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# Antique Film Grain

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- **SKILL LEVEL: EASY** (But very time consuming)
- Know how to make movie clips
- Make symbols
- Use the pencil and drawing tools
- Adjust alpha transparency



## TUTORIAL

This is a cute illusion - it is fairly easy to do but it involves making a 30 keyframe movie clip that is very time consuming. Please excuse my own drawing skill - once you learn how to make the effect - you can make the illusion look more real

- First - make the movie background dark gray or black
- Insert 2 layers:
  - Top layer for text or objects
  - Bottom layer for the movie grain movie clip

### Text

- Simply write out the text you want and convert it to a symbol
- For effect make sure it is a color that is just a little lighter then the stage (In this case light gray)

## The Film Grain Movie Clip

- This is the most time consuming
- Make a new movie clip and insert 30 BLANK keyframes
- In each keyframe draw the grains - dots, lines, and slashes (See below for tips)

## Drawing the "grain"

- First - use the pencil tool
- Select the color white (RGB all at a full 255)
- Next reduce the alpha of the color to 15%
- Now you are ready to draw:
  - The key to the illusion is that EACH frame is a different set of grains
  - In EACH separate keyframe - Draw a series of dots, lines, tildes, accent marks and cursive e's, c's, i', w', n's, etc.
  - Be sure to make the marks small and the lines not to long
  - Scatter them over the stage
  - The "long lines" that you see in 6 or 7 random frames - create the skip effect
  - The key to their placement is 1) that they are few and far between and 2) they are straight and NOT next to each other in successive frames. You can have them in successive frames - just try to have them across the stage from each other

## Setup

- Simply place the text on the top layer and place the movie clip on the second layer

**That's it !!**

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