

The Basics of Digital Video Editing using Windows Movie Maker: From Tape to DVD in 60 minutes

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I. How to hook up your DV camera to your computer.



1. Always remember to plug you camera into the power source!
2. Check you Firewire cable type 4 pin or 6 pin?



3. Windows Movie Maker should automatically detect your camera.

II. Uses for video editing.

1. Home movies
 - A. Trim clips
 - B. Add Music
 - C. Adjust sound
 - D. Slide show of pictures
 - E. Backup
2. Professional Presentations
3. Reduction in size or quality to make appropriate for web pages or emailing.

III. Where to download Shareware DVD authoring program

1. www.shareware.com – look for “DVD Author Free Version”

Tape to DVD process

1. Shoot Video
2. Import video clips to Windows Movie Maker. You can import pictures and/or music as well.
3. SAVE the file. Windows Movie Maker will automatically save it every ten minutes after this.
4. Drag clips and pictures you want to use to the Storyboard in Windows Movie Maker
5. Drag video effects and drop them on video clips on the Storyboard.
6. Drag the transitions you want to use and drop them between to video clips on the Storyboard.
7. Switch to timeline mode
8. Add music by dragging a music clip on dropping it on the timeline
9. Trip clips by grabbing one edge of the clip and drag to shorten. You can also shorten or lengthen the time a picture is displayed using this method.
10. When completed save the file again.
11. Under “Finish Movie” on the left sidebar, click “Save to my computer”, enter a file name and click next.
12. Click show more choices, click other settings, choose DV-AVI.
13. **Upon further inquiry it has been noted that Windows Movie Maker will not actually render the movie in the appropriate format (M-PEG2) required for DVD authoring. One needs to use convert the .avi file to a .mpg file using a video file converter program. This process is too complex to describe here.
14. Burn to DVD using DVD authoring program.