



Advanced Graphics

in Serif DrawPlus X5

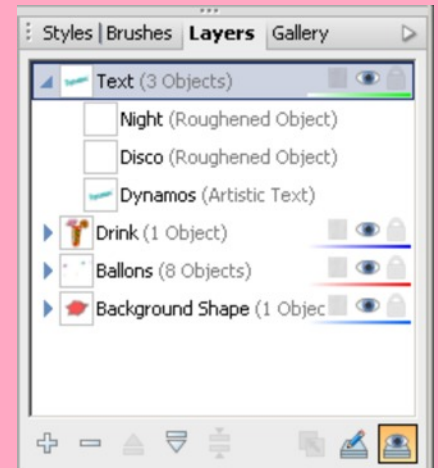
Layering

By the end of this task I should know how to...

- 1) create a drawing with different layers
- 2) select objects using the layer tab
- 3) change the order of layers
- 4) make layers transparent.

Understanding and Using Layers

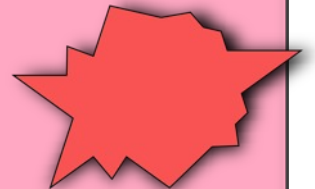
As your drawings become more complex you will find it harder to select different objects. The design below has been created in four different layers.



You can see from the Layers Tab that there are four layers in the above design.



- Text - this layer has the three words,
- Drink - this layer contains the clip art of the glass
- Balloons - this layer contains the balloon graphics
- Background Shape - this layer contains the jagged red shape in the background

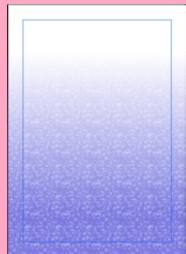


The order of the Layer sets where they are positioned in the design. The Text layer is at the front whereas Background Shape is at the back of the design.

Over the page you will be shown how to use layers to create a DVD cover.

Layering Example - Whale Watching Flyer (part 1)

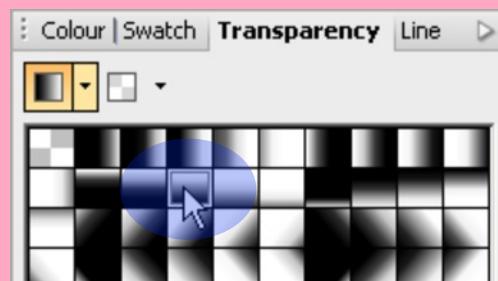
Background Layer



Open a new A5, portrait drawing page.

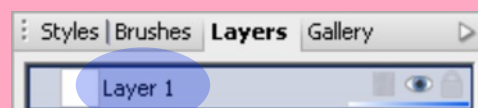
Draw a dark, blue rectangle that covers the whole of the page.

Use the *Transparency Tab* to set the transparency of the rectangle to Linear 13.



Locate the *Layers Tab* and double click on "Layer 1" to change its name.

Use the window that opens to change the name to "Background"

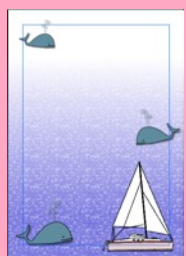


In the same window click on the *Edit...* button in the *Paper Textures* option.

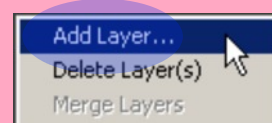
In the *Bitmap Selector* window, choose *Water* from the options on the left. Select the graphic called *Bitmap Swatch 07* and click OK.



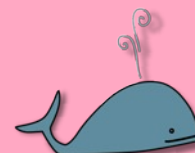
Whale Layer



Right click over the Background layer and select Add Layer from the menu that appears. Change the name of the layer to "Whales" and click OK.



Use the *Gallery* (Animals topic) to add three Whales to the Whale layer. Re-size the whales and move them around the screen as shown on the left. Note the right hand whale was *flipped horizontally* (in the Arrange menu)



Use the *Gallery* (Transport topic) to add a boat to the bottom right hand side of the flyer.



Add Shadows to the three whales and the boat.

Layering Example - Whale Watching Flyer (part 2)

Heading Layer

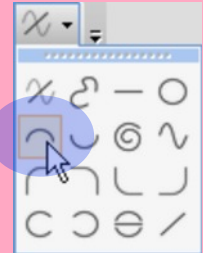


Right click over the Background layer and again select Add Layer from the menu that appears.

Change the name of the layer to "Heading" and click OK.

Use the *Text tool* to add the word "Whale" to the flyer. Set the text size to around 75pt and the text colour to dark blue.

The curved text option, the node tool and the shadow tool to curve the text and add a shadow.



Whale

Use the same steps to add "Watching" underneath the first word.

Finally, use the gallery (Funny Face topic) to add a set of eyes between the two words.

Information Layer



All flyers contain information about the events being advertised.

Add a new layer called "Information".

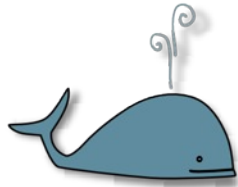
Use the text tool to add the text shown below to the flyer. Set the text size to 24pt.

Sunday 12th May @ 1pm

Meeting point
Whitepool Pier Ticket Office

Costs
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£4 per concession

The completed flyer can be seen in more detail over the page.



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