3) - Be sure to delete the first blank key frames in layer 3 so it looks exactly like Layer 1
5. In Layer 2 - draw a circle and fill it with a color that is not the same as the text or background. Group the circle. (Make the height of the circle bigger than the 72 point text.)
6. In frame 1 (Layer 2) place the circle right next to the first letter in the word
7. Make a keyframe at 20 and move the circle past the last letter in the word
8. At keyframe 40 move the circle back to the start position (The easy way to do this is to copy frame 1 and paste it over frame 40)
9. Now add Motion Tweening to Frames #1 & #20 on Layer 2. The ball should bounce back and forth behind the text

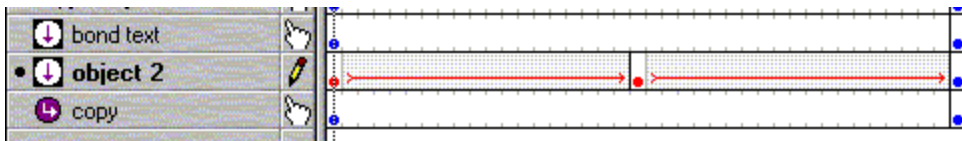
10. Go back to Layer #1 and add a mask by clicking on the pencil and selecting mask.
11. Test movie (Control + Enter) and you should see the color bouncing inside the text

Notes and other tweaking

You can speed the effect up by shortening the frames - I used 40, so at 20 the ball will move twice as fast

You can also play with the size and shape of the ball - the smaller the object the more defined it will be in the text - I used a big ball to fill the letters - if you use a smaller ball it will be more defined in the text

The James Bond effect - Simply add a mask over layer 2 - this will mask 2 layers and look kind of like a searchlight



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