Adobe Fireworks CS4 How-Tos: 100 Essential Techniques
Synopsis
Adobe Fireworks CS4 is back and better than ever. Completely revamped for inclusion in the Adobe Creative Suite, Fireworks is now positioned to be an integral part of Adobe’s Web workflow. Designed for manipulating images destined for the Web and developing rapid Web prototypes, Fireworks lets Web designers go from scribbled concept to online framework. Fireworks CS4 has been given new life, so new in fact that a whole new generation of Web designers needs to become acquainted with it. Adobe Fireworks CS4 How-Tos: 100 Essential Techniques gives users quick access to the key features and fundamental techniques to help them come up to speed in Adobe Fireworks CS4. Each technique is presented in a self-contained unit of one or two pages so users can dive in and start working right away, unencumbered by lengthy descriptions or technical detail. Adobe Fireworks CS4 How-Tos: 100 Essential Techniques will be one of the first books available on this software.

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Customer Reviews
I have CS4 and since it came with multiple programs, I was intent on getting the most out of all of
them. When I got to Fireworks I was stumped—how, exactly, did it integrate with Photoshop slices? Why, exactly, would I use it with Dreamweaver? This book answered all of these questions and more I didn’t even know to ask. Definitely worth the very reasonable price.

If you are new to fireworks and need to learn the basics this book may be for you. However if you need to learn more advanced features I would not recommend this book. You can go online and get the same and more information by doing a Google search so save your money. Also, the black & white images leave a lot to be desired. Some before and after images in the book are so greyed out that it is close to impossible to see the difference. I can’t really recommend this book if you have used Fireworks at all.

This book is great. I’m new to graphic design, but I’ve been learning Dreamweaver for the last year. I wanted to make logos for my websites using vector sets from Shutterstock.com, and Fireworks is perfect for that. This was one of the only books available, so I bought it. It was easy to follow and points out what is already fairly intuitive about FW. After several steps, I was cruising along and able to do exactly what I set out to do. And I did it in one afternoon. I’ve also taken some of Jim Babbage’s classes on Lynda.com, and he’s a great teacher. He has a good sense of humor and it’s obvious he enjoys his work.

The Fireworks CS4 How-Tos book has a lot of useful tips but it is very frustrating to find any support, errata, etc. for the book on the publisher’s website (unlike the Friends Of Ed book series which has much better support). The URL given for animated gif in-depth tutorials at the Tweening Animation page doesn’t work. After searching the site referred to at Community MX, I was unable to find any such articles.

It is difficult to find books on Fireworks since Photoshop has advanced. Good book, easy to understand, steps for projects.

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