Example 1.2   Shape Tween

This example shows the basics of creating a shape tween in Flash 5. In the example four red squares each morph into a letter spelling out the word "VISC".

Step 1:   Create new movie
- ***File > New or <CTRL><N>***

Step 2:   Click on the rectangle tool in the tool bar

Step 3:   Deselect the square border with no color button

Step 4:   Draw a small red square on the left side of the stage (approx. 2-3 cm)

Step 5:   Copy and paste three identical squares, each a little to the right of the previous square. You should have 4 total squares side by side

Step 6:   Align the squares perfectly by bringing up the align panel
- ***Window > Panels > Align***
- ***Using the arrow tool, select all 4 of the squares***
- ***Vertically align the squares with***
- ***Horizontally align the squares with***

Step 7:   Add a key frame to frame 15
- ***Select frame 15***
- ***Insert > Key Frame or <F6>***

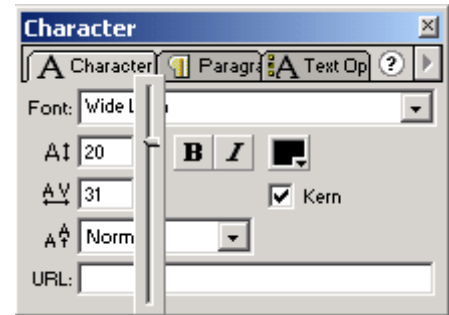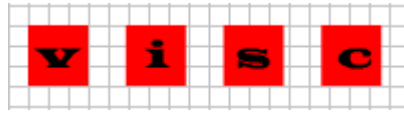Step 8:   Add the word "VISC" to the stage
- ***Select the texttool A from the tools bar***
- ***Write the word "VISC" in black***

Step 9:   Position "VISC" With the arrow tool drag the word "VISC" until the "V" is in the center of the first red square on your stage.

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Step 10:   In the Character panel **Window > Panels > Character**
- **Widen the text with the character-widening tool until each character of VISC is in the middle of a square**

Step 11:   Remove squares for the layer
- **Click the each red square behind the black letters**
- **Hit <DELETE>**

*Caution - This should leave you with just the black word "VISC" on the stage of the 15th frame
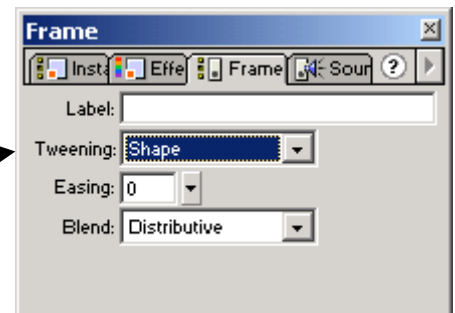
Step 12:   Break apart the word "VISC"
- **Select the text box, Modify > Break Apart**

Step 13:   Select contents of Layer
- **Click anywhere in the timeline between the 1 and 15 frame**

Step 14:   Create Shape tween from the Frame Panel
- **Window > Panels > Frame**
- **Selecting Shape from the tweening drop-down box**

Step 15:   Preview Movie
(Squares should shape tween into the word "VISC", one letter per square)
- **<ENTER> or <F12> or <CTRL><ENTER>**