

How-To Install Tubes for PSP versions 5, 6, or 7

First, you unzip the tube you downloaded using WinZip or other unzipping program. (using WinZip tutorial at Roxy's too) Put them in a folder on your computer's hard drive that you can find easily, or let it default to Windows\Temp folder.

In PSP5, PSP6 or PSP7, do a browse (at the top of the screen, go to "File", then down to "Browse") and get to the folder you have unzipped them to.

If you are not familiar with the files and their locations on your computer, you will have a problem, and you will have to wait until you can get someone to come to your house/office and show you how to get around to your computer's files.

Open the tube by double clicking on the image.

From the toolbar, choose: File
Export --> Picture Tube

A screen will come up = "Export Picture Tube"

asking for the number of "cells across" (cells = pictures, items, graphics, NOT # of pixels, etc.)

count the items across in the tube you have opened and enter the number

use your "tab" key to get to the next field ...

the number of "cells down" {count them and enter}

and it will calculate the total number of cells in that tube.

Use the tab key to continue to select "Random"

the "Step Size" {choosing the cell width number is recommended}

tab to choose "Random Selection"

then the "Tube Name" {you can check your opened tube for the recommended tube name}.

Then click "ok" and your tube is installed!

If you have problems:

If the image will not open at ALL – then check the website where you downloaded it. It is possible that the tube maker used a higher version # than what you have. If someone made a tube using version 7, you cannot open it in version 6 *unless* the tube maker set their PSP to "save as a PSP 6 compatible file". There is nothing you can do except ask the tube maker to save it as a "PSP 6 compatible file" for you.

If you get an error message, and a tube will not install, then check:

- Is the image 16 million colors? Go to Colors --> Increase Colors, if the last (highest) color choice is not greyed out, then click on it to increase the colors of the image to 16 million colors.
- Is the item on ONE layer, a transparent layer? Check the layer pallet to see.

If it is one layer, the person who made the tube may not have made it properly, you will have to remake the tube.

- Open a new image (16 million colors, transparent background) the SAME size as the tube you are trying to import.
- Copy the tube image into this new image. If there is more than one image in the tube, you can either make them all individual tubes, or you can put each image on its OWN layer. That is so you can move them around and adjust the spacing. Then go to "Layers - merge VISIBLE" (NOT merge ALL!).
- Export as a picture tube normally.

NOTE: each item must be in the exact same amount of 'space', have cells of equal size, even if the tube images are not the same size. I've shown one of my tubes, different size butterfly images, but each cell is the same size as the largest tube image/item. Be sure to look at the image on the page at:

<http://autumnweb.com/Roxys/Tubes/4dnldinfo-examples.html>