

Images with Impact™, from 3G Graphics People 1

Here's another award-winning clip art package from the folks at 3G Graphics!! This package contains 6 disks full of *well-designed* images (Encapsulated PostScript format). I enjoyed 3G's other images (Business, Accents & Borders, and Graphics & Symbols) so much that I jumped at the chance to see and use their newest collection. "People 1" is loaded with *useful* images. I attached some samples to this article but please note that there are over 200 images included in this set. Besides all the great EPS clip art, there is a User's Guide with all sorts of helpful tips, hints and ideas. It explains how to use the images to best advantage.

3G recommends using a PostScript or PostScript compatible printer and either (1) a page layout program or other program that will accept EPS files or (2) a PostScript-compatible drawing program. The images in this set are all compressed, but a copy of DDMiniExpand is included on Disk A for convenience. If you have LOTS of room on your hard drive, or have a removable, you can expand the lot and use them quickly and easily. If not, select the image(s) you plan to use from the Pictorial Index and put those on your hard drive in a folder with DDMini Expand and go from there.

These images are well-drawn, "active people of all races in contemporary settings." Many are in full color. Subjects include Healthcare, Sports, Industry, Business, Fitness, Arts and Entertainment. All the images are opaque, making it easy to combine them with each other or some of your own creations. All the images have been constructed so you can separate them, change shading and/or color, and change them to suit your needs. If you have a EPS compatible illustration or drawing program such as Adobe Illustrator, Aldus FreeHand, (2.0+) Canvas (3.0), or Letraset Color Studio and Shapes, you can edit all the images.

The images in "People 1" were designed in five different "Artistic Styles:" Modular – people with movable and interchangeable body parts; Posterized – black and white with at least one shade of grey (or tint); High Contrast – black and white only; Flat Fill – outlined in black with various fills; and Symbol – stylized, round-corner icons. This adds *flexibility* to the list of image attributes.

Most of the above has been an outline of the features and assets of all the clip art from 3G Graphics. Now I will offer my personal opinion. Simply put – like popcorn, I just cannot get enough 3G clip art!! Most other clip art I have used is cut-and-paste – period. The 3G Graphics images offer truly modular design. These can be customized to satisfy your creative needs. I have not seen ratings from other evaluators, but I would say that 3G has another award winner. Whether you are preparing a newsletter, a brochure or an annual report, there are useful images in this package. I would put People 1 in the category of "must have" for your clip art collection.

The retail list is \$189.00 for the six disk set. As usual, the mail order prices are somewhat less. However, 3G Graphics is offering a special to AMUG Members. For a limited time, ALL FOUR clip art packages will be available at 40% off list!! If you have wanted to start or expand your collection, this is definitely the time to do it.