

Design the Box for a Software Package

Appropriate for Grades 5 - 12.

Overview:

Have a look at a box from a piece of software. Make a list of all things that listed on the box such as the system requirements, program title, the company and the description. Now design your own front and back for this software box. Use a range of different font sizes and illustrations to complete the box.

Activity:

1. Start MS Publisher
2. Choose the Blank Publication tab from the Catalog window.
3. Click on the Full Page picture then click the Create button.
4. Choose Print Setup from the File menu.
5. Click Landscape and click the OK button.
6. Choose the rectangle tool from the Toolbox.
7. Draw a rectangle that is approximately 15 cm x 20 cm (5 inches x 7 inches)
8. Click on the rectangle.
9. Choose Copy from the Edit menu.
10. Choose Paste from the Edit menu.
11. Click on the rectangle and drag it out beside the original so that you have the front and the back on a box.
12. Choose the text tool from the Toolbox.
13. Click and drag out a text box.
14. Type the name of your software.
15. Change the font, size and style of the name.
16. Click on the text box and drag it into the first box.
17. Place it along the inside, top edge.
18. Choose the text tool from the Toolbox.
19. Proceed to make other text boxes to contain the other information about the software. Copy from the box you have with you.
20. Choose Picture - Clipart from the Insert menu.
21. Click on a category.
22. Click on a picture then click on the top choice in the menu that appears. (Insert clip)
23. Click on the picture and drag it into position on the page.
24. Click and hold on one of the black "handles".
25. Drag the handles to adjust it so that the picture fits into the box.
26. Repeat the processes to complete the back and front of the box.
27. Choose Save As: from the File menu.
28. Navigate to your floppy disk or folder.
29. Type a name and click the Save button
30. Choose Print from the File menu.
31. Click the OK button.

Resources/Materials Needed:

- Software: Desktop Publishing, Drawing
- Paper, Printer
- Software boxes