Using Transparent Shapes for Visual Cues (PPT 2013)

**Create a ‘blank’ Slide**

1. Make sure you have a slide showing. If you don’t, click on **Home**, then **New Slide**.
2. From the **Home** menu tab, select **Layout** and then **Title and Content**.
3. In the title text box, type a title for your image.

**Insert Image from File**

1. Click on the picture icon in the content area.
2. Browse to the folder where your images are stored.
3. Select the image you would like to use.
4. Click **Insert**.
5. Left click and drag on the handles to make your shape smaller or larger.

**Create a Duplicate Slide**

1. From the Slide Outline on the left side of the screen, select your slide by clicking on it.
2. Right-click on the slide and select **Duplicate Slide** (or use the copy and paste buttons).
3. A duplicate slide is inserted.

**Insert a Shape**

1. Make sure you are looking at the duplicate slide.
2. From the **Insert** tab, click **Shapes** and then select the rectangle shape. Your cursor changes to a cross.
3. Click on the slide and drag to create your rectangular shape.
4. Click on the handles and drag to make your shape smaller or larger.
Format the Shape

1. With the shape still selected, click on the orange Drawing Tools tab at the top of the screen. This activates the shape formatting menu.
2. Under Shape Fill, select More Fill Colors.
3. Change the color if you desire.
4. Adjust the transparency slider bar to make your rectangle transparent, then click OK.
5. Under Shape Outline, select No Outline. (We don’t want a border.)
6. Select the square and move it so that it overlaps a section of the image.

Preview your Slides

1. Click on the Slide Show menu tab. This brings up the menu bar for setting up and starting a slideshow.
2. Click on From Beginning.

Change the Transition

For a more subtle effect, we will change the slide transition to fade.

1. Click on the Transitions menu tab.
2. Select the second transition shown, Fade.
3. To adjust the speed of the transition, change the duration of the transition. Higher numbers mean slower (longer) transitions.

Watch the show again. This time, the shape fades in slowly.
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