

RareDiamonds

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Chapter 1

RareDiamonds

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RareDiamonds

- Basic Icon Set -

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Have fun.. :-)

PS:

I fear there are many mistakes in my english, feel free to correct me.
Thanks.

1.2 Introduction to RareDiamonds

Introduction

Ohh no, another IconSet....

I skip the 'blabla' here... ;-)

'Features' of RareDiamonds:

- * the icons have 6 colors.
- * the color-palette is not fixed, it is variable in a certain scope.
- * reducing the number of colors to 4 is possible without too much loss.
- * the icons are equally sized.
- * although designed for 1:1 pixel resolutions, they don't look too strange with 2:1 pixel resolutions. (?)

You can preview all icons in the the IconArchive (the IconArchive drawer), it is used only as an image database.

The 'Presetsx.x' drawers contain some sample palettes for 'RareDiamonds' icons.

The 'MagicRareDiamonds' palette is a MagicWB palette, with white a bit darker and the dark grey a bit brighter, so both icon types look 'correct'.

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1.4 Installing RareDiamonds

Installation

Requirements

- * you need Kickstart 2.0 or better for installation.
- * you need Installer.
 Installer is (c) Copyright 1991-93 Commodore-Amiga, Inc.

the Installerscript

- * The Installation will ONLY replace the images of the icons. Tooltypes and position remain unchanged.

The Installerscript replaces

- * all icons it knows on your SYS: partition,
- * all drawer.info files in any path
- * and the disk.info file on any partition.

it too installs

- * the IconArchive,
 - * IconToolBox (MUI)
-

* and the background patterns.

It is no bad idea to go through the installer script in 'pretend' mode first to learn what is happening.

you have to replace other icons manually: Replacing~Icons.

to the 4 Color Installation

For Workbench-Screens with 2 Bitplanes.

If you want to install the icons in 4 Colors, then double-click on 'RemapTo4Icons' first. This Script will remap all icons from 6 to 4 Colors. It is IMPOSSIBLE to reverse this operation, so better keep the original RareDiamonds-archive!

Go on with normal installation.

to the normal Installation

For Workbench-Screens with more or equal to 3 Bitplanes.

First you should select a palette from one of the two 'Presets' drawers (by double-clicking on the filename and save it from the palette prefs) if your current palette doesn't harmonize with the RareDiamonds iconset. 'Presets2.x' contains some presets for Kickstart 2.x and 'Presets3.x' for Kickstart 3.x.

The 'GyBlGyGyL.pre' palette is like the standard defaultpalette (grey background and blue window).

'GyBlGyGyL.pre' is the palette used in preview1 and 'GyPiGyGyL' in preview2. (GyBlGyGyL means GreyBlueGreyGreyLow..... :)

Then start the Installation by double-clicking on 'install_RareDiamonds'.

reduce icons to 3 Bitplanes

To reduce icons to 3 bitplanes use DoIcon.

If you don't know what i am talking about, forget it... ;)

Background patterns

If you like the RareDiamonds background patterns, then select them from the WBPattern prefs programm (3.x only). To use background patterns with Kickstart 2.x you may use NickPrefs.

The background patterns were drawn with the 'GyBlGyGyL.pre' palette. If you use another palette they may look a bit strange on a 3 bitplane Workbench. To correct this use RemapILBM.

The background patterns are only useful with ≥ 8 colors.

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1.6 How to register.

Registration

You may use RareDiamonds 14 days without registration. If you use it longer than 14 days you have to register.

RareDiamonds is "true" shareware, i.e. it is not crippled in any way. Therefore You might think you gain nothing by registering RareDiamonds. This is true from a certain point of view, as you receive no new or extra icons due to the registration. But you encourage me to extend RareDiamonds, draw new icons and create a RareDiamonds DrawingSet, so you can easier draw icons in the RareDiamonds style yourself.

To register 'RareDiamonds' send the shareware fee to the author.

Shareware fee is:

DM	20
US Dollars	15

Thanks.

1.7 RemapILBM

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RemapILBM is a small programm (cli only) which copies the colorinformation of an 3.x palette prefs file into an ilbm iff file. (You will find it in the 'RareDiamonds/c' directory) (It is a kind of hack, at least in the way i implemented it ;)

In order to work correctly, the ilbm iff file MUST have the same color order as the palette prefs file, i.e., the color from the iff file that should get the *first* color from the palette file must be in the *first* position of the iff file palette and so on.
If this is not the case, you will destroy the palette information of the ilbm iff file.

RemapILBM will work without problems on the included background patterns.

If you use it on other ilbm iff files, be carefull, NEVER use it on the original file.

Examples:

for a single file...

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RemapILBM GyViGyGyL.pre Backgrounds/roughStone
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for multiple files...

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RemapILBM GyViGyGyL.pre Backgrounds/#?
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DoIcon  
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DoIcon is Copyright© by Lars Eilebrecht.

You can find the complete DoIcon release in the DoIcon12 drawer.

Use 'doicon IconArchive/#? stripd=3 all' from the shell to strip the icons from the redundant bitplanes.

DoIcon is used to reduce the icons to 4 colors as well..

1.9 Replacing icon Images by hand..

Replacing Icons...

You can do it by using IconToolBox, wich needs MUI, with the Workbench IconEditor or with any other qualified program.

I describe here only, how it works with IconToolBox and the IconEditor.

using IconToolBox...

If you have installed IconToolBox (MUI) AND the RareDiamonds IconArchive, you can easily replace icon images by using IconToolBox's 'Archive-Mode'. (The tooltype ARCHIVE must contain the full path to the IconArchive, if you have installed both, this is already the case.)

Turn the 'Mode' cycle gadget to 'Archive'. The list is like a filerequester, double clicking on drawers will show the files in this drawer and clicking on an icon file will load the images from the file into IconToolBox's image windows.

You can now easily replace images from any icon to the images shown in the 'image windows' by dropping it/them into IconToolBox.

Multiple selection is supported.

If 'Options - AutoSave Icon' is enabled (as it is per default), IconToolBox will save the icon(s) with the new images automatically.

using IconEdit...

Drop the icon you want to change into IconEdit. Select the choosen images from the RareDiamonds IconArchive with the menu 'Images/Load/BothImages' (shortcut: ramiga i). Then save the icon (shortcut: ramiga s).

You may set the tooltype ALTDRAWER to the complete path to the IconArchive so IconEdit remembers it.

1.10 Palette

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The RareDiamonds sample palettes use the seventh color as an extra color for the background patterns and the eighth for a yellow shell cursor.

If you use other background patterns and you don't want a yellow shell cursor, you can change them to your need.

If you change the colors used for the icons in the palette, color 5 should be a little bit darker than the background color, and color 6 should be a bit brighter than the background color.

If you find a nice palette... i would like to try it too..:)

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