



DESIGNER'S CLUB[®]

USER GUIDE

WELCOME

to Designer's Club®

Unique among art services, *Designer's Club*® gives you a generous monthly supply of contemporary graphics in the most popular file formats illustrating a wide variety of subjects drawn in the most desirable styles. *Designer's Club* images feature easy-to-use grouped contours that allow you image manipulation for more creativity. Graphics are offered in both black/white and color formats. Each EPS image is created to be the most artistic and technologically advanced graphics available anywhere today.

Designer's Club graphics push the limits of EPS technology — they range from sophisticated to fun and whimsical, giving you the best variety of any art service. In each monthly addition you will receive web-ready GIF files including animations, web site templates, ready-made layouts, and posterized vector photos. Be sure to take advantage of your *Art on Demand*® service offered exclusively to art service subscribers.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

All documentation assumes you have a basic understanding of how to use your computer and the programs you have purchased for it.

Designer's Club images require application(s) that are compatible with EPS file formats. EPS images are saved as Adobe Illustrator version 3 or 5 files

Any other hardware requirements will be based primarily on the applications you use and the type of final output you plan to produce. For best results with EPS images, your printer should be PostScript compatible.

LOCATING IMAGES

PRINTED INDEX

Your printed index contains a printed pictorial index, which provides a thumbnail and file name for each image in the issue.

EXTENSIS PORTFOLIO BROWSER

Included on the CD is a copy of the Extensis Portfolio™ Browser. The Extensis Portfolio Browser can be run off the CD, no installation is required. Simply open the Extensis Portfolio Browser folder and double-click the "DC 01/00.fdb" file to open the electronic catalog with the Portfolio Browser. In the Extensis Portfolio Browser folder is a file called "Portfolio 3.0 Browser QSG.pdf" this file contains instructions on how to use the Portfolio Browser.

Extensis Portfolio Browser application: This application allows you to "browse" a catalog of images. You can view thumbnail versions of the images in the catalog, search for images by keywords, preview images, and copy them to your hard drive.

Current month Browser catalog: This catalog contains all the images in the current month's Designer's Club package.

Current year cumulative Browser catalog: This catalog contains all the images from January of the current year through the present.

You do not need Extensis Portfolio™ browser or any of the items in the catalog folder to use the artwork on the CD.

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USING DESIGNER'S CLUB IMAGES

Page Layout Programs

Open or create a document in your page layout program, then PLACE any TIFF or EPS image.

- In QuarkXPress, draw a picture box, then choose Get Picture from the File menu.
- In Adobe PageMaker, choose Place from the File menu, select the desired image, then click where you want the image to be placed.
- In Adobe InDesign, choose Place from the File menu, select the desired image, then click where you want the image to be placed.
- In Microsoft Word, place the cursor where you want the graphic to be, then choose Insert from the Picture menu.

Draw Programs

OPEN or IMPORT any EPS image.

- In Adobe Illustrator, choose Open from the File menu.
- In Macromedia FreeHand, choose Open from the File menu.
- In Corel DRAW!, choose Open or Import from the File menu.

When you open or import an EPS image in a draw program, you will be able to manipulate the image just as you would manipulate artwork that you created in the program — deleting or redrawing shapes, changing colors, etc.

Many of your images have grouped elements — that is, related elements are grouped together so that an entire section or object can be lifted out and used as stand-alone artwork. In order to pull apart the layers of an EPS file, you must open or import it in a PostScript draw program like Adobe Illustrator or Macromedia FreeHand.

Caution for FreeHand users: Artwork can also be accessed by choosing Place from the File menu, but when you use this option, you will not be able to edit the artwork. To be sure you can edit the artwork, use the Open command rather than the Place command.

USING DESIGNER'S CLUB IMAGES

Paint Programs

OPEN any EPS image.

- In Adobe Photoshop, choose Open from the File menu.

When you open or import an EPS image in a paint program, it will be converted from vectors to pixels. You will be able to manipulate the image just as you would manipulate artwork that you created in the program – applying filters, making selections and filling them with color, etc. – but you will not be able to edit the contours as you would in a vector-based draw program.

If your application was not listed above, please consult your manual for compatibility.

WEB IMAGES

Each Designer's Club issue includes 32 web images ready for use in your web pages. Six of these images will be animated GIF files. These images are found in a folder titled "Web Images."

GIF Files

Each GIF image has two versions: one for use on light colored backgrounds and one for dark colored backgrounds. The background area of the graphic is transparent so the image can be used on a variety of background colors and textures. To see the animated GIF images in action, open the HTM document in the folder titled with the month/year. HTML. Open the document from within your web browser software and be sure your preferences are set for animation.

JPG Files

JPEG images have a drop shadow over a white background.

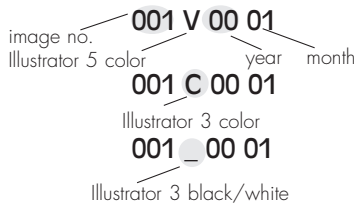
HTM Files

Each Designer's Club issue includes one web site consisting of a home page and linked pages. Customize the text to suit your specific needs using an HTML editor. Copy the folder titled WEB_year/month to your hard drive before you try to edit the pages. Web Site Templates are compatible with browser versions 3.0 and up.

FILE NAME CONVENTION

Each image is identified by a file name.

EPS Images



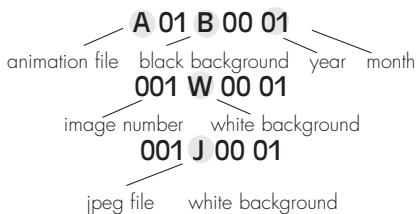
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Illustrator 3 color

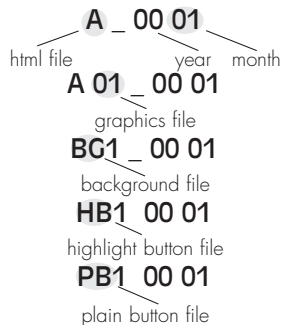
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Illustrator 3 black/white

Web GIF & JPEG Images



Web Templates



Illustrator 3 EPS color files are provided primarily for CorelDraw and Freehand users to assure that their software correctly interprets gradual color shifts, or gradients used in these illustrations.

EPS (Encapsulated PostScript®) art is resolution-independent. Resolution is determined by your PostScript output device. Reducing or enlarging an EPS image does not affect quality.

TIF (Tagged Image File) art is bitmapped, and resolution affects quality. Some Ready-Made Layouts contain EPS images with placed TIF images. Reducing or enlarging these files will affect the output quality.

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