

Masked Text

You will make a mask from text and an image, causing the image to show only through the fill area of the letters. You will first need to establish your background image. The easiest way to do this is to place a photo into a blank art board. To do this, go to *file>place* and navigate to a photo you wish to use. I am using one of the sample photos that came with the computer.

The photo of the water lilies is placed on a layer, and when you insert your text, it will be in a layer on top of the photo.

Go to the type tool and write your text.

You can change font and size by using the character window. (*window>type>character*) Don't bother changing the color- the mask tool will take care of that.

Select everything on the art board. You may accomplish this by going to *select>all*, pressing *control+a* or using the selection tool.

After that, everything is simple. You will simply select *object>clipping mask>make*. This can also be accomplished by pressing *control+7*.

