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Thread: [TUT] Snow Animation Tutorial

Mr.Xchange - *November 3, 2008, 11:17 am*

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I'm going to use this one:
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/whitexmas.jpg[/img]

STEP 2:
Create a new layer and fill it with black.

STEP 3:
Create another layer. Now use soft round brushes and start brushing on the layer youâ€™ve created (Make the size vary from 5-16 depends on the size of your sig.)

My result:
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/presnow.jpg[/img]

STEP 4:
Duplicate it at least 3-4 times and rename it so â€˜Snow 1-5â€™ or something like that so you can keep track of it easier

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Arrange all of the 'Snow Layers' to move down right or left like this.
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STEP 6:
When you are done press Shift + Ctrl + M to access ImageReady or Click the image ready icon that looks like this --> [img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/imgredyicon.gif[/img]

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[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/animatnbar.jpg[/img]

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If you have all your snow layers visible then turn them all off by clicking the eye. Only leave â€˜snow1â€™ on.
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/eye.gif[/img]

STEP 9:
Turn the frame time to 0.1 seconds

STEP 10:
Create a new frame by clicking on the paper-like icon.
(Posted Image)

STEP 11:
Now go to the Layer tablet and hide â€˜snow1â€™ and turn on â€˜snow2â€™

STEP 12:
Click the Tween icon.
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/tweenicon.gif[/img]

And use these settings:
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/tweenoption.gif[/img]
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STEP 13:
Click on the last frame and duplicate another frame.

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Repeat Steps 11-12 (uncheck â€˜snow2â€™ and turn on â€˜snow3â€™ instead of 1 & 2) Do this for every Snow Layer, for me the last Snow Layer is the â€˜snow4â€™

STEP 15:
Now go back to the last 3 frames and turn on â€˜snow1â€™ on all of them, after that turn the opacity down to 15%

STEP 16:
Duplicate 2 more frames and turn off all the â€˜snow Layersâ€™ except â€˜snow1â€™ on both frames

STEP 17:
Turn the opacity on the 2nd to last to 65% and the last frame to 75%.

STEP 18:
Go back to the 1st frame and uncheck the black filled layer and viola!

STEP 19:
Save your work and you're done!

If you follow the tutorial correctly then this will be the result:
[img]http://i36.photobucket.com/albums/e4/mika_cs/whitexmasfinish.gif[/img]

Now if you're not satisfied with the animation it's upto you if you want to adjust the settings of the animation or maybe add more layers to achieve a more realistic or a better snow effect.

Sir Neko - *November 4, 2008, 7:42 am*
When its written by you then: Verry Good Job.

The Jokerâ„¢ - *November 4, 2008, 10:49 am*
Thats pretty aswsome and pretty easy to follow, Im going to try that but with maybe drips of blood,Awsomez?

Stenography - *May 6, 2011, 2:53 pm*
thank you dude !
Made my first animated signature ;)

Perplexity - *May 7, 2011, 2:20 am*
(May 6, 2011 02:53 PM)PolarX Wrote: *[CITE]* thank you dude !
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Would you stop gravedigging? >_>

DeMeR - *July 27, 2011, 10:24 pm*
nice tut, i might use it next time i make a tag o.0

Eminent - *July 27, 2011, 11:08 pm*
(Nov 3, 2008 12:17 PM)Mr.Xchange Wrote: *[CITE]* Im going to show you a technique I learned in making a signature with snowing effects.. although the snow effect in this tutorial is still not perfect. In the end of the tutorial I will just let you adjust the frames of the animation to achieve a better result.

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I don't like how it falls for a second, and then just resets, but if it fell continuously, it would look amazing! It actually turned out a lot better than I thought it would. Good job man.

DGisRIPPIN - *September 22, 2011, 6:07 pm*
^What he said, but it still is freaking awesome.
thanks

Harishwar - *September 22, 2011, 9:36 pm*
Thank You ... Nice Tutorial !!

:) :) :)

Barbarroja - *September 23, 2011, 1:34 am*
Good tutorial, well, "winter is coming" hehe

John™ - *September 23, 2011, 4:16 am*
Thanks man,Very nice tut,Keep them coming.

jessyray - *October 8, 2011, 4:08 pm*
Nice tutorial, already knew how to do this but helpful :D