

# Animated Gif - Illustrator /Text and Shapes

Use Adobe Illustrator to create an animated gif. Use a variety of shapes, outlined type, or traced objects as your subjects. Apply all the skills that we have developed on pass projects.

## **Illustrator document size**

5 inches x 5 inches or 360 pixel x 360 pixel.

**To begin your animation, do some research on what other people have done.**

**Google search - Animated gif illustrator, Animated gif vector art, Animated gif abstract, or [giphy.com/](http://giphy.com/)**

**Making quick sketches or a storyboard will make your creative process a lot smoother.**

**Try developing several ideas before you decide which idea to invest your time in.**

**For this assignment you only need to create 1 animation, that has a minimum of 20 different layers of animation.**

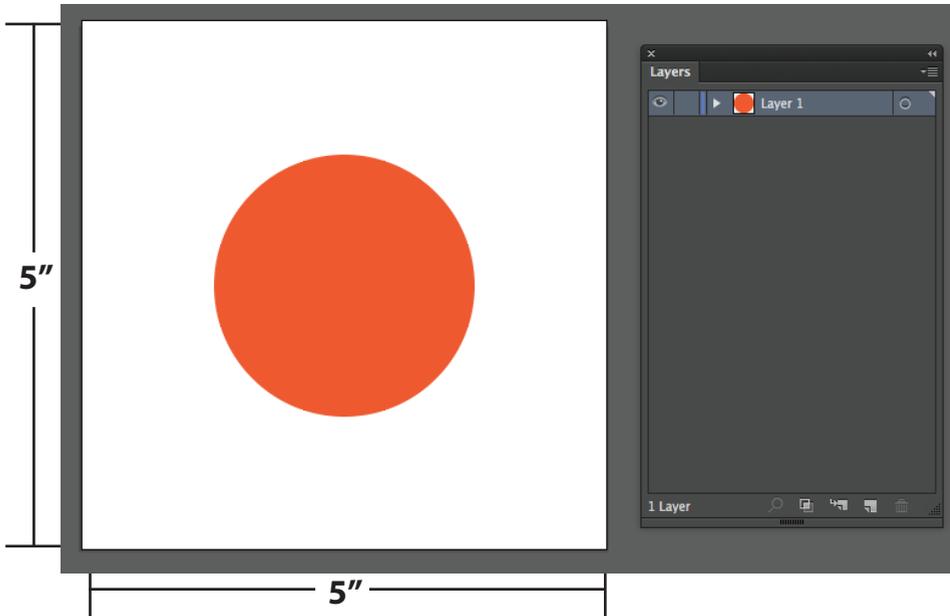
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How you create your image for your animated gif is totally up to you. You may want to use only text, you may want to use only shapes, or traced objects.

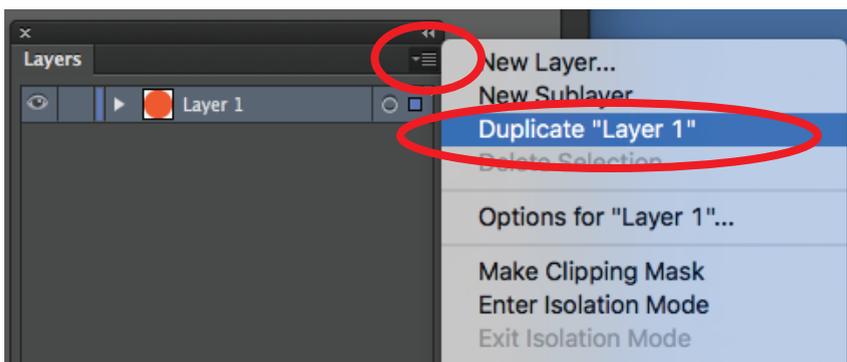
**Use as many skills as you know to make an interesting project**

Your gif needs to have a minimum of 20 layers see next set of direction for clarification.

## Step by step how to create layers for your animation.



Layer 1 - Draw a collection of shapes, text or images that you want to animate.



After you are completely done with layer one. Click in the upper right corner of the layers menu and Duplicate "Layer 1"

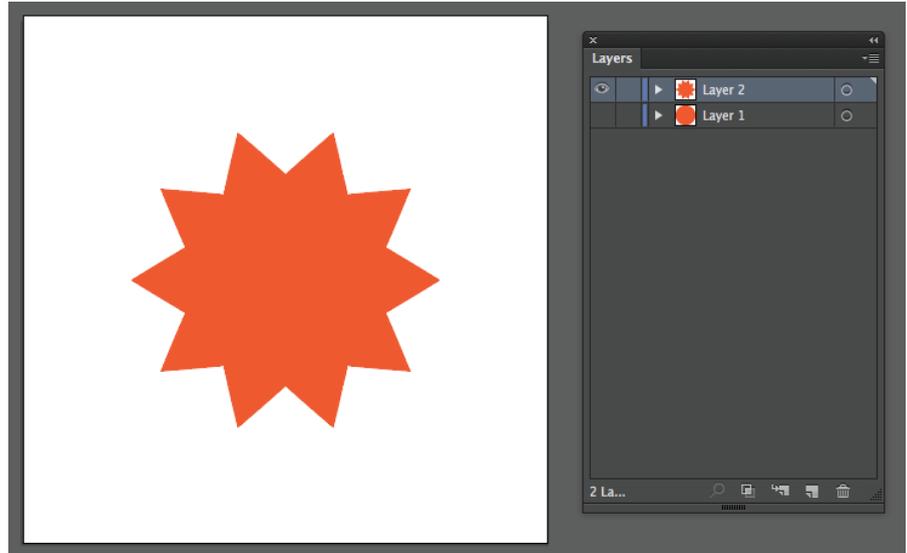


Rename the new layer "Layer 2"

Turn off the eyeball next to layer 1.

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**Make an alterations to Layer 2.**



After you are completely done with layer two. Click in the upper right corner of the layers menu and Duplicate "Layer 2"

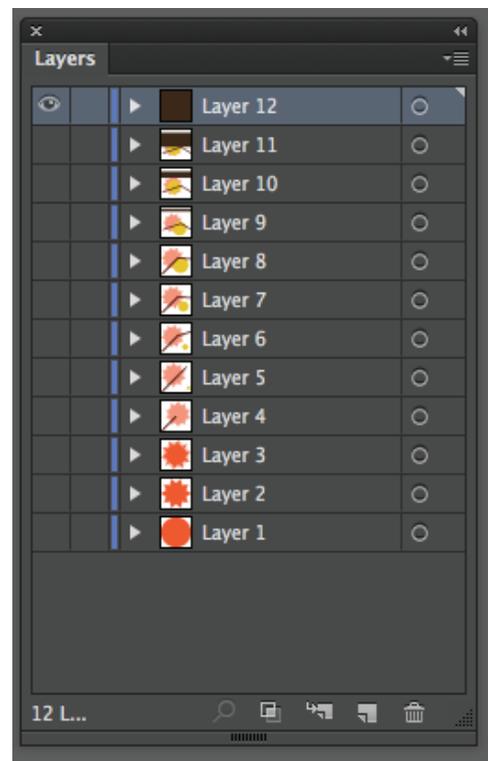
Rename the new layer "Layer 3"

Turn off the eyeball next to layer 2.

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Continue repeating the steps above until you have 20 different layers.

**Each layer is going to be one frame of animation.**



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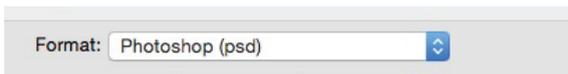
**Step 1 - In the layers palette, unlock all the layers and click all the eyeballs so you can see all the layers.**

**Step 2- Save a copy of this file into your dropbox now. Drag and drop the file from your desktop into your dropbox account. Make sure it is properly named. It is important to save a copy now just in-case we need to edit the original file later.**

**Step 3 - Reopen your file either by downloading it or using the one on your desktop.**

**Step 4 - File > Export**

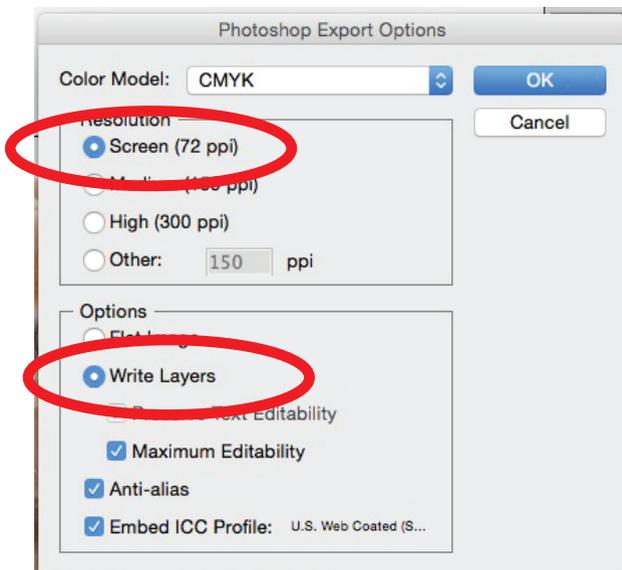
The Format needs to be changed to .psd



Make sure you save your work onto your desktop

## Exporting

Another window will pop up - Make sure your resolution is set to Screen 72 and your Options for - write Layers - is selected.



**Drag the new psd file into your dropbox to save it.**

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**Step 5** - Open up Adobe Photoshop. On your desktop open the Creative Suite folder and click on Photoshop.

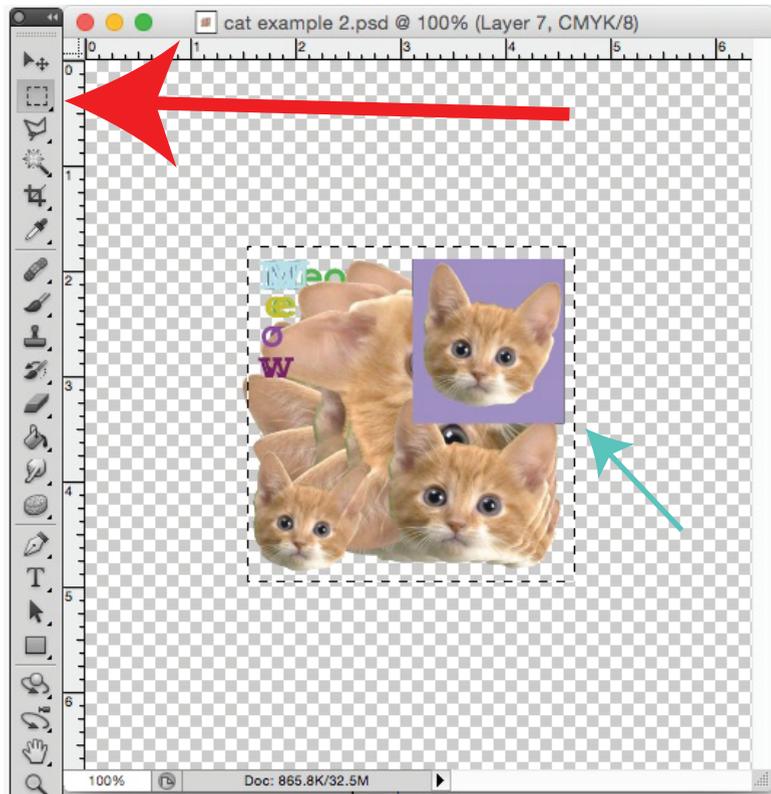
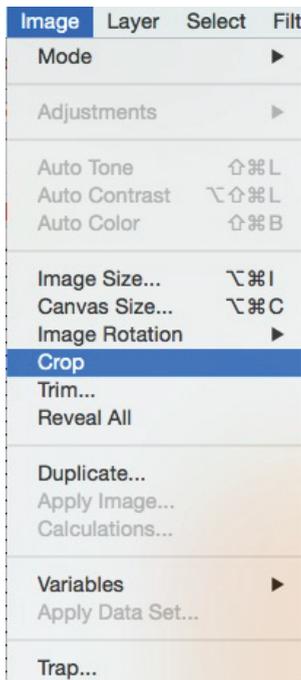
**Step 6** - If your psd file is not on your desktop > download it from your dropbox now.

**Step 7** - File > Open (find your psd file on the desktop.)

**Step 8 (optional)** - There may be extra space around your image. To make your gif the right size you will need to crop the screen.

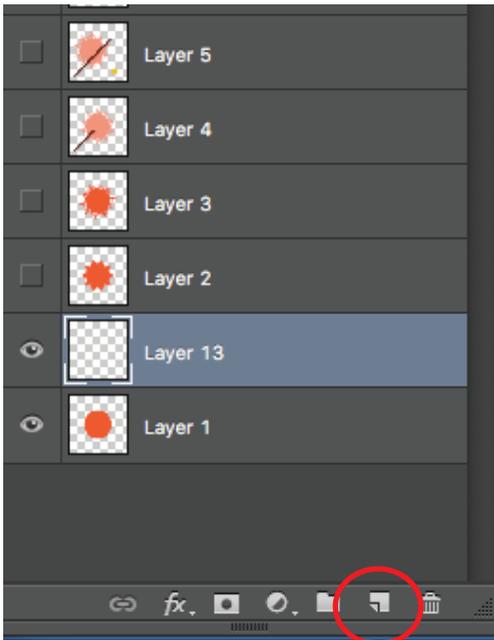
**Step 9 (optional)**- Use the rectangle marquee selection tool (the red arrow is pointing at it) and drag a marquee (a box) around your image. The blue arrow is pointing at what the marquee looks like.

**Step 10 (optional)**- Image > Crop



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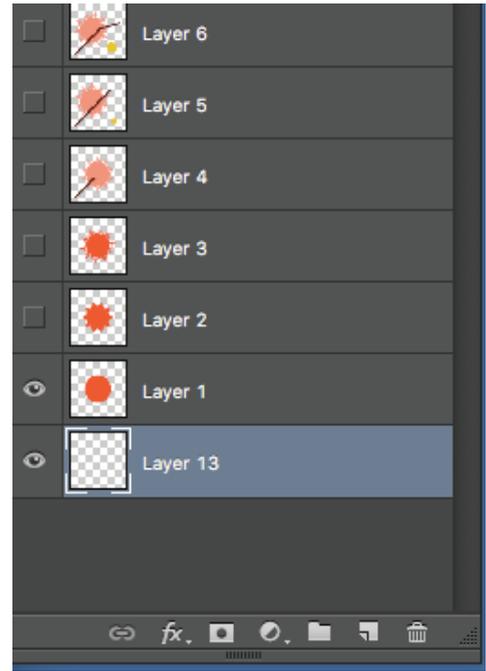
## Changing the checker board background to a color



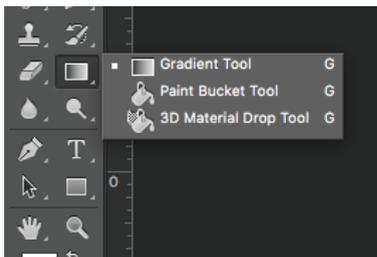
If your animation has a checker board background, you will need to add a new layer.

(a) select layer 1

(b) click the button on the bottom of the layer palette indicated above.



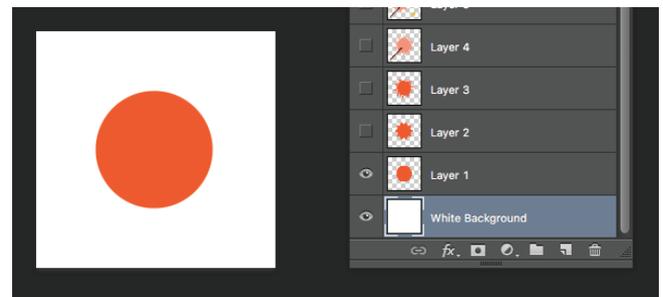
(c) Drag the layer to the bottom, below layer 1.



(d) open the paint bucket tool.

It may be hiding behind the gradient tool

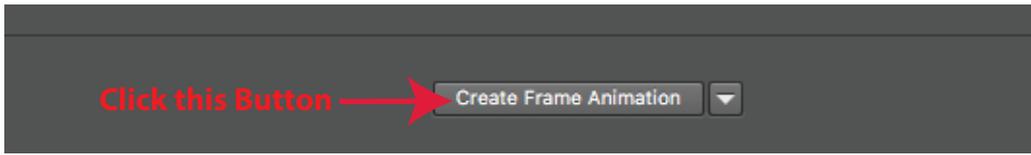
Select a color that you would like your background to be. Dump in the color on the new bottom layer



(e) rename the layer background, this layer will remain on for all the frames of the animation.

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Step 11 - Window > Timeline

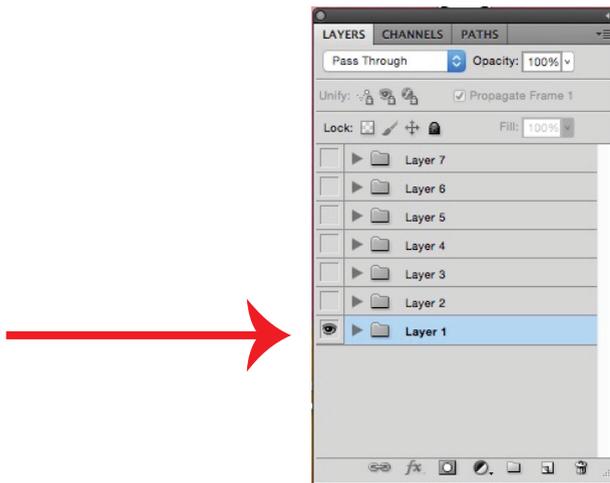


Make sure the "Create Frame Animation" is showing. If not click on the triangle next to the button and change it from video timeline to Frame Animation

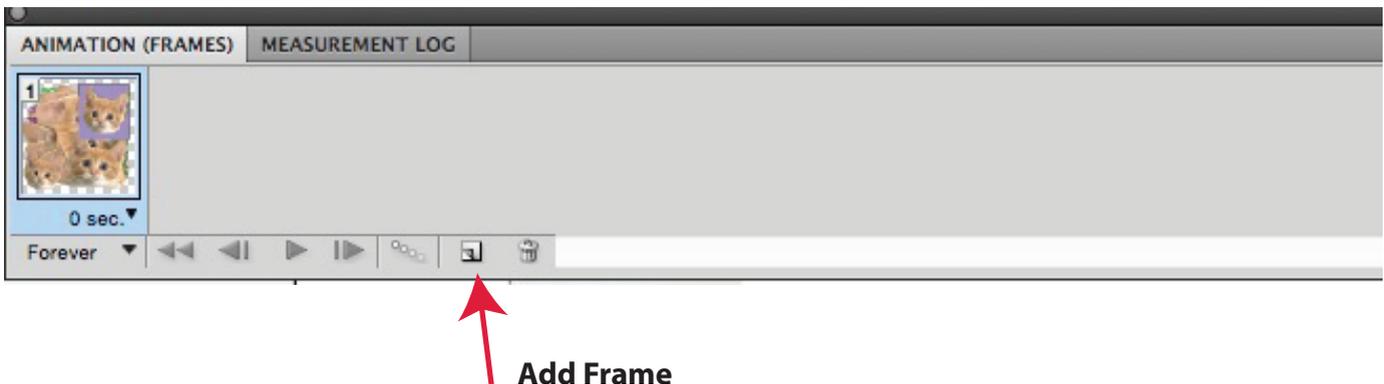
Step 12 - If your layers are not open - Window > Layers

## Lets Start Animating

Step 13 - For the first frame the only layer that should have an eyeball next to it should be layer 1.

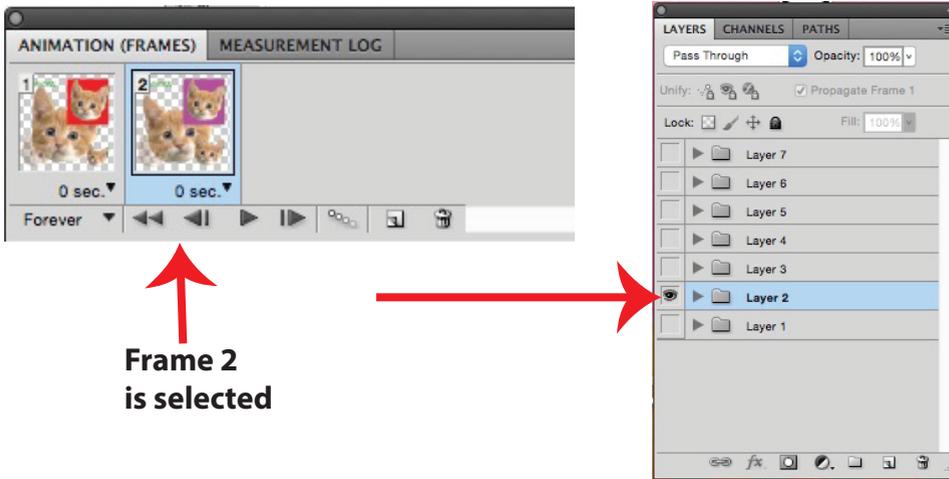


Step 14 - Click the button at the bottom of the animation window to add another frame.

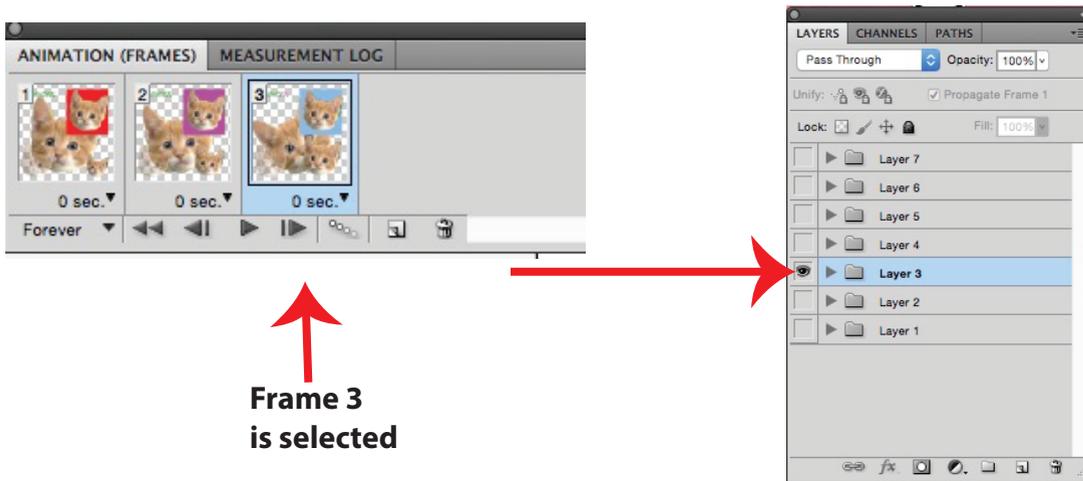


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Step 15 - Now the second frame should be highlighted in blue and the only layer that should have an eyeball next to it should be layer 2.



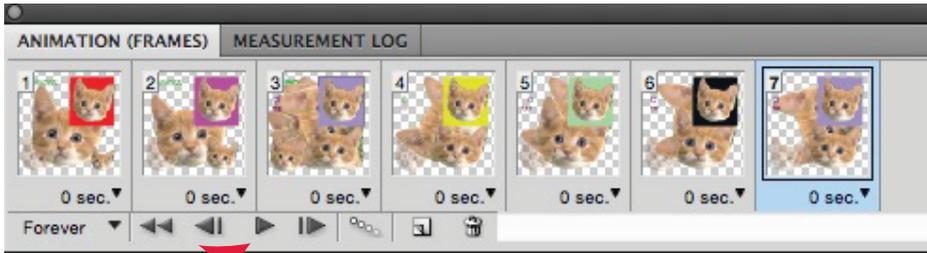
Step 16 - Add another frame - see step 25 if your need a refresher. Now the third frame should be highlighted in blue and the only layer that should have an eyeball next to it should be layer 3.



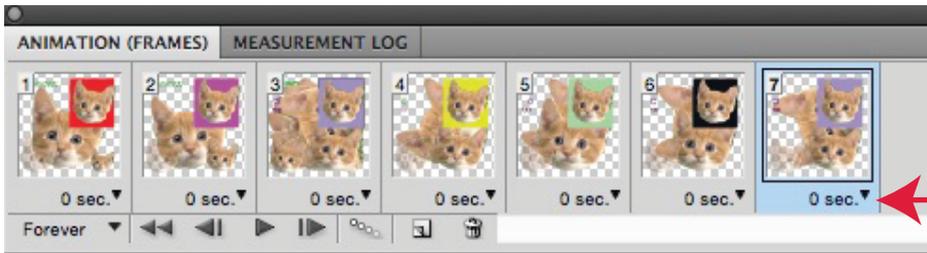
Step 17 - Continue adding frames and selecting the corresponding layer.

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Step 18 - You can view your animation by using the controls at the bottom of the animation window.

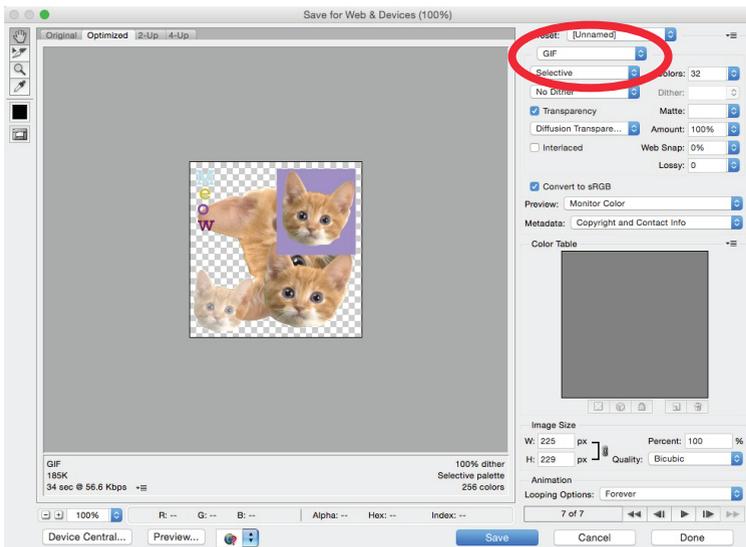


Step 19 - You can control the speed of each frame by adjusting the time at the bottom on each frame.

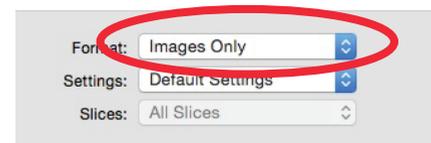


Step 20 - **File > Export > Save for the Web (Legacy)**

Make sure the Gif is selected as the format.



In the next window just make sure the **image only** is selected for the format and you are saving your file onto your desktop.



Step 21 - Drag the gif file from the desktop into your dropbox.

