

Art 410 Computer Animation Assignment #1B

In this next assignment students will use the basic animation features available with Adobe Photoshop and ImageReady. Using such organizational features as the layers grids , guides and tweening you are to create a very basic abstract/compositional animation. The first thing we will do is similar to the flip book project. Using the different brushes and tools in Photoshop and ImageReady create an abstract form or design that appears to have movement or that is alive and undulates and moves from frame to frame. Remember the more careful you are with your painting and the more detail you apply to each frame the slower and more fluent the motion will appear. The opposite is also true. The more jumpy the progression from frame to frame the faster and less fluid the movements will appear. When working with the Photoshop and ImageReady program and trying to create your animation try to concentrate on a single image at first. Try just working with the different tools and brushes to create an abstract form or design. Use colors and different types of marks and lines. Then once you have a single image that you feel is interesting think about background as well as how colors, shapes or forms might evolve into some thing else. Maybe try to express a color theory concept or idea or illustrate one of the color models we talk about in color theory. Keep it simplified and don't let your idea get in the way of learning the software. That's one of the big goals of this project. Due date will be give in class.

Suggested Readings Under the 'Help' menu in Photoshop or ImageReady: How To Tips, What's New in Photoshop CS, Looking at the Work Area, Getting Images into Photoshop and ImageReady, Working with Color, Making Color and Tonal Adjustments, Selecting, Transforming and Retouching, Drawing, Painting, Using Channels, Using Layers, Applying Filters for Special Effects, Using Type, Designing Web Pages, Creating Complex Web Graphics (ImageReady), Preparing Graphics for the Web, Saving and Exporting Images, Automating Tasks, Keyboard Shortcuts, Tutorials