

Basic Editing with iMovie

iMovie is a relatively easy program to use and contains excellent articles in the help section. This cheat sheet is a brief reminder.

Create a Project:

1. Launch iMovie.
2. Create new project.
3. If there is another project that opens - close it.
4. Create a new folder and label everything with your name. Do NOT use "My Great Movie" as a title.

Importing Video (from DV tape)

1. In iMovie *Preferences* select the *Import tab* and uncheck the box "Start new clip at each scene break".
2. Connect a 4-6 pin firewire cable from your camera to the computer.
3. Set your camera to be in *Play mode*.
4. Back in iMovie, click on the camera icon underneath the *Viewer Window*.
5. Use the transport controls like you would on a DVD/VCR to navigate through the tape.
6. Cue up the tape a few seconds before the section of video that you want to capture. Press the *Import* button to start capturing. Press *Import* again to stop capturing *Reminder – always capture a little extra at the start and end of a clip.

Importing a Quicktime Movie

1. Go to *File > Import* and select a file from the dialog box.
2. iMovie will take a few moments to copy the file into your project file.

Editing Video in the Clip Viewer

1. Hold down the *Option* key and click and drag a copy of a clip into the *Clip Viewer*.
2. Click on the clip in the timeline to select it.
3. In the *Viewer Window* set an out point by dragging the right-most triangle to the section where you want your clip to end.
4. Do the same with the left-most triangle to set your in point where you want the clip to begin.
5. Go to *Edit > Crop* to remove the area of the clip highlighted in blue.
6. To do the opposite, and remove the section that is selected in yellow go to *Edit > Cut*
7. To split a clip in half cue the *Playhead* over the frame that you want to separate your clip and go to *Edit > Split Video Clip at Playhead*.
8. To rearrange the order of your clips simply drag them left or right of the other clips.

Adding Transitions:

1. In the *Editing Tab* select the *Transitions* button.
2. Click on the transition icon and drag it down in between two clips in the *Clips Viewer*.
3. To edit the length of the transition select it in the timeline and adjust the duration with the speed slider and select *Update*.
4. To delete a transition select it and press the delete key.

Adding Titles:

1. In the *Editing Tab* select the *Titles* button.
2. Click on a title; each one will have different options.
3. Add text by typing in the text field, adjust the color, font, size, adjust duration with the time sliders.
4. Check the *Over Black* box if you don't want the title superimposed over video.
5. Click and drag from the title icon into your timeline to add the title.
6. To make changes select the title clip, make adjustments, and click *Update*.

Sharing:

1. Save your project.
2. Go to the *Share* menu and select "Quicktime".

3. To export at full quality choose the *Full Quality* setting from the drop down menu.