

Sapphire Layers

A new powerful set of plugins for Adobe® Illustrator® 8, for PC and Mac.

The Layers set can be used to generate 'Layer-based animations' or as a pure Illustrator plugin to create numerous path effects.

Layers Rotate Plugin.

Creates either a simple rotation of a single path or multiple selected paths (if you wish to rotate text you must first use the 'create outlines' filter) or complex rotation paths where the path not only rotates around a centre the path is also being shifted outwards by a varying amount or random amount.

Numerous rotate, radius, angle and shifts options are available.

The paths can be rotated and the effect applied over multiple layers or say two paths can be created on one layer and then two paths to another and so on.

Or multiple paths can be selected and generated on one layer and the same set can then be applied to a new layers so words or selected paths can be generated complete instead of being spread letter by letter across the layers.

The rotate radius can be varied or the shift (vertically or horizontally) or the angle of each generated rotated path can be modified, bunching the paths or spreading the paths out around the selected centre.

Rotate around the path's centre or rotate around the last generated path or perhaps the document's centre or various other 'trick' centres.

Layers Scale Plugin

Create contoured paths or insets.

Scale paths towards a selected vanishing point

Or scale paths towards the document centre or perhaps towards the document left or right.

Or Scale paths around a certain character or path.

Or randomly scale paths.

Create pseudo 3D-like effects using contours.

Generate 'blurred' path effects.

Or neon effects.

Each plugin comes with a wide range of possible random options or you can precisely control the scaling/shift/and layer settings.

Layers Translate Plugin

Generate paths displaced by set distance from the original paths.

Have text fly off into the distance or 'crunch' against the screen.

Text falling into itself or bouncing off the edges of the document.

Or paths randomly scattered throughout the document

Or Set the stroke weight to vanish as the path disappears into the distance or perhaps have the stroke weight pulse as the paths moves upwards or across the document.

Randomly fill paths.

These plugins can be used to generate layers that can be imported into vector animation applications to create incredible animation effects.

Or the layers can be imported into other applications to create animated gifs effects.

Generate vector animation files direct from within Illustrator using the various exporter plugins (not supplied).

Or export to After Effects®.

Sapphire Layers System Requirements

MAC OS®

Illustrator 8

Power PC OS 8+ 32MB RAM or greater allocated to host (64MB+ recommended)

Power Macintosh®

3MB free hard disk space or greater.

24-bit colour video

Colour display

To expand installation, stuffit Expander is required.

Windows®

Illustrator 8

Microsoft® Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT4.0.

Pentium 200 MHz (or compatible)

32MB RAM or greater allocated to host (64MB + recommended)

3MB free hard disk space or greater.

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