

Preview in Copy/Paste

DID YOU KNOW . . . you can use the Preview tool to resize, reposition and/or rotate the copied elements when pasting?

What Using Preview in Copy/Paste Gives You

- A resizable box showing the extents of the copied elements
- Ability to resize, reposition, and/or rotate the rectangle using the mouse
- Visualize copied elements with their assigned style

The image shows a sequence of steps in a software application. At the top, the 'Editor - View 1' window has a toolbar with a 'Copy' icon and a 'Paste' icon. Below this, the 'Copy To Clipboard' dialog box is shown with 'Region Type' set to 'Entire Object' and 'Use Marked Elements' checked. A map shows a pink-shaded area. A 'Copy' button is highlighted. Next, the 'Paste Placement Tool' dialog box is shown with 'Preview' checked. A map shows a yellow-shaded area with a blue rectangular box around it. A 'Paste' button is highlighted. Finally, the map shows the yellow-shaded area rotated and reduced in size, with a blue rectangular box around it.

Toggle on to copy selected elements.

Toggle on to see Preview of the copied elements.

The selected elements are copied to the clipboard when you click on this button.

The element selected for copy/paste

The rectangle shows the extents of the copied elements

The rectangle that shows the extents of the copied elements is rotated and reduced.

How to Use Preview in Copy/Paste

- Select Main/Edit from the menubar and open any object.
- Select the elements to copy and click on the Copy icon in the View toolbar.
- Click on the Copy button in the Copy to Clipboard window.
- Create a new object or open an existing object to paste the copied elements.
- Click on the Paste icon in the View window toolbar.
- Make sure the Preview button is toggled on in the Paste Placement Tool.
- Position the cursor over the edges, dotted line, or the box and notice the cursor styles for resizing, rotating, or repositioning respectively.
- Click and hold left mouse button when you see the cursor for resize, rotate, or reposition and drag the edge, dotted line, or the box to the desired position.
- Release the left mouse button when you are done with resizing, rotating or repositioning, and click on the Paste button.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

See the tutorial booklet:

Advanced Vector Editing

