

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 open, showing 'Region Type' set to 'Entire Object' and 'Use Marked Elements' checked. A map with a pink highlighted area is shown. A label points to the 'Copy' button: 'Toggle on to copy selected elements.' Another label points to the pink area: 'The element selected for copy/paste'. The 'Paste Placement Tool' dialog box is also open, with 'Preview' checked. A label points to the 'Preview' checkbox: 'Toggle on to see Preview of the copied elements.' Below this, a map shows a yellow highlighted area with a blue dashed rectangle around it. A label points to the rectangle: 'The rectangle shows the extents of the copied elements'. To the right, the same map shows the yellow area rotated and the blue rectangle also rotated and reduced. A label points to this rotated rectangle: '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

