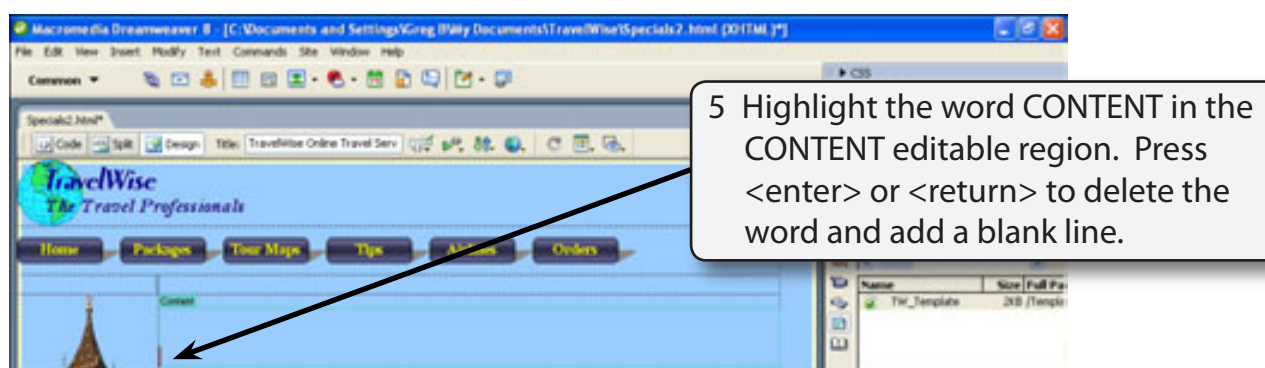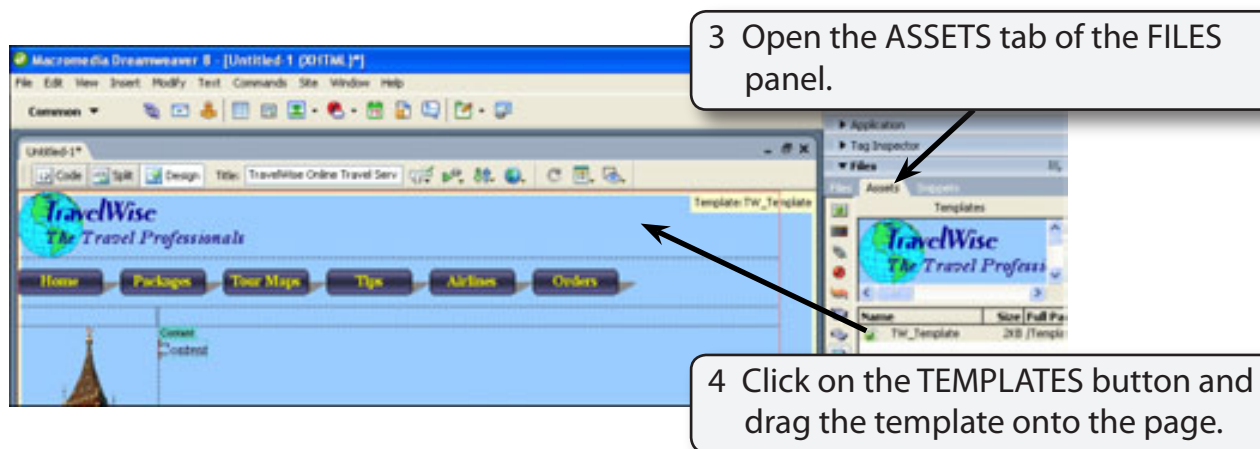# Editing and Importing Tools

DreamWeaver allows you to make limited changes to graphics without needing to open a graphics editing program and it also allows you import fully formatted Microsoft Word and Excel documents.

In this chapter you will create another SPECIALS page that provides information about tour packages on a selected city.

Starting the Page

The page will be created from the TW_TEMPLATE file.

1   Load DreamWeaver, or close the current page and start a new BASIC HTML PAGE.

2   Set the FILES panel to your TRAVELWISE site.

3 Open the ASSETS tab of the FILES panel.

4 Click on the TEMPLATES button and drag the template onto the page.

5 Highlight the word CONTENT in the CONTENT editable region. Press <enter> or <return> to delete the word and add a blank line.
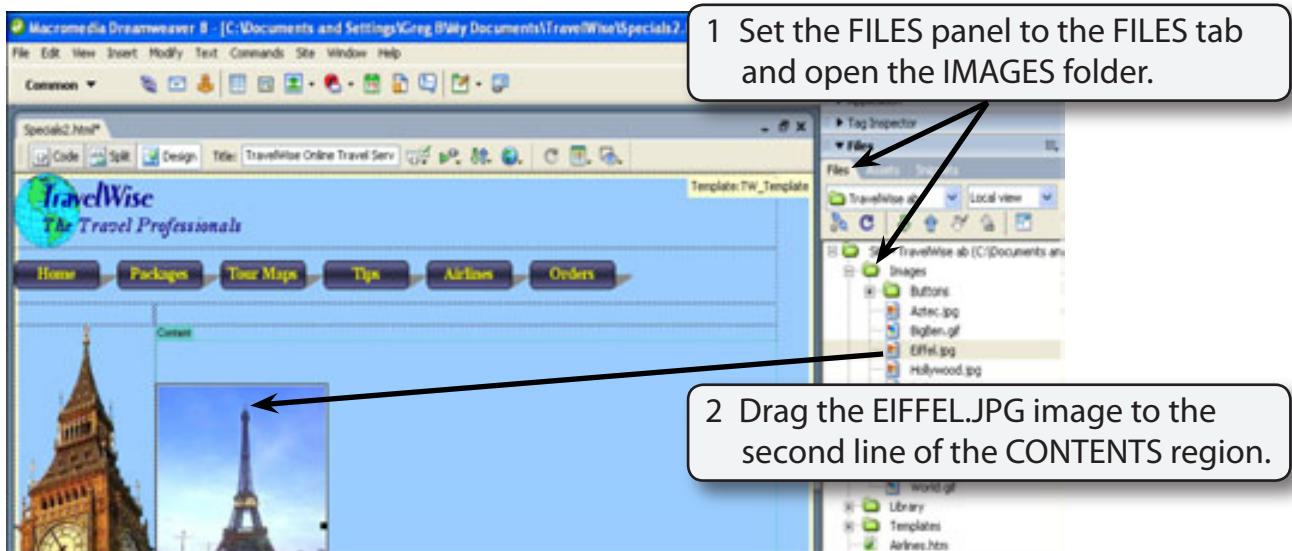
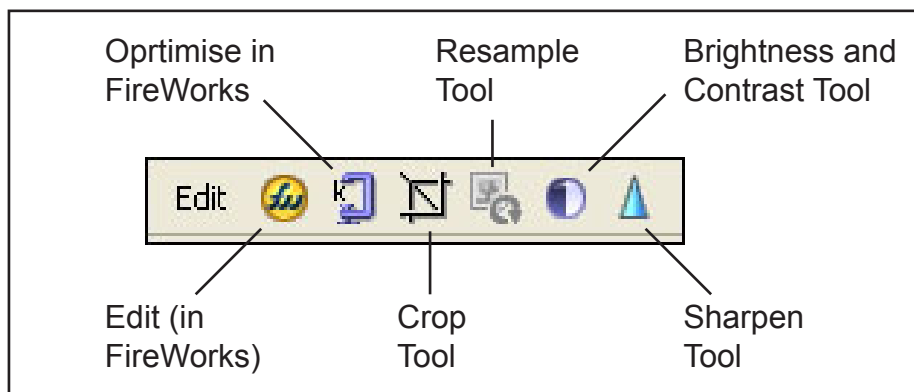6   Save the page in your TRAVELWISE folder as:

Specials2 or Specials2.html

Editing Images

When you need to make some minor alterations to images, those changes can be carried out within DreamWeaver. Previously, you needed to copy the image to a graphics editing program such as Macromedia FireWorks or Adobe Photoshop. These programs are still required if you need to make detailed changes to the image.
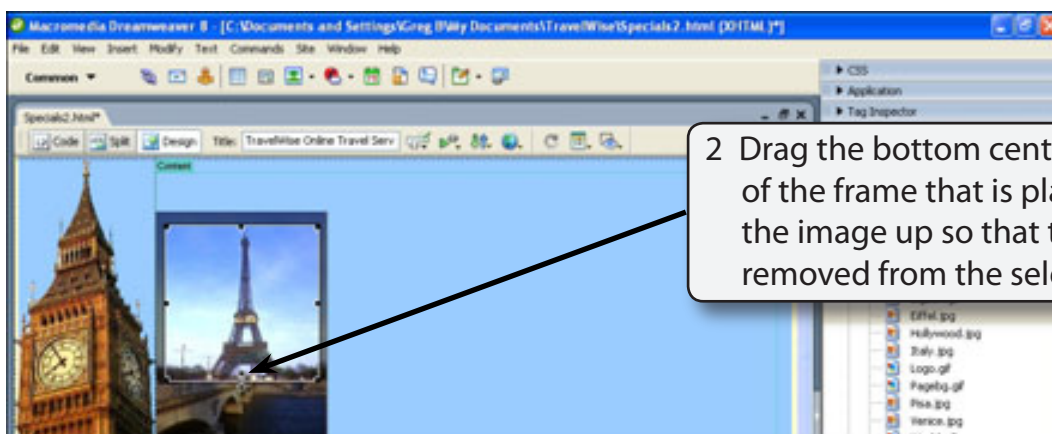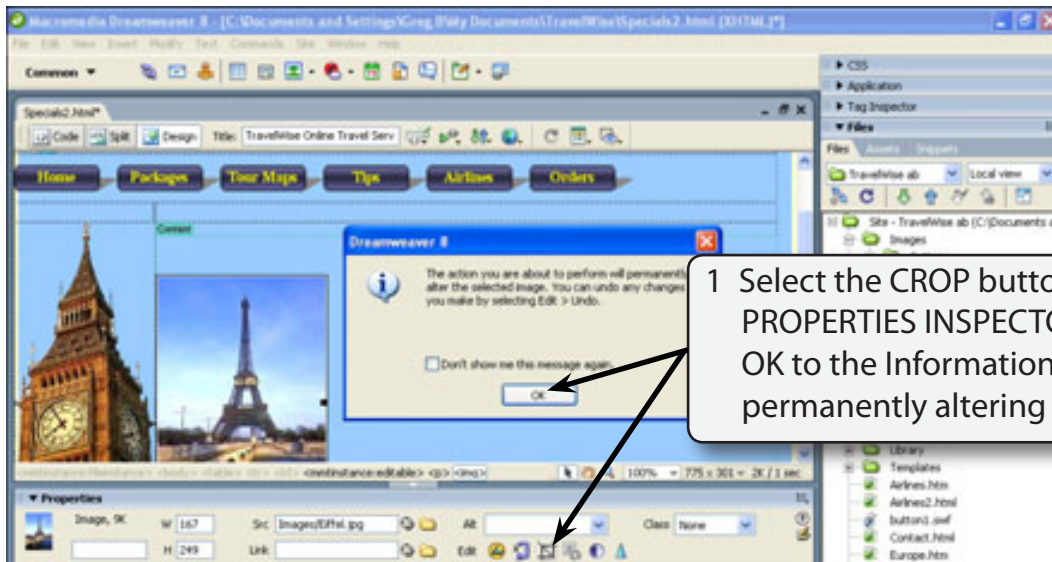

1 Set the FILES panel to the FILES tab and open the IMAGES folder.

2 Drag the EIFFEL.JPG image to the second line of the CONTENTS region.

3   With the image selected the image editing tools are displayed in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR. They have the following meaning:

Oprtimise in FireWorks

Resample Tool

Brightness and Contrast Tool

Edit (in FireWorks)

Crop Tool

Sharpen Tool

4   The first two tools EDIT (in FireWorks) and OPTIMISE IN FIREWORKS open the FireWorks program where detailed changes can be made. The other tools are used within DreamWeaver.

A   Cropping an Image

There are times when you may want part of an image to be displayed. This can be done within DreamWeaver. Let's say that we just want the Eiffel Tower showing, not the bridge in front of it.
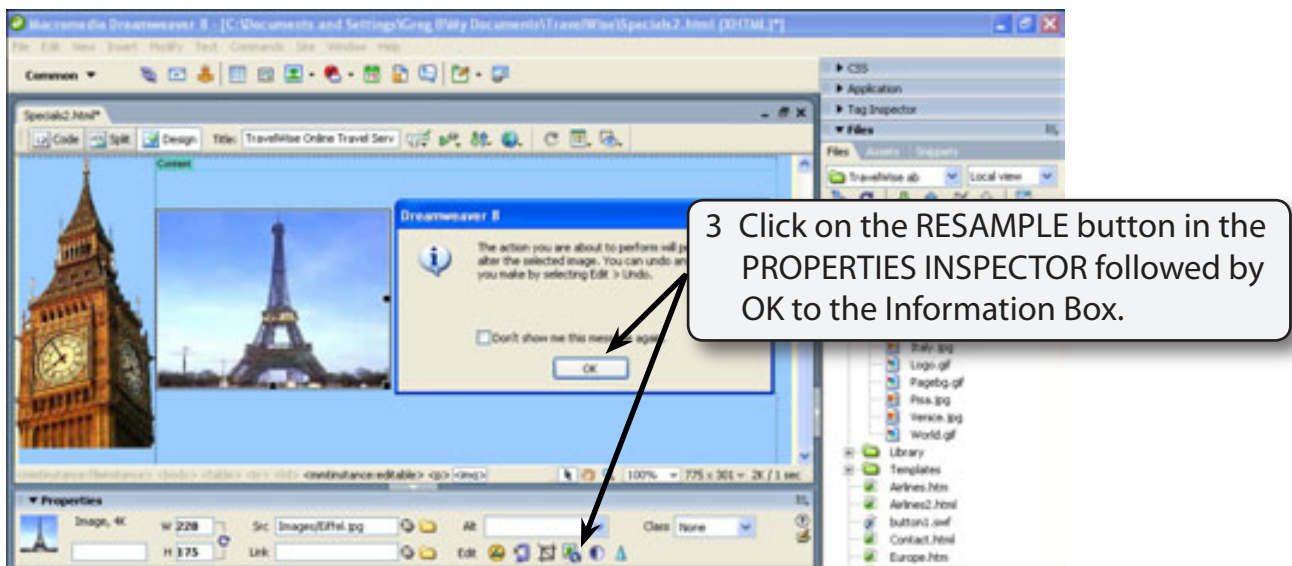

1   Select the CROP button in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR and select OK to the Information Box about permanently altering the image.

2   Drag the bottom centre 'handle' of the frame that is placed around the image up so that the bridge is removed from the selection.
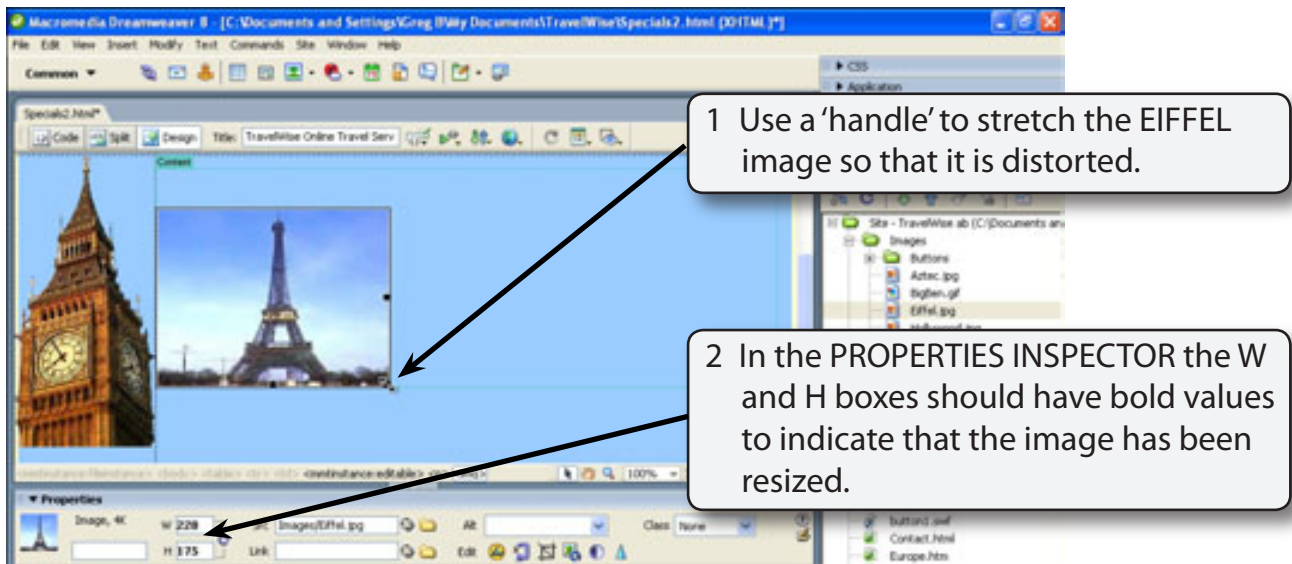
3   Double click inside the crop frame and the bridge should be removed.

NOTE: You can select UNDO CROP from the EDIT menu to return the image to its original state.

B The Reshape Tool

The Reshape tool tries to smooth resized images so that they look clearer in a browser.

1 Use a 'handle' to stretch the EIFFEL image so that it is distorted.

2 In the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR the W and H boxes should have bold values to indicate that the image has been resized.

3 Click on the RESAMPLE button in the PROPERTIES INSPECTOR followed by OK to the Information Box.

4 The tower should be sharpened a little, but it is only a slight improvement.

5 You can press CTRL+Z or ⌘+Z to undo the change to see the original image.