

“BLANK” SLIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHOTOSTORY

Photo Story allows a user to import pictures to create a presentation that can have sound and/or text included on the slides. However, a user may want to insert a “blank” slide—one without a background—as a title, subtitle, informational or transition slide during the presentation. Unlike PowerPoint, Photo Story does not allow the user to just insert a blank slide. The user needs to import a color as a .jpg or .gif for Photo Story to use as a blank slide.

Tiled backgrounds may not work as well since the images are often small and repeated over and over on a website or computer screen in order to create the design or texture. However, on a Photo Story slide that image is only used once—a textured or pattern may be distorted in order to expand over the slide.

Solid colors work the best. To find a site with solid colors type Solid Color Backgrounds in a search engine like GOOGLE. You will find a site similar to the one below- windowsphotostory.com at <http://www.windowsphotostory.com/Guides/TitleSlides/adding-a-tile-only-slide.aspx>:

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying a webpage from windowsphotostory.com. The page title is "Adding a Title-Only Slide". The main content area contains the following text:

One of the things that I have wanted to do to my stories is add a blank slide for the purpose of creating a Title or a Credits slide. It seems odd that in Photo Story 3 you cannot add this (like you can in Windows Movie Maker), but the solution is a simple one.

You need to either use an image-creation program (Windows Paint is fine) and create a large (it MUST be as large or larger than your movie, or you will get blurred borders), solid colored image, or download from the swatches below. Import the solid image, and add titles as you would normally.

Sample Solid Background Images

To save the image to your computer, **right click** on the color that you want, and choose "Save Picture As..."

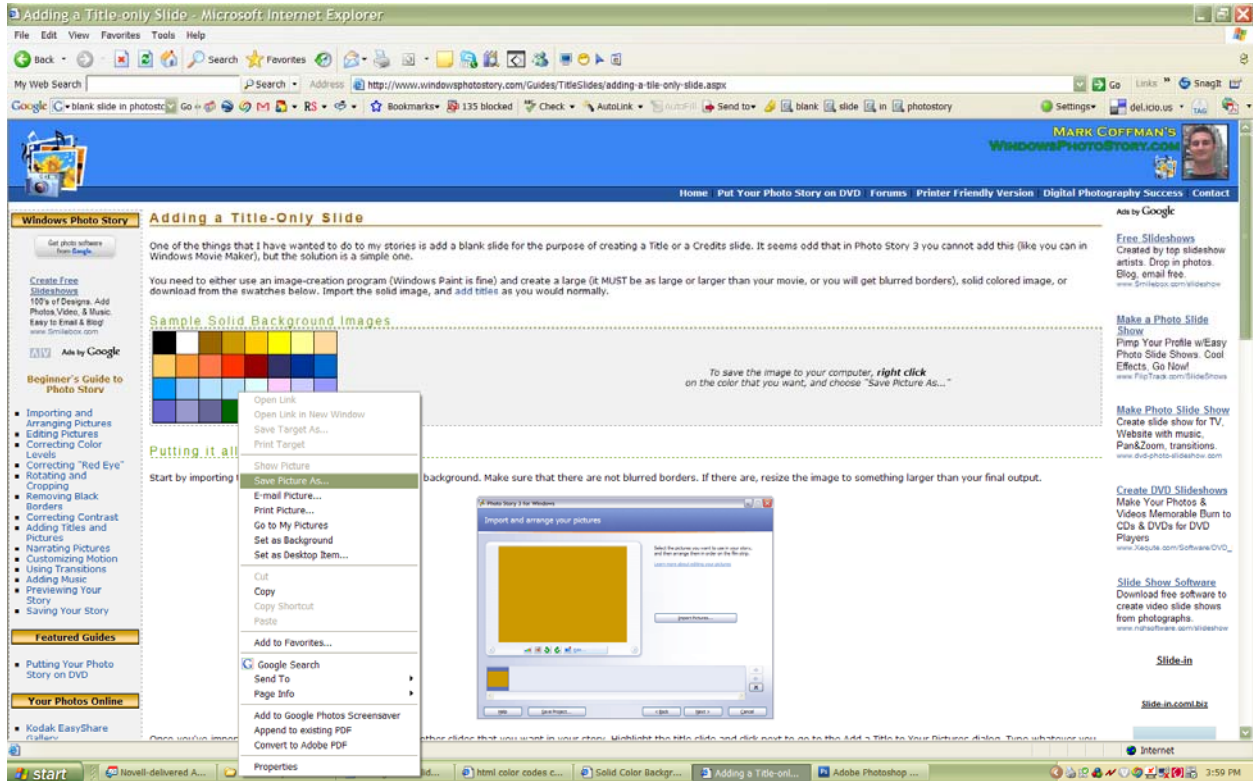
Putting it all together...

Start by importing the color that you wish to have as your background. Make sure that there are not blurred borders. If there are, resize the image to something larger than your final output.

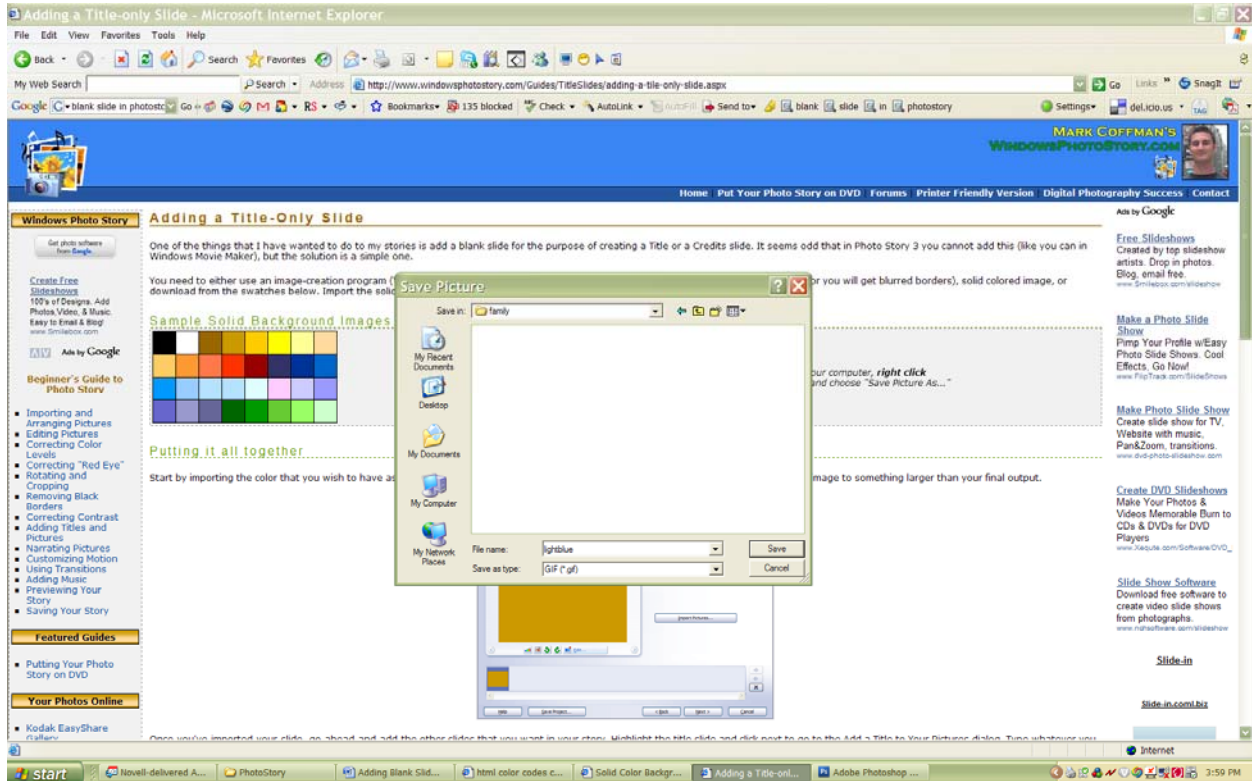
The page also features a "Sample Solid Background Images" section with a grid of colored squares. Below this is a screenshot of the Photo Story 3 software interface showing a yellow square selected in the "Import and arrange your pictures" dialog box.

The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.windowsphotostory.com/Guides/TitleSlides/adding-a-tile-only-slide.aspx>. The taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including "Novell-delivered A...", "PhotoStory", "Adding Blank Slid...", "html color codes c...", "Solid Color Backgr...", "Adding a Title-onl...", and "Adobe Photoshop ...". The system clock in the bottom right corner shows "3:55 PM".

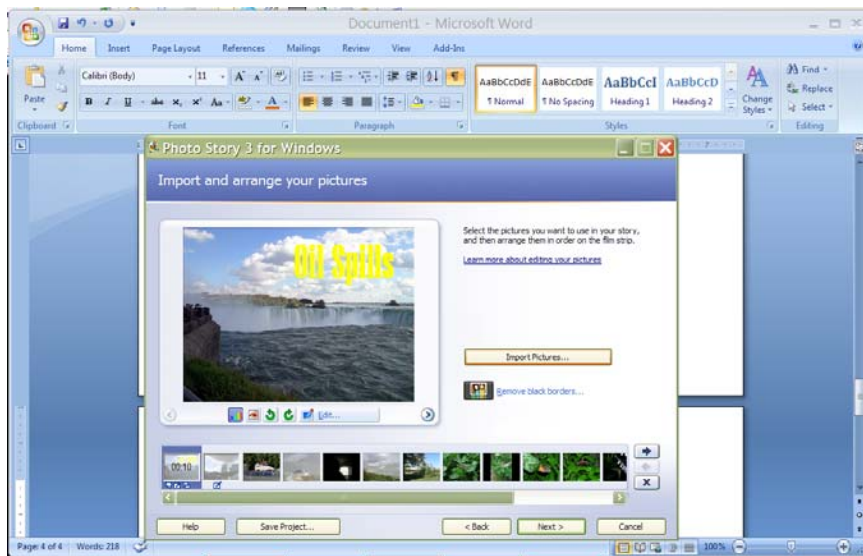
Select a color and right-click on it and go to Save Picture As:



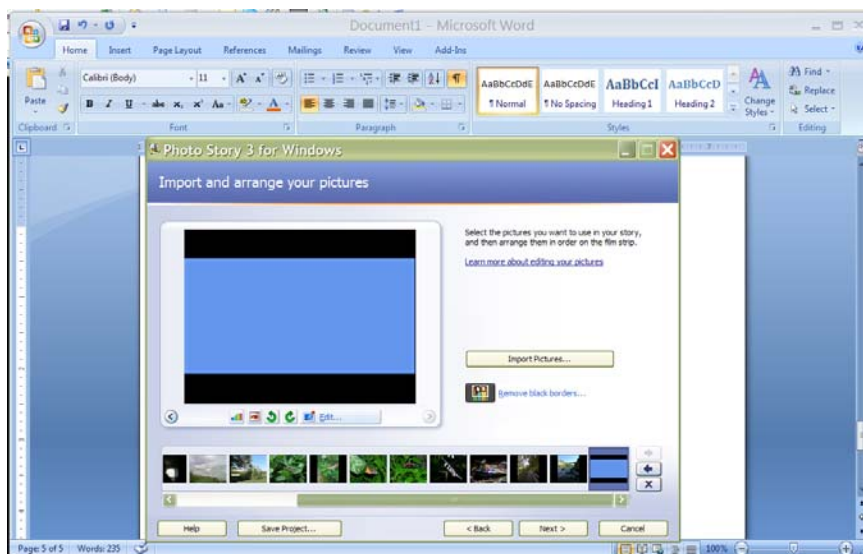
Change the name to one that you will know and remember.



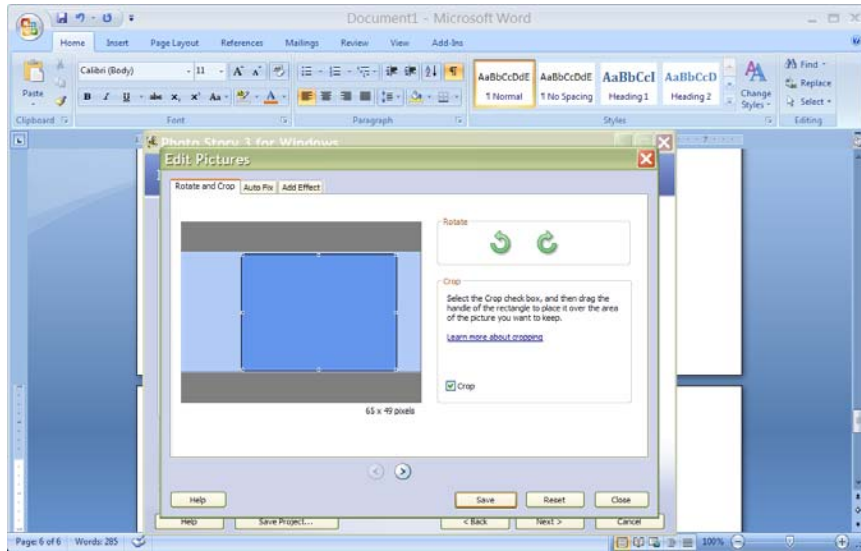
In Photo Story, import the image(s) you saved.



When the slide is put in your presentation, move it to the location you want the slide.



If the color has a black border (either on sides or top/bottom), crop the slide to only include the solid color in the slide. Click Edit and then check the Crop button. Select just the area you want include on the slide—in this case, just the light blue and click Save.



The slide will appear and then you can add text and/or sound to the slide.

