

## J101 Photoshop and ImageReady- creating an animated gif

1. **Find an image** you want to have fun with and open it in **Photoshop**. If it relates to your blog, even better! I recommend an image with distinct areas that will look cool when you put them in motion, for instance a football player, an abstract painting, etc.
2. Using the crop tool, crop the image with a fixed width of **320 pixels** (you can input the width in the top bar once you click on the crop tool in the floating tool box. 320 pixels is a good animated image size for the web).
3. After the image is cropped use the **Magic Wand** or **Marquee Tool** from your floating tool bar to click on and isolate areas of the image. Once the area is isolated right click to create a new layer via cut. Adjust the **Tolerance** setting (in top bar) for the Magic Wand to get the right results when isolating an area. Remember to click back to the background image when creating a new layer with the Magic Wand.
4. Create at least 3 new layers. The more layers you have the more fun the next steps are.
5. Save new file as a **PSD** to your desktop or G drive and open it in **ImageReady** (a different Adobe program you will have to open first).
6. Once the image is open in ImageReady go to the Window on the top bar and select **Animation**. This will bring up the animation box and you will see the first frame. To create another frame click on the **New Frame icon** which is left of the trash can icon.
7. Once you have created the next frame move the layers in your picture.
8. Repeat this process of creating a new frame and moving the layers a little each frame.
9. Once you have created at least 5 new frames select the play button and you will see your image “move”, You can also accomplish this same effect by using the **Tween** icon which is next to the **Duplicate Frame** icon and only requires two frames (start and finish) and auto generates the rest.
10. Once you have been able to “move” an image around try adding additional images or text to the file.
11. When you have finished your masterpiece save it using the **Save Optimized As** selection on the File tab.
12. Now **upload the file** to your FranklinPSJ.com account as an image and see it play!
13. **Email me the image at [jebbanner@gmail.com](mailto:jebbanner@gmail.com)**