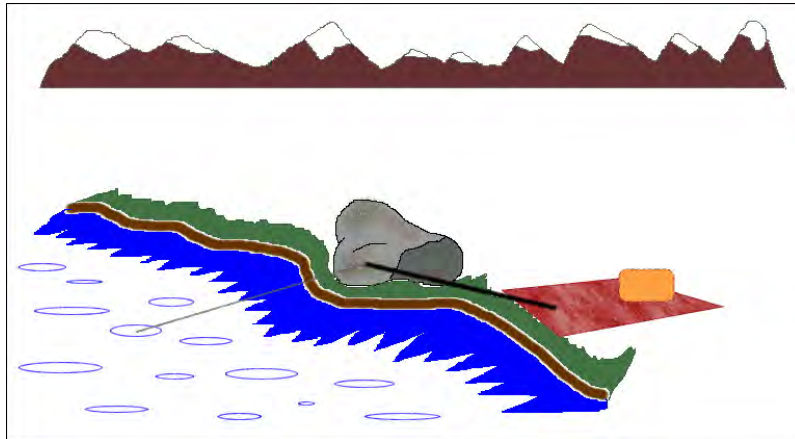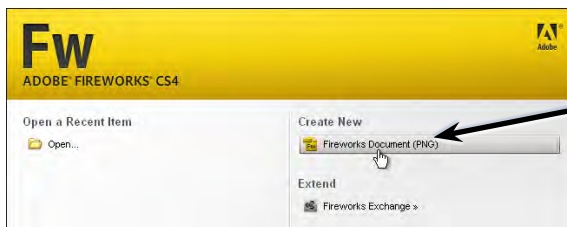# Creating a Painting

Adobe FireWorks CS4 is a graphics program that provides both bitmap and vector tools. In this exercise you will mostly use the bitmap tools to create the following scene of a fishing line in a stream next to a rock.
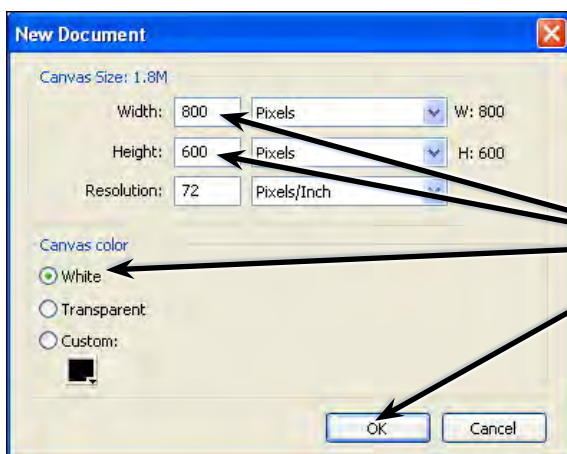
Starting the Document

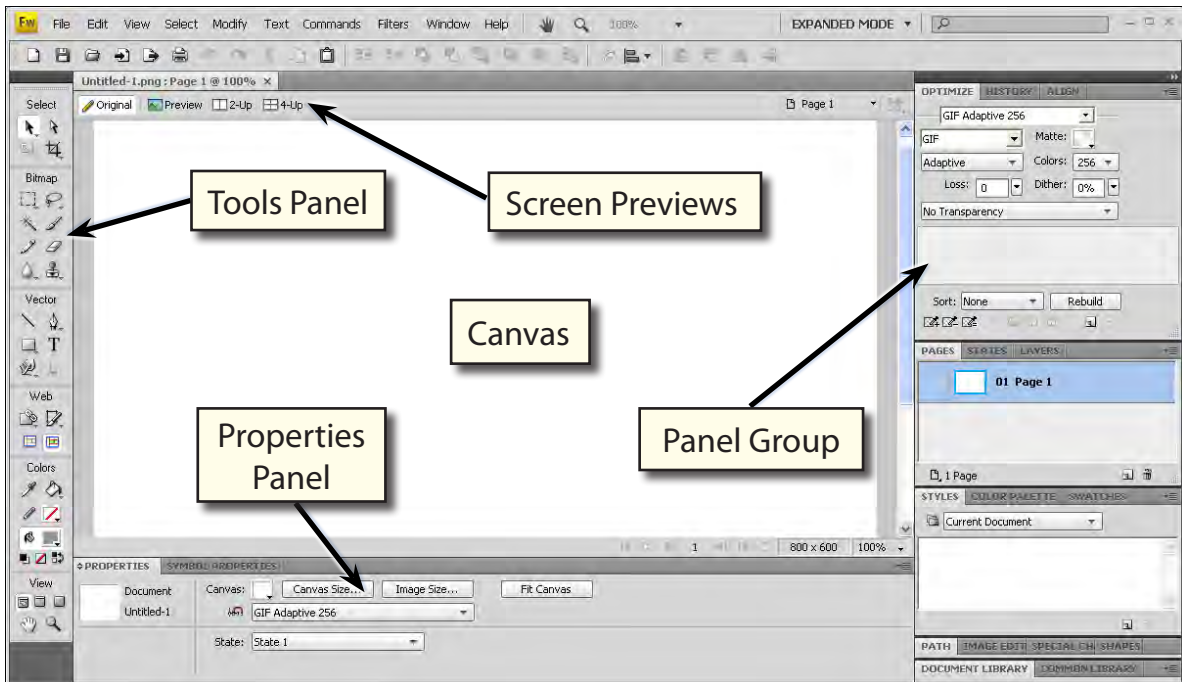1   Load Adobe FireWorks CS4 and the FIREWORKS START SCREEN should be displayed.

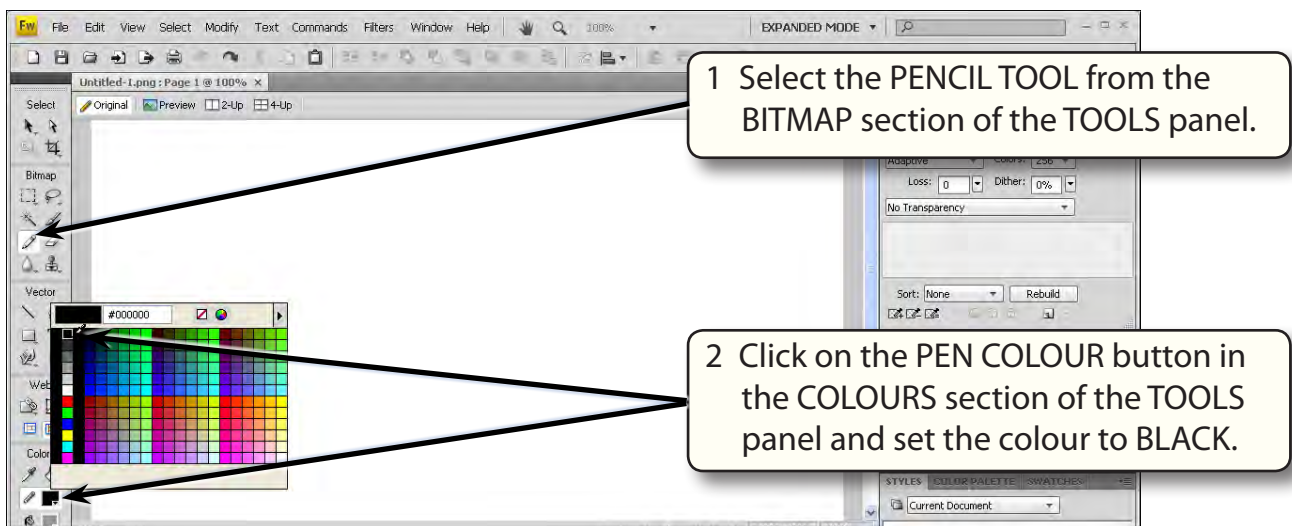2 In the CREATE NEW section click on FIREWORKS DOCUMENT.

3 The document properties need to be set. Set the WIDTH to 800 pixels, the HEIGHT to 600 pixels, the CANVAS COLOUR to WHITE and select OK.
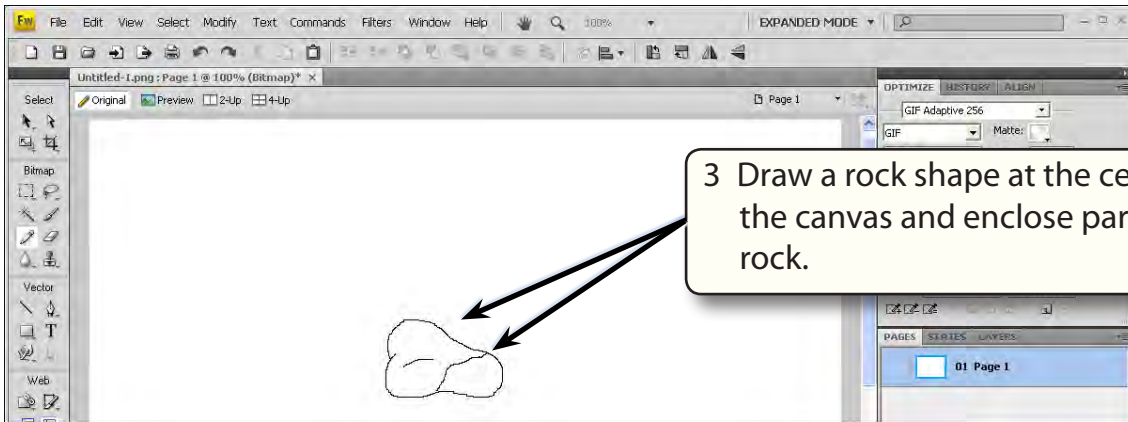
4   The FireWorks screen is opened. Refer to its labelled sections until you are fully familiar with them.

Drawing the Rock

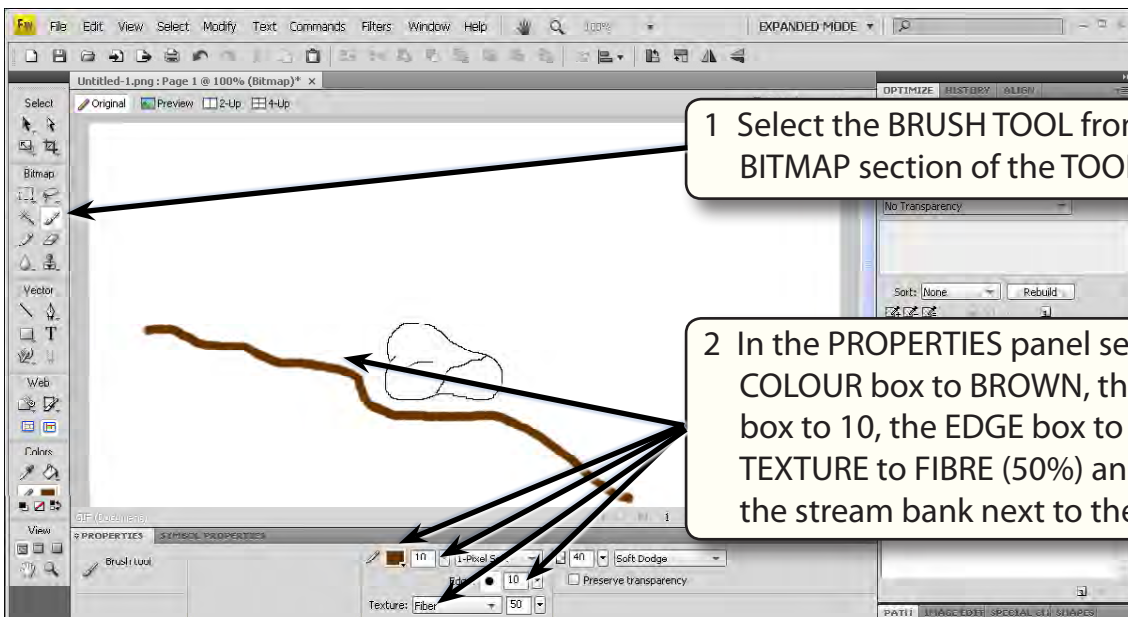The PENCIL TOOL will be used to draw the rock.

1 Select the PENCIL TOOL from the BITMAP section of the TOOLS panel.

2 Click on the PEN COLOUR button in the COLOURS section of the TOOLS panel and set the colour to BLACK.

3 Draw a rock shape at the centre of the canvas and enclose part of the rock.

NOTE: **Select UNDO BRUSH TOOL from the EDIT menu (or press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z) to undo steps if you make a mistake.**

Drawing the Stream

The BRUSH TOOL will be used to draw the bank of the stream. It allows you to change the thickness and texture of the line.

1 Select the BRUSH TOOL from the BITMAP section of the TOOLS panel.

2 In the PROPERTIES panel set the PEN COLOUR box to BROWN, the TIP SIZE box to 10, the EDGE box to 10, the TEXTURE to FIBRE (50%) and paint the stream bank next to the rock.

3   The water in the stream will be created using the PENCIL and PAINT BUCKET TOOLS.

4 Select the PENCIL TOOL from the BITMAP section of the TOOLS panel.

5 Set the PEN COLOUR to BLUE and draw some zig-zagged lines to represent the edge of the water.

6 Check that there are no gaps between the bank and the water. You can draw more lines to close any gaps.

7 Select the PAINT BUCKET TOOL in the COLOURS section of the TOOLS panel, set the FILL COLOUR to BLUE and click in between the bank and water edge to fill the area.

NOTE: If the paint fills the whole screen, press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the fill, use the PENCIL TOOL to close any gaps and try filling again.

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