Seamless Backgrounds from PhotoDisc.

PhotoDisc has once again gone where no one has gone before. With our newly released Background Series, we have included tiles and seamless backgrounds. Seamless Backgrounds are designed for online and Web development or any other on-screen presentation.

On this disc you can find some samples of Seamless Backgrounds that we created as well as the tiles from which they were made. This is a totally subjective process, so if you don't like ours, you can make your own.

Below you will find 10 simple steps using Photoshop¦ that will allow you to create your own masterpiece. There are other digital imaging software tools such as Kai's Power Tools¦ that do the same types of things, but they are not described here.

Specifications:

each tile is a selection 100 x 100 pixels in dimension
screen resolution (72 ppi) TIFF files
file size is 30 kb

each Seamless Background is 640 x 480 pixels in dimension
screen resolution (72 ppi) TIFF files
file size is 900 kb

To create a Seamless Background in Photoshop 4.0x:

1. Select a LO RES image.

2. Crop an area of the image you wish to tile. Make this area approximately 100 x 100 pixels.

3. Under the FILTER menu, go to OTHER and select OFFSET.

4. Type in number of pixels you wish to offset (we use a value of 25) and select WRAP AROUND for undefined areas.

5. Use the Cloning tool (Rubber Stamp) to smooth out offset seams (This step creates the "Seamless" effect).

6. Save file as a TIFF.

7. Select ALL (command+A) and then DEFINE PATTERN under the EDIT menu.

8. Create a new document to the size you desire (We used a 640 x 480 pixel dimension at 72 PPI).

9. Under EDIT menu, select FILL.

Contents Use:	Pattern
Blending Opacity:	100%
Mode:	Normal

10. Save file as desired or GIF for online/Web development.