

Windows MovieMaker2 How-To Guide

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Once you have imported your video into the Collections area, begin to edit it as follows.

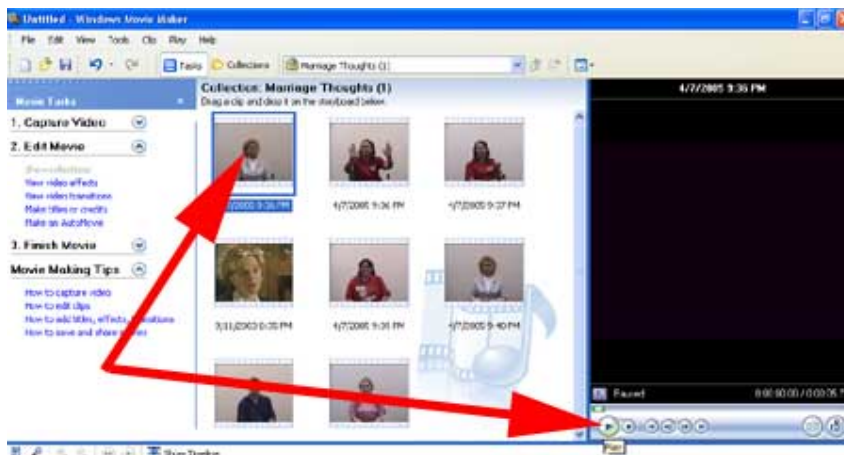
4. Edit Video

The MovieMaker2 screen is divided into three different parts as shown below:

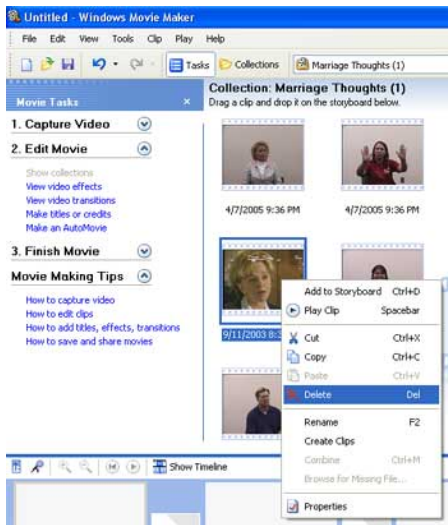


1. **Clip Collection:** All your imported clips are saved here. You can preview them or drag them down to the storyboard to use them.
2. **Preview Window:** This is where you can view your video, either by clicking on it in the clip collection or on the storyboard.
3. **Storyboard:** This is where you build your video sequence, using clips from the clip collection as well as other effects like transitions.

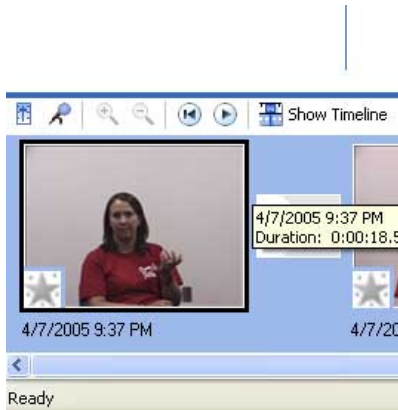
To preview an individual clip, click once on the clip and then click the play button in the preview window on the right side of the screen:



To delete a clip that is not wanted, right click it and choose delete.



To use a clip in your edited movie, drag it from the clip collection down into your storyboard / timeline:



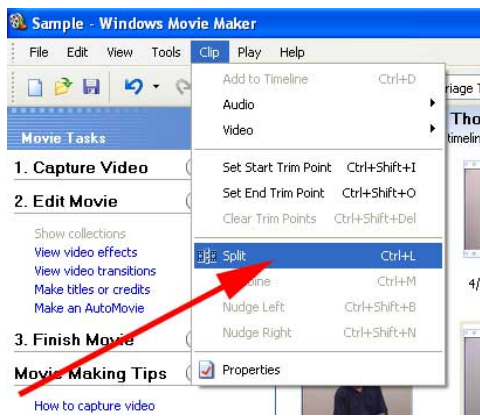
The Storyboard view TOGGLES back and forth with a TIMELINE view. Use the storyboard view for basic clip sequencing. Use the timeline view for clip editing:



EDIT A CLIP

To delete video away from the front or end of an existing clip, you can SPLIT THE CLIP and then delete the part you do not want.

1. First, click on the clip in the TIMELINE view that you want to edit.
2. Second, press the spacebar to play the clip to the point where you want to split it. (Press SPACE BAR to start playback and pause playback.)
3. Third, from the CLIP menu at the top of the screen, choose the SPLIT command (or use the keyboard shortcut: Control-L):



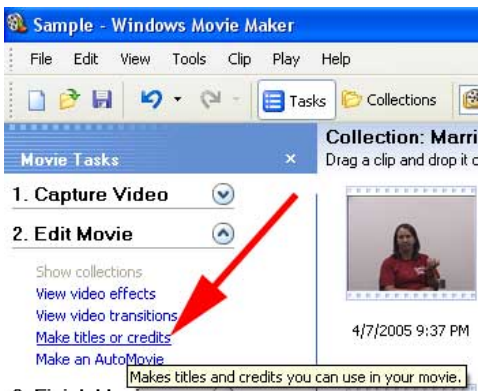
4. Fourth, click on the ZOOM IN button (magnifying glass +) to enlarge the clip view:



5. Fifth, right click on the clip segment you want to delete, and choose DELETE.

ADD A TITLE

To add a title, under MOVIE TASKS on the left side of the screen, click on MAKE TITLES OR CREDITS:



When prompted, choose where you want to add the title:

Where do you want to add a title?

Add title at the beginning of the movie.

Add title before the selected clip in the timeline.

Add title on the selected clip in the timeline.

Add title after the selected clip in the timeline.

Add credits at the end of the movie.

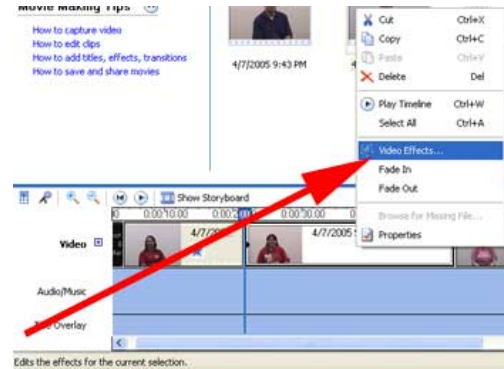
Click MORE OPTIONS after typing the title text to change the animation effect, color, etc.

When finished selecting options, click DONE ADD TO MOVIE.

ADD A TRANSITION

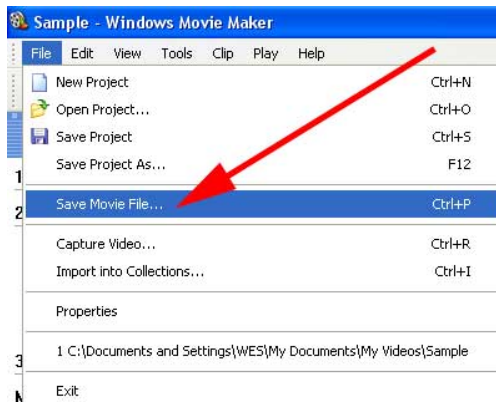
To add a transition, right click on the CLIP you want to add the transition to and choose VIDEO EFFECTS:

If you just want to make the clip FADE IN or FADE OUT, you can add that transition from the previous menu without going to VIDEO EFFECTS.

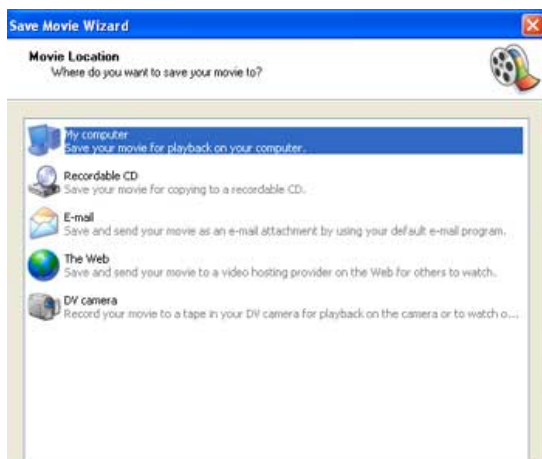


5. Export / Share Your Video

When you are finished editing your movie and ready to share it, from the FILE menu choose SAVE MOVIE FILE:

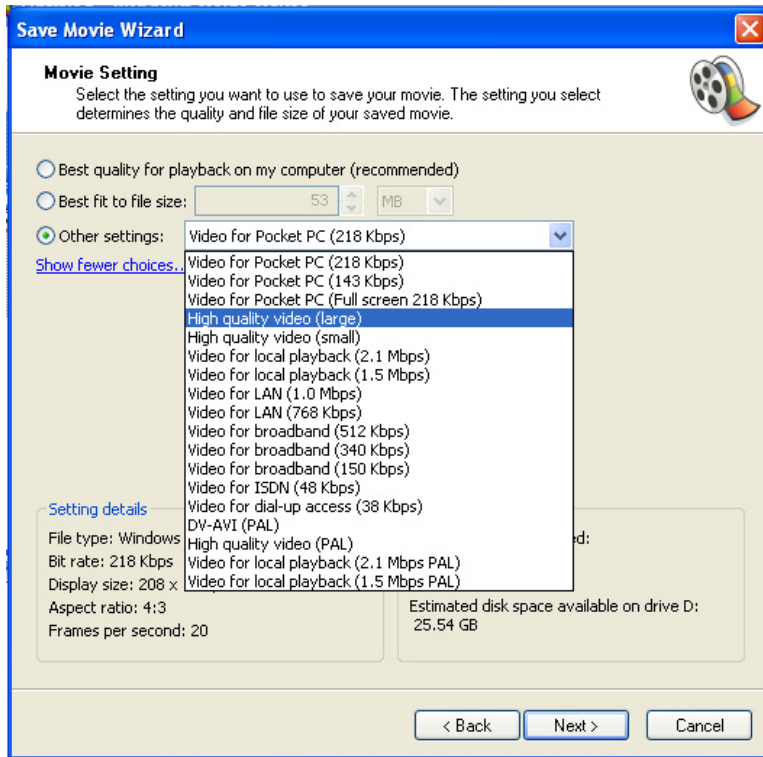


Choose the format you want to save in:



1. For the best quality, choose DV CAMERA and record the edited movie back to a blank tape. To play it back, you will have to use the camcorder and connect it to the TV or projector as well as speakers.
2. To compress the video and either play it back on your computer, or save the file to another location (a CD, thumbdrive, Internet website, etc) choose MY COMPUTER.

Select the desired format for saving the exported / compressed video. If you are going to upload it to YouTube, choose a good quality but not too large file-size format – try “HIGH QUALITY VIDEO (LARGE)”:



Note the estimated file size of the finished movie will be listed in the lower right corner of the window:



When you click NEXT, your computer will compress and export the movie file according to the settings you selected. The time required to compress and export your movie will vary depending on the settings you chose, the speed of your computer's processor, and how much RAM memory is installed and available on your computer.

After the file has finished exporting, QUIT MovieMaker2. You are finished editing!