

MagicBckdrps

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Chapter 1

MagicBckdrps

1.1 Gillian Anderson MWB Backdrops

Gillian Anderson Magic Workbench Backdrops

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1.2 Distrubution & Liscence

Distrubution & Licsence:

These backdrops may be included in any Public Domain archive such as Aminet, if you like them you are obliged to show your appreciation by sending

me

a postcard with any additional comments. Public Domain libraries may not charge no more than £75p for this disk. If I get enough responses, I'll create some more for the Amiga Format CD.

All files are intact and MUST be in their original form. This includes:

MagicBckdrps.guide (your reading this now!)

Gill11.640x480.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill11.640x480.iff.info (Associated icon)
Gill12.640x480.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill12.640x480..iff.info (Associated icon)
Gill13.640x480.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill13.640x480.info (Associated icon)
Gill14.640x480.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill14.640x480.iff.info (Associated icon)
Gill11.640x512.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
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Gill12.640x512.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill12.640x512..iff.info (Associated icon)
Gill13.640x512.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill13.640x512.info (Associated icon)
Gill14.640x512.iff (Workbench Backdrop)
Gill14.640x512.iff.info (Associated icon)
My_WB1.iff (Screengrab of my Workbench)
My_WB1.iff.info (Associated icon)
My_WB2.iff (Screengrab of my Workbench)
My_WB2.iff.info (Associated icon)

This software is provided 'as is' and without warranty. I will not held responsible to damages of any kind, be they hardware, or software, you are using it at your own risk.

1.3 about

About:

The Public Domain is a valuable resource for Magic Workbench backdrops. However, I noticed nobody had bothered to create some Gillian Anderson ones so I created my own.

Here are my contributions for Magic Workbench backdrops, to spice up your Workbench with. I've created these backdrops from existing pictures, using Floyd-Steinberg dithering, F-S colour reduction and then grabbing my Magic Workbench palette and remapping the colours from within Personal Paint 7. No doubt you lot at the Amiga Format offices can use these to brighten up your machines a little for when you need some inspirational ideas for the mag!

I have provided these backdrops in 640x480 and 640x512 resolutions:

- o Use the 640x480 versions of these backdrops if you have a multisync monitor and run your Workbench in Multiscan Productivity.
- o Use the 640x512 versions of these backdrops if you run your Workbench in Hi-Res Laced. Tip: If your Amiga isn't fitted with a flicker-fixer then you'll get screen flicker. The only way to fix this is to use a program called 'Magic TV' which is a neat little program that eliminates the flickering effect of a Hi-Res Laced Workbench. Magic TV has appeared on a few previous Amiga Format CD's so check it out!

1.4 requirements

Requirements:

These backdrops I have created are in the standard Magic Workbench palette, so you will need

Magic Workbench

installed on your machine to view them correctly.

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1.5 installation

Installation:

For the novices, here's how to install these backdrops:

Copy the backdrops to your Workbench:Prefs/Patterns drawer by using the CLI or a directory manager such as Opus or CLI Master.

Once you've copied them to your Workbench:Prefs/Patterns drawer, open up the prefs drawer and load WBPattern, below the 'Type' heading, click on the cycle gadget so it says 'picture', then click on 'Select Picture...' and select the backdrop you wish to use and click on 'Save'. Everytime your computer is booted it will display the backdrop on the Workbench.

1.6 cardware

Cardware

These backdrops are Public Domain Cardware. This means If you use them, please send me a postcard, along with any comments which would be most welcome! If you want me to create some more Magic Workbench backdrops for the Amiga Format CD or want me to create some backdrops for use with

Magic Copper

, then drop me a line. However, I'll await to see what the initial response will be to these first.

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1.7 MagicWB - The Workbench Enhancer

This product is based on or uses parts of

MagicWB - The Workbench Enhancer

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If you use and like this product you should very much consider to take a look at MagicWB, which is the authentic source of the style, colors and design elements contained in this package. It features hundreds of original icons, patterns, image-drawers, dock-brushes and some specially designed high-quality fonts to improve the comfort & legibility of your daily Workbench session.

What is MagicWB? MagicWB is a full replacement for the Graphical User Interface of the Workbench and has become the standard visual interface on the Amiga. Over the last years MagicWB has received various merits and an overwhelming response from Amiga magazines and users worldwide proclaiming it "a must for all Amiga users". Even commercial applications are supporting the multi-colored look & style of MagicWB.

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MagicWB is distributed as shareware. Get yourself the latest FREE PUBLIC RELEASE of MagicWB now: It is called

MagicWB21p.lha

and can be found everywhere on Aminet (or your local BBS or public domain series). Install it and witness the instant magic it performs on your old Amiga Workbench. Also included is the latest SASG registration program with which you can order and get the full registered version of MagicWB.

If you want to order directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.- (cash, no checks!)

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Save 20% by using the discounts on our website!

Ordering online also saves you a lot of time and work!

1.8 What is Magic Copper ?

What is Magic Copper?

Legal stuff.

.....Take a wild guess.

Description.

.....Again for £5?

Tooltypes.

.....Still have any money?

Author.

.....I'll take your last pound then.

1.9 legal stuff.

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1.10 description.

Description.

Magic Copper lets you create rainbow color effects for a selectable pen color number on the Workbench screen, using the entire 16 million color range of the AGA chips.

You specify the color of the first and the last line of the screen, and Magic Copper will make a smooth color change by setting a new color value on every scanline.

You can use the built-in configuration window to add or remove color effects. A set of built-in effects is provided for the use with the MagicWB-AGA-Patterns with the same name as the patterns.

1.11 tooltypes.

Tooltypes.

Magic Copper recognizes the following tooltypes, which can be changed by clicking on the Magic Copper icon and selecting "Information..." from Workbench's "Icon"-menu:

Name	Example	Function
CX_POPKEY	ctrl alt w	Selects the key which will open the configuration window
CX_POPUP	Yes No	If set to Yes, the configuration window will open whenever the program is run.
CX_PRIORITY	0	Not very useful. Just ignore it.
COLORNUMBER	8	Pen number of the color to change. A value of 0 means background color, 1 is normally the text color, 3 is for window borders, etc. Must be in the range of 0 to 255.
STEP	4	Number of lines between color changes. Defaults to 3. If you have a fast

processor, you may set this to 2 or 1, which will look a tad better, but gives slower screen movement.

BORDERBLANK If this tooltype is present, Magic Copper will change the border color to black. This is on by default.

RANDOMFX If present, Magic Copper picks a random effect out of your effect list rather than using the active one.

EFFECT These are the effect entries. You should use the configuration window to change them, and not edit the tooltypes directly.

The effects are stored in the following format:

EFFECT <startcolor> <endcolor> <flags> <name>

startcolor - A six digit hexadecimal number specifying the color of the first line of the screen. The first two digits select the red level, the next two digits the green and the last two digits the blue level. So a startcolor of 0xF765E3 would give you a nice pink (0xF7 for red, 0x65 for green and 0xE3 for blue; 00 is dark and FF is bright).

endcolor - A six digit hexadecimal number specifying the color of the last line of the screen.

flags - Bit 0: If set, this effect is selected. Only one effect may have this bit set at a time.
 Bit 4: If set, 'startcolor' is ignored and a random number is used as start color.
 Bit 5: If set, 'endcolor' is ignored and a random number is used as end color.

name - The name of the effect.

1.12 author.

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