Cool Blends QuarkXTension

This document contains instructions for using the Cool Blends XTension . You may want to print this document so that the instructions will be available when you need them. This document uses the fol-lowing fonts: Helvetica, Times, and Zapf Dingbats.
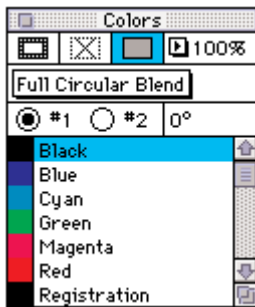
Installing the Cool Blends XTension

To install your XTensions, simply quit QuarkXPressfi and drag-copy the Cool Blends XTension file into the folder where you keep QuarkXPress 3.1. The next time you launch QuarkXPress, the XTension will be installed.

Using the Cool Blends XTension

(View   Show Colors)

The Cool Blends XTension enhances QuarkXPress 3.1 s ability to create blends as backgrounds for pic-ture and text boxes. After you ve installed it, bring the Colors palette into view by choosing Show Colors from under the View menu.

Click on the background icon (the solid rectangle at the top of the palette) to show the Blends pop-up menu, the #1 and #2 radio buttons, and the blend angle display.

The Cool Blends XTension adds five new blends to the Blends pop-up menu: Mid-Linear Blend, Rectan-gular Blend, Diamond Blend, Circular Blend, and Full Circular Blend.

You create all of the blends in the same way. First, select the picture box or text box in which you want to create the blend, then select the type of blend you want from the Blends pop-up menu. The #1 radio button is automatically selected so you can select the first color of your blend simply by clicking on the color of your choice in the color list. Next, select the #2 radio button and click on the second color of your blend. (Note: the second color can be a different sat-uration level of the same color. For instance, you can blend from 100% blue to 30% blue.) You will not see the blend if you are using the content tool; you will only see the first color. To view the blend on-screen,

either select the item tool or deselect the box con-taining the blend.