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How to Make an Animated Gif for the Quote Area in Teachers Pay Teachers Online Stores

Overview of steps

1. First, watch the free video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YG_NggDBWKc
2. Open four tabs
 - a. <http://tinyurl.com/>
 - b. <http://gifmaker.me/>
 - c. An online page or ftp program where you store photos (blog, WordPress, Photoshop----wherever you can obtain a URL for the photo gif).
 - d. Your store dashboard, to edit profile section
3. Have this link ready:
Your animated gif link when made and ready (you download it from gifmaker.me)
4. On TinyURL.com get a shortened link for your animated gif.
5. Copy the shortened link for your photo animated gif ready to place in your TpT store edit profile quote area.
6. Save

Your link from gifmaker.me will look like the following. You may need to add the .gif depending on how it uploads to your online storage photo area. **You only need Tinyurl if your photo URL address is long. You may not need it depending on where your store photos.**

<http://tinyurl.com/foryouranimated.gif>

**Note: Use TinyURL not bitly (at least in my experience)*

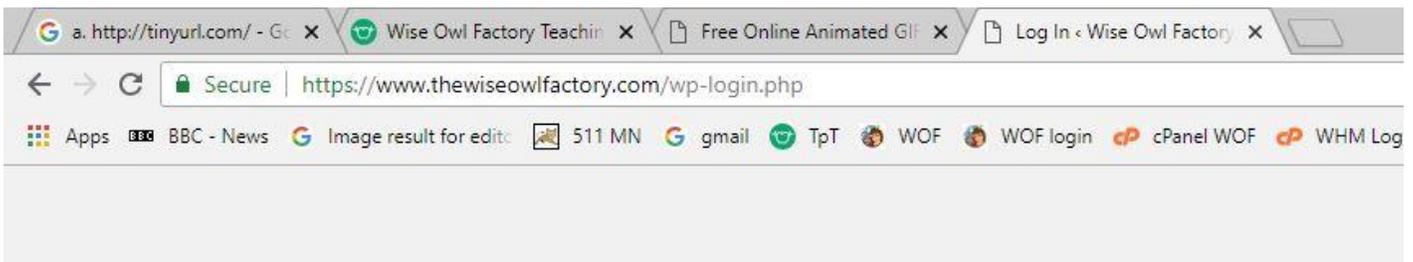
Why TinyURL? Because the quote area space in TpT is limited. If the links are not shortened, it will not work.

These instructions require some familiarity with blogging, Teachers Pay Teachers, online photo storage, and how to find the edit profile area of your store. These instructions only apply to TpT and are not intended for other online stores.

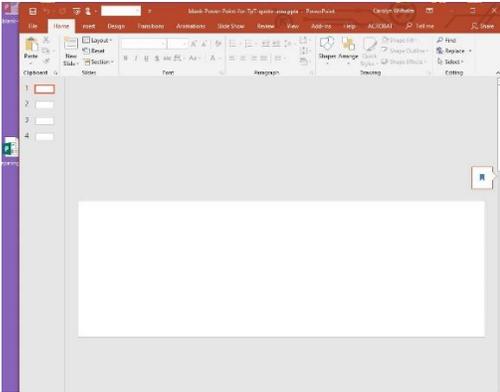
Steps with illustrated directions

1. Open the four tabs

Tinyurlcom your TpT store gifmaker.me where you store photos



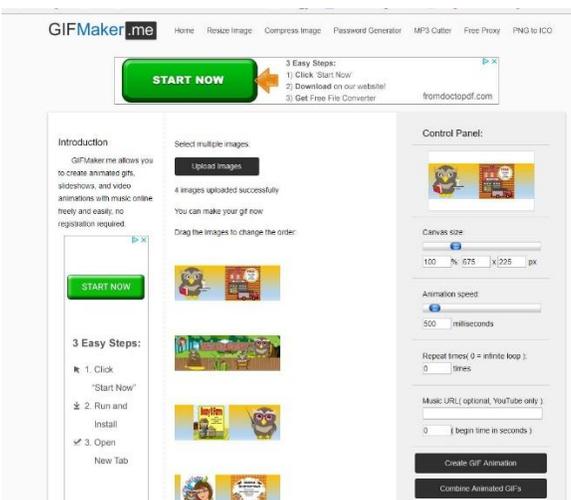
Make your PowerPoint (free in the zip folder for this product). The blank free download will look blank, of course.



Add your images to the PowerPoint as you wish, to promote your own store. I make one for fall, winter, spring, and summer. Save as PNGs.



Upload the images to gifmaker me. Change the speed of the slide show gif to what you want. I have to look at it more than anyone else so I make it a little slower than their default setting.



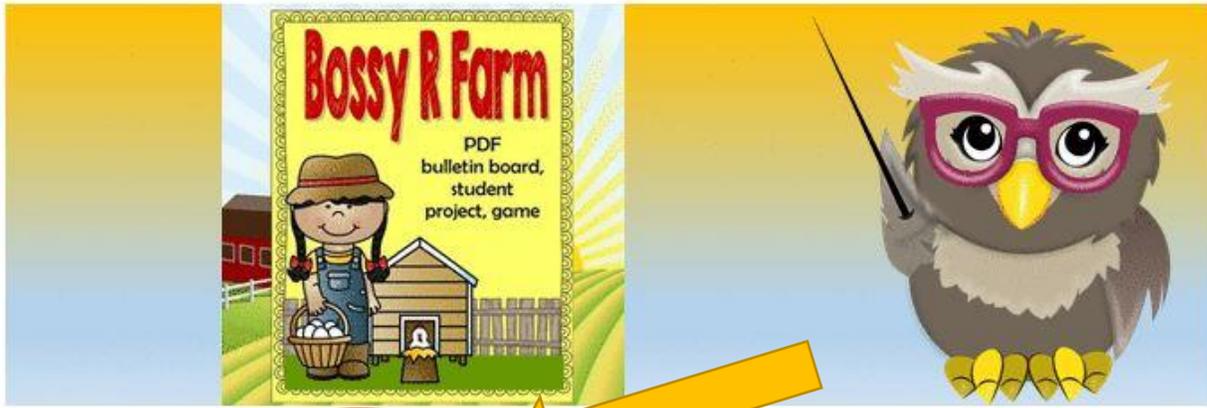
Save as gif animation. (Create gif animation)

The screenshot shows the GIFMaker.me website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Resize Image, Compress Image, Password Generator, MP3 Cutter, Free Proxy, and PNG to ICO. Below the navigation bar is a green 'START NOW' button. To its right, a box contains '3 Easy Steps: 1) Click 'Start Now', 2) Download on our website!, 3) Get Free File Converter' with a link to fromdoctopdf.com. The main interface is divided into three sections: 'Introduction' on the left, a central area for image selection and ordering, and a 'Control Panel' on the right. The 'Control Panel' includes sliders for 'Canvas size' (set to 100%, 675 x 225 px) and 'Animation speed' (set to 500 milliseconds), and a 'Repeat times' field (set to 0). A 'Music URL' field is also present. The 'Create GIF Animation' button is circled in red, and a large yellow arrow points to it from the right.

View gif animation, then download.

This screenshot shows the same GIFMaker.me interface as the previous one, but with the 'View the GIF Download' button circled in red. A large yellow arrow points to this button from the right. The 'Control Panel' settings are visible at the top, including '500 milliseconds' for animation speed and '0 times' for repeat times. Below the 'View the GIF Download' button, there are several other options: 'Combine Animated GIFs', 'Create Video Animation', 'Create Frame Animation', 'Resize & Optimize Images', 'Make a new GIF(GIFCreator.me)', 'Make a new GIF(GIFMaker.me)', 'Reduce the file size of this GIF', 'Is this an Icon? Make it transparent!', 'Delete your images', and 'GIFMaker.me FAQ'.

This temporary file will be removed after 6 hours.



Make a new GIF [Download this GIF image](#)

[Resizeimage.net - Online Image Resizer & Optimizer](#)

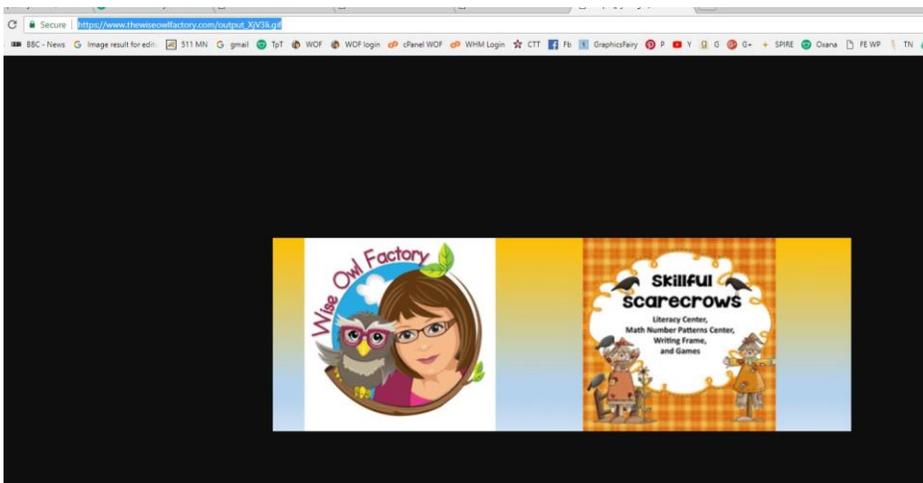
[PDFtoJPG.me - Convert PDF to JPG Online](#)

[GIFMaker.me - Online GIF Maker & Video Maker](#)

[View the high quality version of this animation](#)

This is a GIF animation made by a creative user using GIFMaker.me. GIFMaker.me is a free online service that enables to create moving pictures in GIF or MP4 format from your photos, paintings with a few clicks. If you want to share a GIF or video with your friends on Facebook, Tumblr, Pinterest, Twitter or other social networking sites but don't have Adobe Photoshop installed, then GIFMaker.me is designed for you.

Check whatever address you have for your gif to be sure the gif is uploaded correctly.



Now, upload the gif to where you store online photos so you can get a URL address for it. This is mine for today anyway, for the gif I just made. Your link will look different. If the address is long, it will need to be shortened in Tinyurl. My address this time is short enough to put directly on TpT.

https://www.thewiseowlfactory.com/output_36aauv.gif

After saving, Teachers pay Teachers will have changed your link to some HTML and that is fine. We used to have to do that ourselves but now we do not have to know HTML for this part of the process.

Check your store. Admire your gif.

The screenshot shows the Teachers Pay Teachers profile for 'Wise Owl Factory'. The profile includes a profile picture of a woman, a 4.0 star rating from 2,978 votes, and a bio stating 'United States - Minnesota - Maple Grove'. There are social media share buttons for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Google+. A 'FREE DOWNLOAD' section offers a sample of work. Below the profile, there are navigation tabs for 'My Products (71)', 'Ratings & Comments', 'Ask a Question', and 'My Profile'. A search bar is also present. The main content area features 'CUSTOM CATEGORIES' (PDFs, interactive student notebooks) and 'GRADES'. A banner for 'Wise Owl Factory' with an owl character is displayed.

I could have shortened my gif URL to

<https://tinyurl.com/y9j9ngzd>

by using the Tinyurl site. <https://tinyurl.com>

The screenshot shows the TinyURL website interface. At the top, it says 'TinyURL' and 'making over a billion long URLs usable! Serving billions of redirects per month.' There is a TechSmith advertisement. The main content area features the heading 'TinyURL was created!' and shows the process of shortening the URL 'https://www.thewiseowlfactory.com/output_36aauv.gif'. It states that the original URL has a length of 51 characters and the resulting TinyURL has a length of 28 characters. The shortened URL is 'https://tinyurl.com/y9j9ngzd'. There is also a 'preview.tinyurl.com/y9j9ngzd' link. At the bottom, there is a form to 'Enter a long URL to make tiny:' with a 'Make TinyURL' button and an optional 'Custom alias' field.