

Matting and framing an image using Draw by Cindy O'Hora

We all know that matting and framing a print is a wonderful way to enhance its appearance. You can "mat and frame" images in AppleWorks.

When you mat a paper print, you cut a hole in the mat board. The print is then positioned behind the mat. In Drawing you use layering to achieve the same appearance.

1. Open a new draw document.
2. Get your image on the page using [copy ... paste](#) or the File ...Insert command.

3. Click on the rectangle tool. 

Drag the cursor on the draw page to create a rectangle that is larger than the image. The rulers can guide your dimensions (Go Window ... Show Rulers) or use the Options ... Object size feature to achieve a precise size.



4. Use the Color Fill palette to set the color for the mat. With the handles active on the rectangle, hold down the cursor on the rainbow palette next to the paint can. Drag to the color you prefer. (You can have this palette float on the page by holding down on it and dragging sharply to the page. Click in the small square in the upper left corner to close it.)

5. Drag the rectangle over until it just begins to cover the image. Draw documents build in layers. Each new image added to the page is a layer above the previous. We want the rectangle to be lower or behind the image. With the handles on the rectangle active, go Arrange ... Move to the back. The image is now on top of the rectangle.

6. Use the arrow tool to position the image on top of the rectangle. If you desire centering, try the Arrange... Align Objects command.

Banish or change the black line outlining the rectangle.



To get rid of it: use the Pen Palette line thickness and select None. Use the Pen Color Palette to change the color.

You might even use the Pen Pattern Palette for an interesting frame effect. That is how I created the checker board below.

Who's who?

To label the image use a text frame. Click on the text tool. Click one time on the image. Enter your text. Make any necessary style adjustments.

All together now...

Group the elements together in a single unit. Go Edit ... Select All (⌘..a) then Arrange ... Group.



As an alternative you could use simple lines to create a frame like [this example](#).

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