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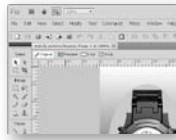
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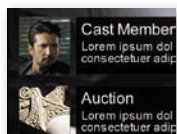
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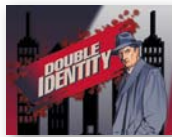
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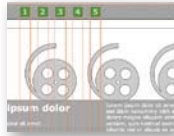
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GETTING STARTED

Adobe Fireworks® is a professional imaging application that combines vector and bitmap imaging technologies and techniques in a single graphics application. This unique approach to imaging is due to the specific focus of Fireworks, which is creating and manipulating screen graphics for the Web or for other screen-based tools such as mobile applications or Adobe Flash® products. Fireworks is a tool that lets you quickly and easily create, edit, or alter graphics and designs. And it's a blast to work with, too!

With the release of Adobe Fireworks CS5, the program has gained even more distinction as a unique application for *rapid prototyping*. The built-in flexibility of Fireworks and its “everything is editable all the time” mandate have been present since it was created. When you're creating mockups and prototypes, where client or design changes can come fast and furious, this type of flexibility is very important. Features such as multiple pages, Device Central and Photoshop integration, and workflows like FXG 2.0 export and AIR prototyping make Fireworks an essential tool in the design process.

About Classroom in a Book

Adobe Fireworks CS5 Classroom in a Book is part of the official training series for Adobe graphics and publishing software developed by experts in association with Adobe Systems. The lessons are designed to let you learn at your own pace. If you're new to Adobe Fireworks, you'll learn the fundamental concepts and features you'll need in order to begin to master the program. And, if you've been using Adobe Fireworks for a while, you'll find that Classroom in a Book teaches advanced features, including tips and techniques for using the latest version of the application and for creating web and application prototypes. Although each lesson provides step-by-step instructions for creating a specific project, there's room for exploration and experimentation. You can follow the book from start to finish, or do only the lessons that match your interests and needs. Each lesson concludes with a review section summarizing what you've covered.

What's in this book

This edition covers many new features in Adobe Fireworks CS5, such as Adobe Device Central integration, the new Compound Shape tool, enhancements to the Properties panel, improved text handling, and exporting graphics for use in Flash Catalyst.

An overview of the new Adobe interface is covered in the first lesson, where you will learn how to configure the panels and document windows in Fireworks to suit your workflow. You will learn how to edit bitmap images and work with vector paths to create web interfaces. You will learn how to create and edit symbols, a powerful feature of Fireworks, and learn how Fireworks integrates with other Adobe CS5 applications like Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Bridge, and Flash.

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Installing Adobe Fireworks

Before you begin using *Adobe Fireworks CS5 Classroom in a Book*, make sure that your computer is set up correctly and that it meets the necessary system requirements for software and hardware. You'll need a copy of Adobe Fireworks CS5, of course, but it's not included with this book. If you haven't purchased a copy, you can download a 30-day trial version from www.adobe.com/downloads. For system requirements and complete instructions on installing the software, see the Adobe Fireworks CS5 Read Me file on the application DVD or on the Web at www.adobe.com/support.

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Starting Adobe Fireworks

You start Fireworks just as you do most software applications.

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Choose Start > All Programs > Adobe Fireworks CS5.

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WORKING WITH SELECTIONS

Lesson overview

Making selections on a bitmap image is an important component of working with bitmaps. Bitmap selections isolate a specific area for alteration, protecting all other areas from being affected. For example, you might want to brighten a dark part of an image. Without a selection, this change in pixel brightness would be applied to the entire photo. In this lesson, you'll learn how to do the following:

- Make specific areas of an image active using selection tools
- Create a selection with the Magic Wand tool
- Adjust the edge of a bitmap selection
- Apply corrective filters to a selection
- Make complex selections using the Lasso and Magic Wand tools
- Modify a bitmap selection
- Save a bitmap selection for future use
- Deselect a selection
- Convert a bitmap selection to a path



This lesson takes approximately 60 minutes to complete. Copy the Lesson04 folder into the Lessons folder that you created on your hard drive for these projects (or create it now, if you haven't already done so). As you work on this lesson, you won't preserve the start files. If you need to restore the start files, copy them from the *Adobe Fireworks CS5 Classroom in a Book* CD.



Making selections on a bitmap image is key to working with bitmaps regardless of the software application.

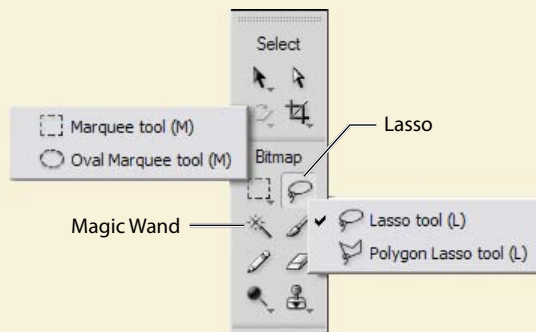
Understanding bitmap selections

The bitmap selection tools are helpful if you want to alter or copy a specific area of an image. Before you begin this lesson, though, you must also be clear on the difference between selecting an object and making a bitmap selection.

When you click on an object in the Layers panel, or use the Pointer tool to click on an object on the canvas, you are selecting (or activating) the entire object. You can then move, copy, edit, or cut that object from the design, without affecting anything else on the canvas. A bitmap selection differs in that you are selecting a specific part of a bitmap image rather than the entire bitmap object. Once you've made a selection, you can only copy or edit the area within the selection border.

Bitmap selection tools: a primer

The selection tools in Fireworks include the Marquee and Oval Marquee tools, the Lasso and Polygon Lasso tools, and the Magic Wand tool.



Choose the selection tool most suitable for the job. Use the Marquee (📏) or Oval Marquee (📏) tool to select regularly shaped areas. Simply click and drag to draw out one of these selections after choosing the appropriate tool. Holding Shift constrains the rectangular marquee to a square and the oval marquee to a circle.

One of the Lasso tools (the standard Lasso 🖱️ or the Polygon Lasso 📐 tool) may be better suited to select irregular areas when you make a freehand selection. The standard Lasso Tool allows you to draw a selection on the canvas using a mouse or stylus. You outline the selection by clicking to plot points around the area you want selected. You can hold down Shift to constrain Polygon Lasso marquee segments to 45-degree increments. To close the polygon selection, either click the starting point or double-click in the workspace.

If the area is full of similar shades of colors, the Magic Wand tool (🔍) may be your best choice to quickly create a selection. The Magic Wand tool selects pixels based on color. If you have an area of similarly colored pixels in your image (a blue sky, for example), the Magic Wand can quickly select that part of your image. You start the

selection by clicking the wand cursor on an area of your image. The wand selects contiguous pixels of the same color range, based on the Tolerance setting in the Properties panel. You can increase the tool's sensitivity by changing the Tolerance setting to a higher value.

Options

Most of the bitmap selection tools have the option to set the selection edge to Hard, Anti-alias, or Feather. A Hard edge gives you a jagged, pixelated selection. Anti-alias blends the selection with the area outside the selection. Feather creates a softer, less accurate, blended edge selection. Unlike with the other two edge settings, you can apply a pixel value to Feather to increase the blend between the inside and outside of the selection.



Hard Edge



Anti-Aliased Edge



Feathered Edge

Additional selection features for the marquee

If you choose the Rectangular or Elliptical Marquee, the Properties panel offers you additional options:

- Normal creates a marquee in which the height and width are independent of each other.
- Fixed Ratio constrains the height and width to defined ratios.
- Fixed Size sets the height and width to a defined dimension, in pixels.

Using Live Marquee

The Live Marquee feature is available for the bitmap selection tools listed earlier. By default, it is active (selected) in the Properties panel. Live Marquee gives you immediate control over the edge of your bitmap selection after it has been drawn. You can choose Hard for an aliased, hard-edged selection; Anti-alias for a softer, slightly blended selection edge; or Feather for a very soft blend. When you choose Feather, you set the amount of feathering you want. This amount will gradually blend any effect applied to the bitmap selection on both the inner and outer edges of the selection.

Getting started

Various images may require different types of adjustments. In this lesson, you will use a variety of selection tools to make local adjustments on three different images. You will start with a simple selection exercise using the Magic Wand.

1 Choose File > Open, and browse to the Lesson04 folder.

2 Select Backdrop02.jpg, and then click Open.

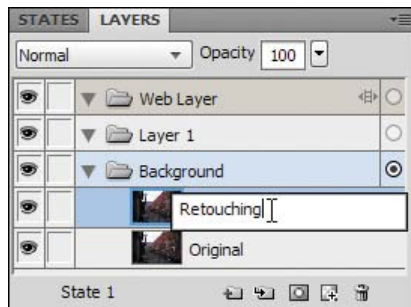
Notice how bright the sky is—practically without detail. You will apply a bitmap filter to a bitmap selection, which will permanently change the pixels in the image. When you are going to apply permanent changes to a bitmap object, it's a good idea to create a duplicate of the image first so that the original is not damaged.

3 Select the Pointer tool, and click on the image to make it active.

4 Press Ctrl+Shift+D (Windows) or Command+Shift+D (Mac) to create a clone of the image. You now have two bitmap images in the Layers panel.

5 In the Layers panel, double-click the bottom bitmap image name, and change it to **Original**.

6 Double-click the top image, and rename it **Retouching**.



Selecting and modifying with the Magic Wand tool

In this section, you are going to use the Magic Wand tool to select a part of the scene in order to apply an exposure adjustment.

Creating the selection

First, create the selection using the Magic Wand tool.

1 Select the Magic Wand tool (🔍) from the Tools panel.

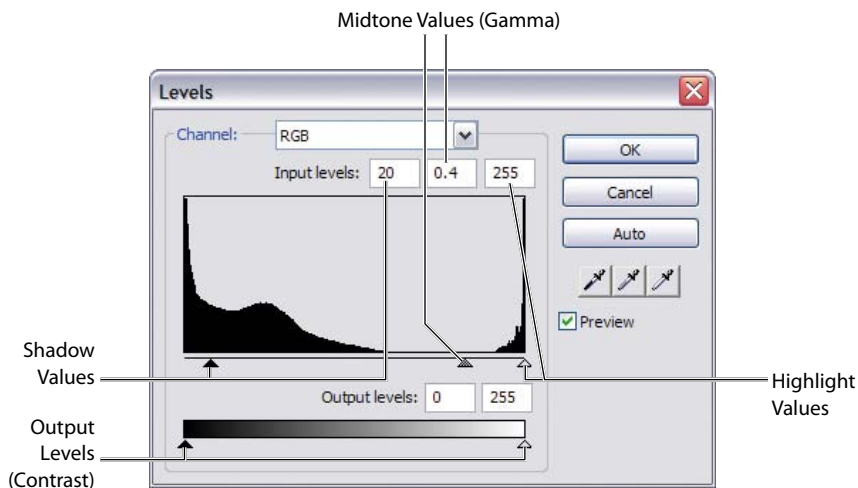
- 2 Move the cursor over the sky portion of the image, and click once. As illustrated here, a selection appears.



- 3 To see how our alteration blends with the rest of the photo, choose View > Edges (or press Ctrl+H on Windows or Option+F9 on Mac). This hides the selection from view but still lets you perform actions on it, such as applying filters.
- 4 Choose Filters > Adjust Color > Levels.
- 5 Set the Shadow (Minimum Intensity) value to 20.
- 6 Set the Midtone (Gamma) value to 0.4, and leave the Highlight value at 255.
- 7 Toggle Preview off and on again repeatedly to see how the cloud definition has changed, and then click OK to apply the filter.

● **Note:** When applying a filter adjustment to a bitmap selection, you must use the main Filters menu. You should also create a copy of the image before you begin.

► **Tip:** It's a good idea to zoom in on the area you are selecting to ensure a more accurate selection.



- 8 Close the file without saving.

Using the Magic Wand tool with keyboard modifiers

Because the Magic Wand tool selects based on contiguous pixel color, areas you want included may not always become part of your original selection. You can use modifier keys to add to the selection.

In this exercise, you are going to use the Magic Wand tool to select parts of the actors' faces in order to apply an exposure adjustment. You will also modify the selection by applying a feathered edge.


1 Choose File > Open, and browse to the Lesson04 folder.

2 Select actors_together.jpg, and then click Open.

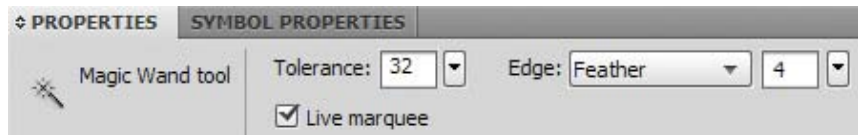
Notice the skin tones on the left cheek of the man. They're almost washed out. A similar problem exists with the woman's face. You will be applying a bitmap filter to a bitmap selection, which will permanently change the pixels in the image. When you are going to apply permanent changes to a bitmap object, you should create a duplicate of the image first so that the original is not damaged.

3 Select the Pointer tool, and click the image to make it active.

4 Press Ctrl+Shift+D (Windows) or Command+Shift+D (Mac) to create a clone of the image, and rename this duplicate **Retouching**.

5 If necessary, select the Magic Wand tool () from the Tools panel.

6 In the Properties panel, set the Edge to Feather, input a value of **4**, set the Tolerance to **32**, and make sure the Live Marquee option is selected.

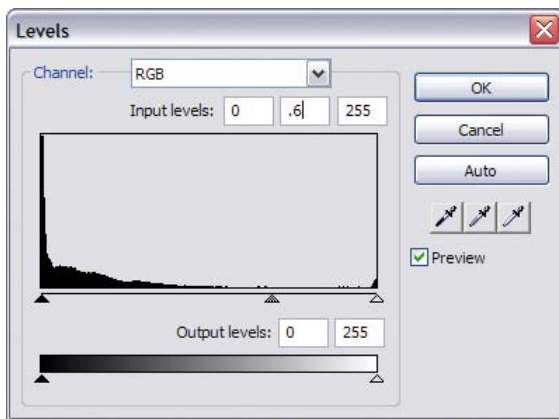


7 Move the cursor to the bright area of the detective's cheek, and click once. A selection appears.



Notice that the other bright areas on the woman (her cheek and nose) are not part of the selection. This is because these areas are separated by pixels that are much darker and of different colors, and not within the Tolerance setting of the tool. Increasing the tolerance is not the answer, either, because we would end up selecting more areas than we want for this adjustment.

- 8 Hold down the Shift key, and click on the bright part of the woman's cheek, between her ear and her eye.
- 9 Hold down the Shift key one more time, and click on the bright side of the bridge of her nose. You now have three separate selections.
- 10 Choose Filters > Repeat Levels. (This option is available for the last filter applied, as long as you have not restarted Fireworks.)
- 11 Set the Gamma slider to a value of 0.6.



● **Note:** To subtract from a selection, hold down the Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac) keys. These modifiers work with the Rubber Stamp, Lasso, Marquee, and Oval Marquee tools.

- 12 Click OK to apply the filter. You'll see that the skin tones of the actors' faces look much more even and are no longer washed out.

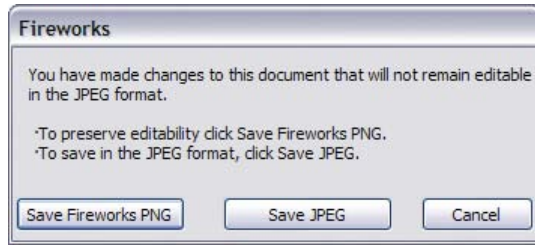
If you create a particularly complex selection, such as the one you've just done, you might want to save your efforts as an alpha channel in order to reuse the selection at a later time. See the sidebar "Saving and restoring bitmap selections." (Your file is currently in the perfect position to use these bitmap-selection functions.)

Finally, it's time to finish up with this file.

- 13 Choose File > Save.

Fireworks recognizes that this altered image has properties that are not supported in a flat JPEG file, so you will see a dialog box asking you for a decision about which type of file you'd like to save. If you want to retain the editability of the file, save it as a Fireworks PNG file. If the original image and the bitmap selection are not important, you can opt to save the file as a flat JPEG.

► **Tip:** Sometimes the marquee itself can get in your way. You can quickly show or hide the marquee by pressing Ctrl+H (Windows) or Option+F9 (Mac).



14 Click Save Fireworks PNG. This will maintain the selection information and both bitmap images. The Save dialog box appears.

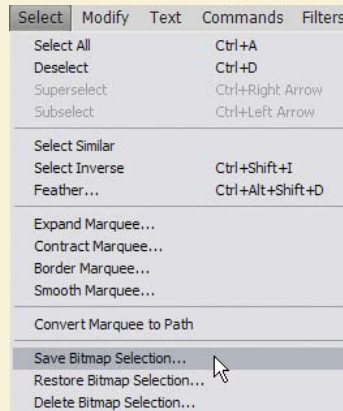
15 Name the file **actors_together_retouched.png**, save it to the Lesson04 folder, and click OK.

● **Note:** If you had chosen File > Save As, Fireworks would assume you want to save the file as a JPEG. There's a warning message in the Save As dialog box; pay attention to it! Some people don't notice the warning and later reopen their file only to learn the edits have been flattened, and the original unaltered image has been lost. Make sure you click on the Save As Type options and choose the format you prefer.

Saving and restoring bitmap selections

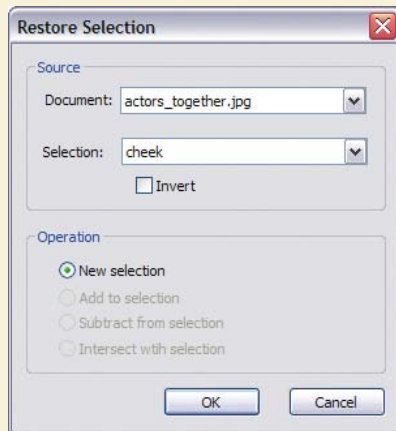
Once you've created a complex selection, you can save it, giving you the option to deselect it, work on other parts of the image, and come back to that selection later. These functions are available regardless of the selection tool you've used in the first place. To save a selection, you first need to have an active bitmap selection.

1 Choose Select > Save Bitmap Selection.



- 2 In the Save Selection dialog box, change the name to **cheek**. Leave all other settings as they are.
- 3 Click OK.


Once a selection is saved, you can then call it up any time you need it during your session. If you save the file as a Fireworks PNG file, the selection remains with the file and can be restored even after the file has been closed and reopened.



● **Note:** If you have more than one saved selection, you can choose the correct one from the Selection menu in the Restore Selection dialog box. In the current exercise, the “cheek” selection is the only one in the list.

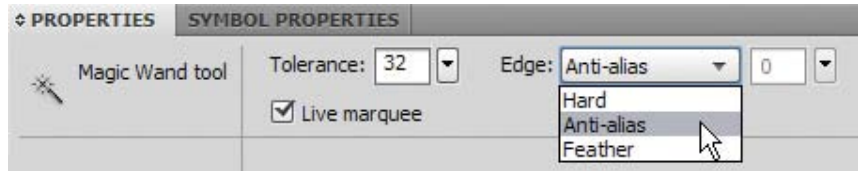
- 4 Press Ctrl+D (Windows) or Command+Shift+A (Mac) to deselect the bitmap selections on the canvas (so that you can see how to restore it).
- 5 Choose Select > Restore Bitmap Selection.
- 6 Click OK. The selection reappears on the canvas.

Selecting with the lasso tools

Selection tools are also interchangeable; you might start with the Magic Wand tool, for example, but then turn to the Lasso tool () to refine a selection.

- 1 Choose File > Open, and browse to the Lesson04 folder.
- 2 Open the file called Mark_actor07.jpg.

- 3 Select the Magic Wand tool once again.
- 4 Set Edge to Anti-alias, its value to 0, and Tolerance to 32, and make sure the Live Marquee option is selected.

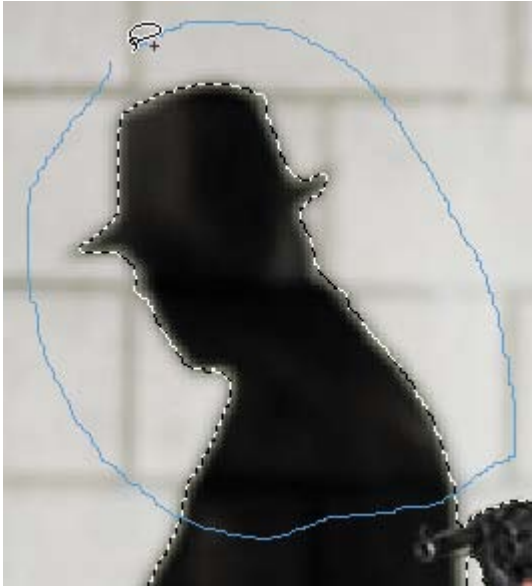


● **Note:** If you don't see the selection appear, make sure that the marquee is not hidden by selecting **View > Edges**.

- 5 Click on the gray cinderblock wall.
- 6 Hold down the Shift key, and click on other areas of the wall. Avoid clicking the shadow of the detective, because this will also select parts of the gun.
- 7 Continuing to press the Shift key, click the dark segment to the right of the actor.



- 8 Select the Lasso tool.
- 9 Holding down the Shift key, draw around a large part of the shadow. Avoid lassoing the gun. You do not have to do this in one operation; indeed, it's a good idea to zoom in for the more detailed areas and add to the selection in multiple steps.



As long as you hold down the Shift key, you can add to the existing selection. If you select an area by accident, you can switch to the Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac) key and draw around the unwanted area.

When you are done, everything except the detective should be selected.

● **Note:** Creating this selection took some time, so it's wise to save the selection as you did with the previous document (choose Select > Save Bitmap Selection).




10 Choose File > Save.

11 Click Save Fireworks PNG.

The Save As dialog box appears.

- 12 Name the file **Mark_actor07.fw.png**. Because you are using a different file type, you can still keep the same filename.
- 13 Save the file to the Lesson04 folder and click OK.

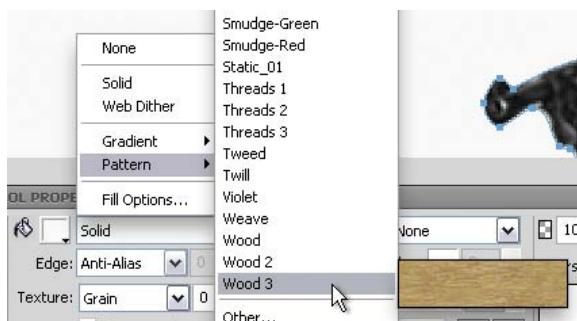
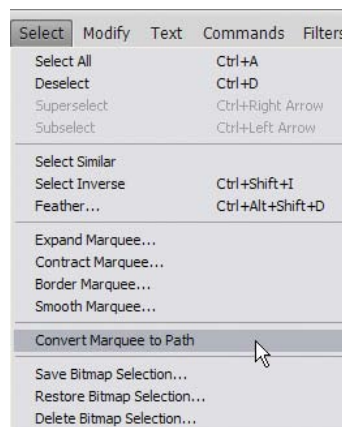
Converting a selection to a path

In Fireworks, you can easily convert bitmap selections to vector paths. Paths can be easier to edit than bitmap selections, in part because you aren't as likely to delete an entire path by accident. If you are adjusting a bitmap selection and forget to use the Shift and Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac) modifier keys, you can easily delete the entire selection. To edit the shape of a path, you can use the Subselection tool () to drag individual control points in the path.

In this exercise, you will continue working with the **Mark_actor07.fw.png** file.

- 1 If the selection is not active, choose **Select > Restore Bitmap Selection**.
- 2 Choose **Select > Convert Marquee To Path**.

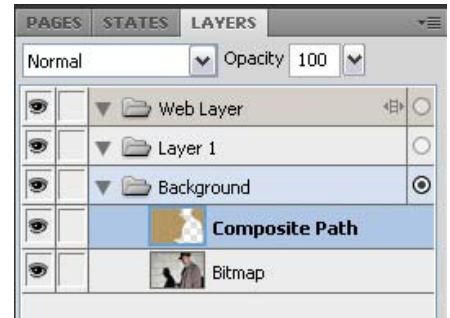
The selection is removed, and in its place is a new path object, filled with the last attributes used for vector objects.
- 3 Select the Pointer tool, if it's not already selected.
- 4 Choose **Pattern > Wood 3** from the Fill Category list in the Properties panel.



The detective is now up against another type of wall, so to speak. In the Layers panel, the newly created vector object is called a composite path.

- 5 Double-click the object name in the Layers panel and change it to **wall**.
- 6 Rename the bitmap image **detective**.
- 7 Choose File > Save.

You will learn much more about working with paths in Lesson 4.



Other selection options

Select Inverse

Sometimes, selecting the unwanted part of the image is easier.

The Select Inverse command toggles between the active selection and the unselected area.

Let's say you have a photo of a city scene with a clear sky in the background. You want to do some levels or filter adjustments to the city area. Using the Magic Wand tool to select the evenly colored sky will be easier (and faster). Then you can choose Select > Select Inverse to reverse the selected areas, making the city scene the active selection.



Select Similar

Select Similar adds to the current bitmap selection, based on colors within the active selection. Anywhere the colors within the selection appear throughout the image, they will become part of the new selection. You can choose Select > Select Similar with any bitmap selection.

Modifying a selection

You can expand, contract, or smooth any active bitmap selection by choosing the desired action from the Select menu.

Review questions

- 1 What is the difference between selecting objects and making bitmap selections?
- 2 What are the five bitmap selection tools in Fireworks, and what are their functions?
- 3 What does the Tolerance setting do when you're using the Magic Wand tool?
- 4 What are the two keyboard modifiers you can use in conjunction with the bitmap selection tools?
- 5 How do you create a clone of a bitmap image? Why would you do this?

Review answers

- 1 When you click on an object in the Layers panel or use the Pointer tool to click an object on the canvas, you are selecting (or activating) the entire object, allowing you to move, copy, edit, or cut that object from the design, without affecting anything else on the canvas. A bitmap selection differs from this in that you are selecting a specific part of a bitmap image rather than the entire object. Once you've made a selection, you can copy or edit only the area within the selection border. The bitmap selection tools cannot be used on vector objects.

- 2 The Fireworks selection tools are the Marquee and Oval Marquee tools, the Lasso and Polygon Lasso tools, and, finally, the Magic Wand tool.

Typically, you use the Marquee or Oval Marquee tool to select regularly shaped areas, and the Lasso or Polygon Lasso tool to select irregular areas. You use the Magic Wand tool to select pixels based on color. While drawing the initial selection, the Shift key constrains the marquee tools to symmetrical objects (squares and circles) and the Polygon Lasso tool segments to 45-degree increments.

After a selection has been created, hold down the Shift Key to add to the selection. Pressing Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac) subtracts from a selection.

- 3 The Magic Wand tool selects contiguous pixels of the same color range based on the tolerance setting in the Properties panel. You can increase the tool's sensitivity by changing the Tolerance setting in the Properties panel to a higher value.
- 4 The Shift key is one of the keyboard modifiers you can use with bitmap selection tools, and the Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac) key is the other. Both of these modifiers work with the Rubber Stamp and freehand Lasso tools, as well as the rectangular and elliptical marquees. Holding down the Shift key lets you add to an existing selection. To subtract from a selection, hold down Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac).
- 5 To clone a bitmap image (or any other object), press Ctrl+Shift+D (Windows) or Command+Shift+D (Mac), or choose Edit > Clone to create a clone of the image. Creating a clone of your original image lets you edit and retouch a copy without damaging the original.

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