

Chromakeying (Green Screen Techniques) Using Final Cut Express

Create a new project

- Launch Final Cut Express
- Under the file pull down menu select “New Project”
- Save your Project so it has a title.

Capture 2 footage segments

- Connect DV camera via firewire cable to computer
- Use the capture tool in the file menu to capture your segments
- Click on “now” to start capture and “esc” to end capture

Trim segments to the same length

- Use the razor blade tool to cut the segments to same length
OR
- Set the “in” and “out” points to select a portion of your clip.

Add footage to timeline

- drag video background video footage to V1
- drag green screen image to V2

Apply Chromakey effect to V2

- Double click on green screen clip on the timeline. Your clip should appear on the viewer pane.
- From effects pull down menu select video filters, keying and then chromakey.
- A chromakey tab will appear in the viewer pane.
- Select the chromakey tab.
- Use the eyedropper to select the key color (in this case green)
- Adjust the color, saturation and luminescence to eliminate all traces of green.

Render the Video Footage

- Select Render from the sequence pull down menu.