

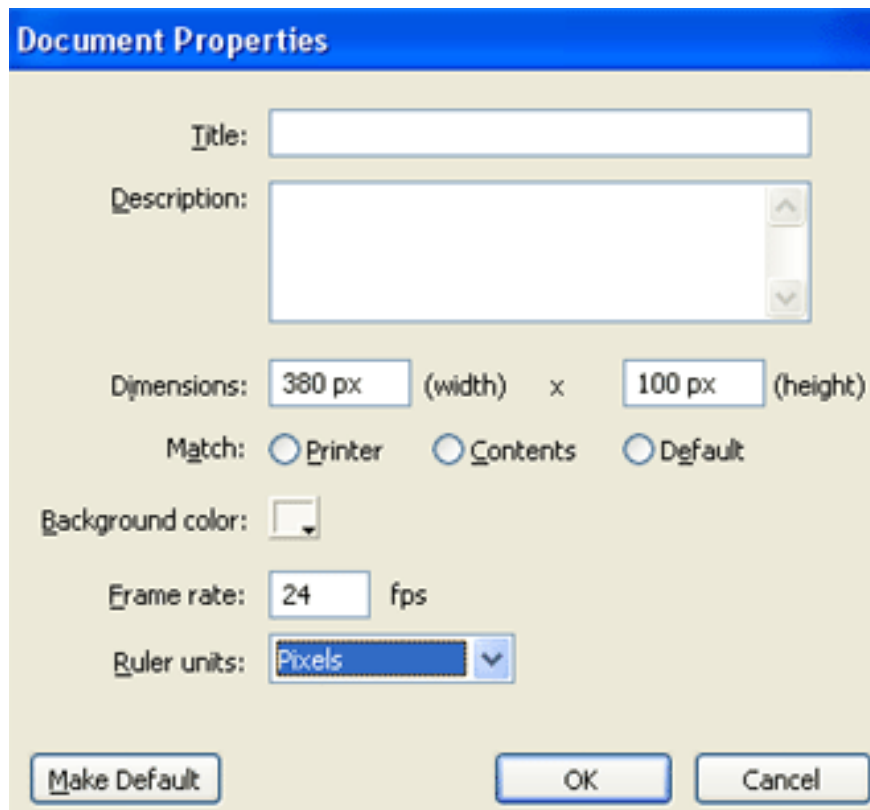
Macromedia Flash - Create menu effects

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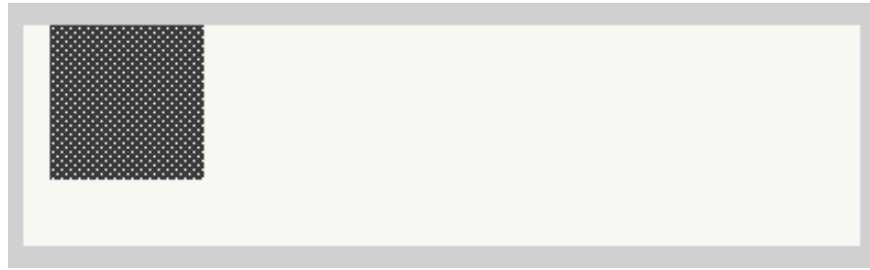
Step 1

Create a new flash file. Go to **Modify > Document** (Ctrl + J). Set the width of the file to 380 px and the height to 100 px. Choose # **f8f8f2** as background color and set the Frame rate to **24 fps** . Completely click **OK** .



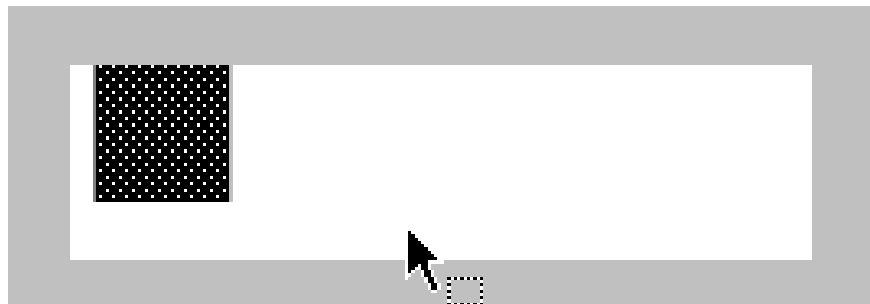
Step 2

Pick the **Rectangle Tool** (R). In the Colors section of the tool panel, lock the border color by clicking on the **Stroke color** (with a small pencil icon) then select a white square with a red diagonal. Set the background color to # **393939** and draw a square about 70 x 70px and place it in the position shown below.



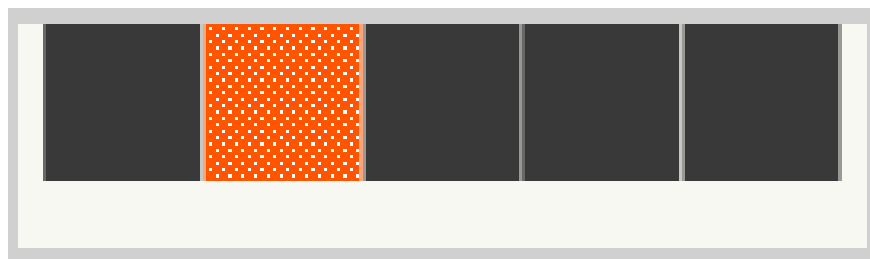
Step 3

While the rectangle is still selected, take the **Selection Tool** (V), press and hold the Shift key while dragging and releasing the mouse to multiply the square by many shapes.



Step 4

Still select the **Selection Tool** (V), select the second square and change its color to # **FF5400**



Step 5

Select the third square and set its color to # **19A3CB** .

Step 6

The fourth square is colored # **FFA800** .

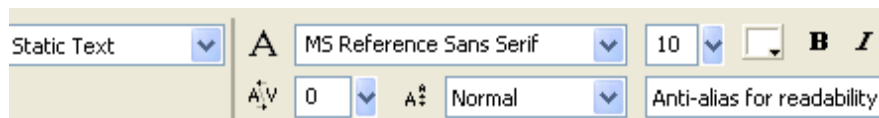
Step 7

And the last square has the color # **94CA1A** . Completed we will have the following picture

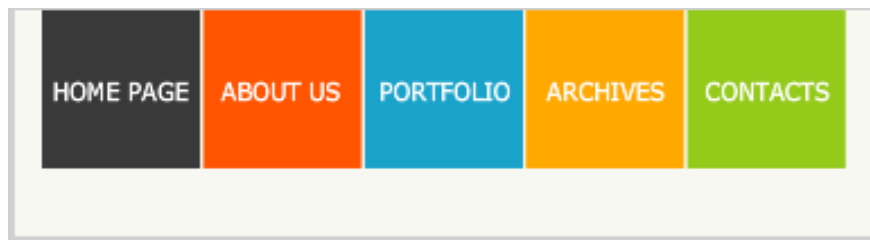


Step 8

Grab the **Text Tool** (A) and go to the **Properties Panel** (Ctrl + F3) below the stage. Select the corresponding options as follows

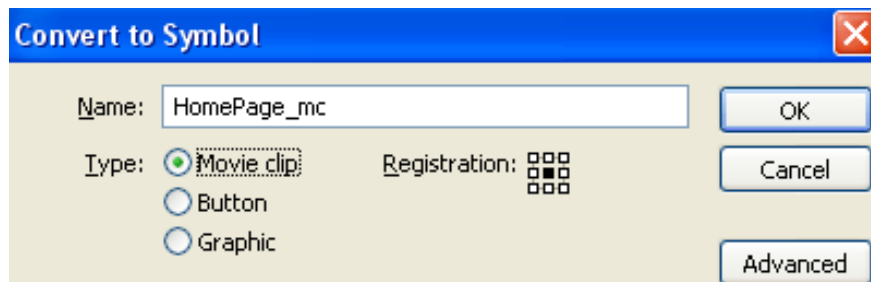


Then create a series of text with content corresponding to each menu



Step 9

Take the **Selection Tool** (V) and select the first square with the text (in this example 'HOME PAGE'). Press **F8** key (Convert to Symbol) to convert the rectangle and text into Movie Clip Symbol format.



Step 10

While the new made Movie Clip is still selected, go to the **Properties Panel** (Ctrl + F3) below the stage. On the left side, you will find an Instance name input field. Rename the movie to be **homepage_mc**



Step 11

Pick the **Selection Tool** (V) and double-click the movie clip on the working screen.



Step 12

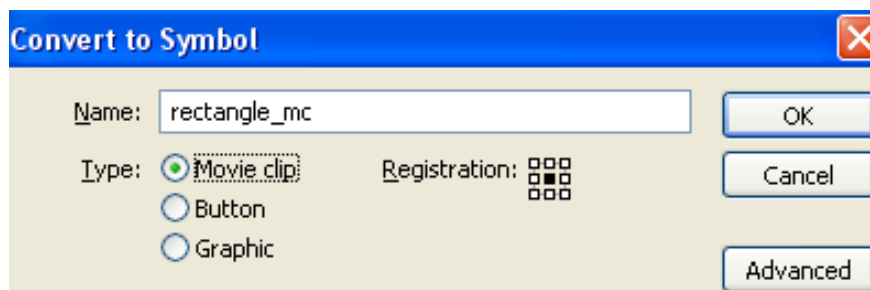
Still using the **Selection Tool** (V), select only the text and press **Ctrl + X** (Cut). Then create a new layer and name it text. Select the text layer and press **Ctrl + Shift + V** (Paste in place).

Step 13

Go back to layer 1, double click on it with **Selection Tool** (V) and change its name to rectangle.

Step 14

While still selected, press again **F8** key (Convert to Symbol) to convert it into a Movie Clip Symbol.

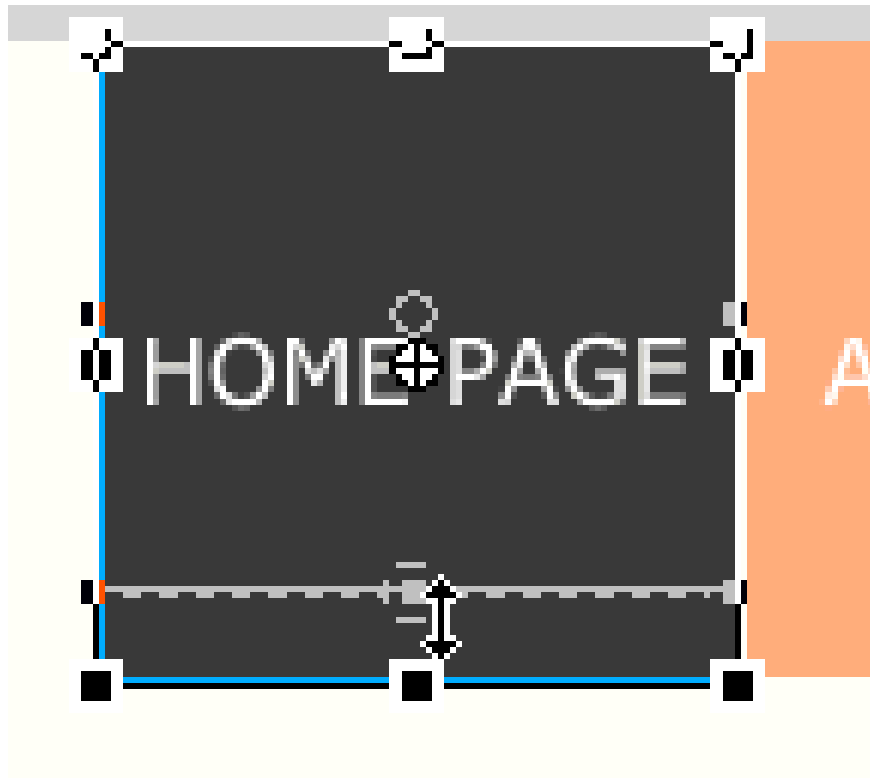


Step 15

Click on frame 15 of layer rectangle and press **F6**

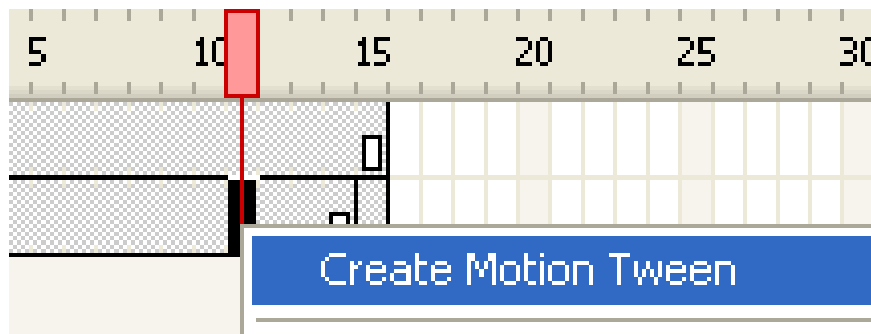
Step 16

While you're still on frame 15, take the **Free Transform Tool (Q)**, press and hold the **Alt** key and drag the rectangle down like this:



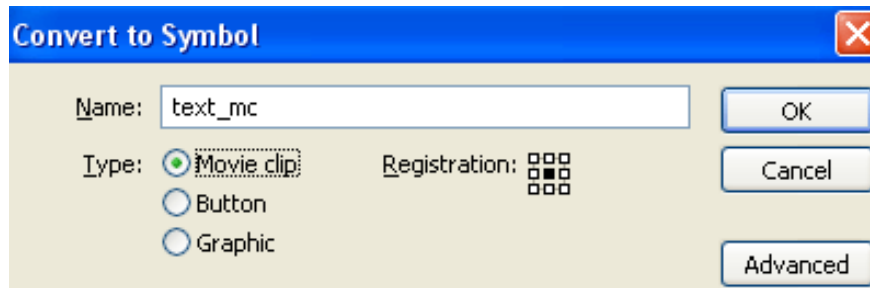
Step 17

Right-click anywhere in the gray area between the two keyframes on the timeline and choose **Create Motion Tween** from the menu that appears.



Step 18

Select the text layer and press **F8** (Convert to Symbol) to convert the text into a Movie Clip Symbol.



Step 19

Click on frame 15 of the text layer and press **F6**

Step 20

Use the arrow keys or mouse to drag the text down a bit to enter the center of the rectangle as shown below



Step 21

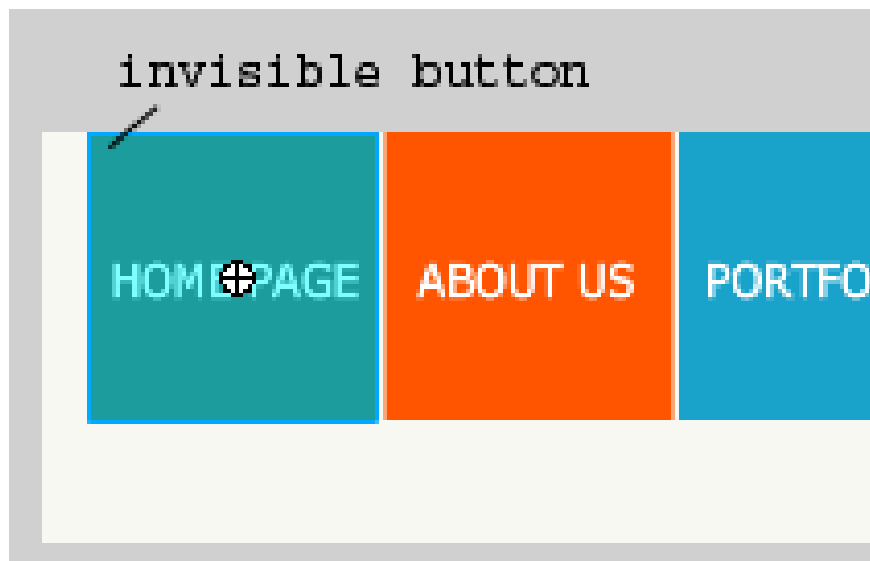
Right-click anywhere in the gray area between the two keyframes and select **Create Motion Tween** from the menu that appears.

Step 22

Return to the main scene (Scene 1)

Step 23

Create a new layer and name it Invisible Button. Then create an invisible button above the rectangle and text.



Step 24

Using the **Selection Tool** (V) click once on the invisible button created to select it, go to the Action Script panel (F9). Then put the following code into:

```
on (rollOver) {  
  _root.mouse_over_homepage_mc = true;  
}  
on (rollOut) {  
  _root.mouse_over_homepage_mc = false;  
}  
on (release) {  
  getURL (" https://quantrimang.com/ ");  
}
```

Step 25

Create a new layer above the invisible button layer and name it action script.

Step 26

Click on the first frame of the action script layer, go to the Action Script Panel and enter the following code:

```
_root.homepage_mc.onEnterFrame = function () {  
  if (mouse_over_homepage_mc) {  
    _root.homepage_mc.nextFrame ();  
  } else {  
    _root.homepage_mc.prevFrame ();  
  }  
};
```

So we've completed a button in the menu, your next job is to do the same on the next page. Note that in the Action Script code, there is a URL that needs to be changed accordingly on each menu. And don't forget to download the source file here.

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