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1.2 1. INTRODUCTION

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1.      INTRODUCTION
Tired of that old gray background? BackPack is a collection of nice
backdrops to brighten up your Workbench. As a bonus I've also
included a high resolution mouse pointer, and a startup picture
to be used with BootPic, BootLogo or some similar utility.
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The BackPack package consists of three parts: The backdrops, the
mouse pointer and the startup picture.

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1.4   2.1. THE BACKDROPS

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2.1. THE BACKDROPS
The backdrops can be found in the (surprise, surprise:) 'Backdrops'
drawer, organized in subdrawers according to the number of colours
they use. You can see a preview of each backdrop pattern by double
clicking on its icon. There are 19 backdrops in all.
As the installation of the backdrops is very simple, I haven't
included any installation script:
Just drag and drop them wherever you want them, then adjust
your WBPattern and ScreenMode preferences accordingly. If you
are unsure of how to do this, consult your Workbench manual.
All backdrops wrap around more or less successfully, so they're
perfectly useable with any resolution and screenmode. Most of the
backdrops were designed to look good on an ordinary high-resolution,
non-interlaced screen (or some other screenmode with a similar aspect
ratio X:Y of about 2:1, such as SuperHires Laced).
Therefore, some of them may look a bit squashed if used on a hires
interlaced Workbench, but that's a matter of taste.
The only backdrop that doesn't wrap is the 'GoodMorning' backdrop,
for which I've included separate versions for interlaced and
non-interlaced screenmodes.
'Keyboard 2' is the only backdrop that has the default palette of
gray, black, white and blue, so it can be used on an ordinary
4-colour workbech.
The other four-colour backdrops can be used on an 8-colour workbench,
if the upper four colours of the palette is set to match those
of the backdrop. Ready-made 8-colour palettes can be found in the
'8_Colour_Palettes' subdrawer. Open the palette using the Palette
preferences, then load the backdrop with WBPattern.
The four-colour backdrops might be useable on an ECS Amiga with
Workbench 2.0 too, with a custom backdrop utility such as NickPrefs
by Nicola Salmoria. NickPrefs is not included with BackPack, but it
can be found in the AmigaLibDisk library, on Fish disk 780.
In any case, increase the number of the colours on your workbench
with the ScreenMode preferences program if the backdrop doesn't
look right.
Note that you can have different backdrops for your workbech and
windows. One favourite combination of mine is to use
'CheckerBoard_Large' on workbench and 'CheckerBoard_Small' on the
windows, on a 64-colour workbench (eats up a lot of memory though :).
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1.5   2.2. MOUSE POINTER

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2.2. MOUSE POINTER
With the AGA chipset and later (optimistic am I not ? :) it
is now possible to use a high resolution mouse pointer.
For some reason, the default pointer in AGA Amigas is still
in low resolution.
In the 'Pointer' drawer is a preset file for a high resolution
mouse pointer. As the busy image it displays an hourglass.
To see a preview of the pointer, just double-click on the preset
icon. Due to a bug in the Pointer preferences however, some
pixels are chopped off from the left and bottom edges if you
install it this way (at least it does this on my machine).
A better (and more permanent) way to install the pointer is
to drag and drop the pointer icon into the 'Prefs'->'Presets' drawer
on your Workbench. Next, start the Pointer preferences program,
and open the pointer preset file (select 'Open' from the
'Project' menu). Then just click on 'Save' if you want to get
the new pointer automatically each time you reboot your Amiga,
or 'Use', if you want it just for this session.
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1.6   2.3. STARTUP PICTURE

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2.3. STARTUP PICTURE
The second bonus in the BackPack package is a picture meant to be
used with a utility such as BootPic or BootLogo (not included), that
display an IFF picture instead of the ordinary white screen while booting.
BootPic (by Markus Illenseer) and BootLogo (by Andreas Ackermann)
can be found in the AmigaLibDisk library, on Fish Disk 754 and Fish
Disk 963, respectively. Consult the documentation of these utilities
to install and use the startup picture.
This one is in high resolution interlaced, but take a look anyway
if you're using a non-interlaced workbench. I think the flimmering
actually suits the feeling of the picture :).
It's a bit different than the usual Windows-inspired logos.
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1.7   2.4. FILE OVERVIEW

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This is a listing of all files in the BackPack 1.0 package. All
files must be included in a distribution of BackPack. See
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                for more information.
BackPack/
BackDrops.info  BackPack.doc.info  BackPack.guide.info  Pointer.info
BackPack.doc    BackPack.guide     BootPics.info
BackPack/BackDrops/
16_Colour.info  4_Colour.info  8_Colour.info
BackPack/BackDrops/4_Colour/
8_Color_Palettes.info  Keyboard1        Keyboard2.info  SummerLeaves
AutumnLeaves           Keyboard1.info  Keyboard3        SummerLeaves.info
AutumnLeaves.info      Keyboard2        Keyboard3.info
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BackPack/BackDrops/4_Colour/8_Color_Palettes/
AutumnLeaves_Palette.pre        Keyboard3_Palette.pre
AutumnLeaves_Palette.pre.info   Keyboard3_Palette.pre.info
Keyboard1_Palette.pre           SummerLeaves_Palette.pre
Keyboard1_Palette.pre.info      SummerLeaves_Palette.pre.info
BackPack/BackDrops/8_Colour/
CheckerBoard_Small        IntoTheBlue        Letters
CheckerBoard_Small.info   IntoTheBlue.info   Letters.info
BackPack/BackDrops/16_Colour/
Bathroom                  GoodMorning_Lace        Stone1        Wood1
Bathroom.info             GoodMorning_Lace.info   Stone1.info   Wood1.info
CheckerBoard_Large        Sand                    Stone2        Wood2
CheckerBoard_Large.info   Sand.info               Stone2.info   Wood2.info
GoodMorning               SandStone               Wallpaper
GoodMorning.info          SandStone.info          Wallpaper.info
BackPack/Pointer/
Pointer.pre  Pointer.pre.info
BackPack/BootPics/
SunnyWelcome  SunnyWelcome.info
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1.8 3. MISCELLANEOUS

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the author.

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     public access BBS's, and to Fred Fish in his AmigaLibDisk library.
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