How to Green Screen!

Tips for getting good green screen footage

- Make sure not to wear green! (Unless you’re going for a floating head effect.)
- Make sure that the green screen is well-lit and also lit evenly so there aren’t a lot of shadows.
- Don’t place your subject directly in front of the green screen. Have them stand a few feet in front of it so they don’t cast shadows onto the screen.

How to insert green screen footage into iMovie

1. Once you have iMovie open, go to the top toolbar. From the drop-down menu under iMovie, click on Preferences. Make sure the “Show Advanced Tools” box is checked. If it is not checked, check the box to turn it on.

2. Import all of your footage into your Event Library: both your background footage and green screen footage. Your background footage can be a video file or it can be a still photo as well.

3. Choose the footage you want to use for your background from your Event and place the footage for your background onto the Project Timeline.
4. Select the portion of your green screen footage from your Event that you would like to layover your background footage. Drag and drop it on top of the background footage in your Project Timeline. You should see a green + cursor appear over the background footage when it is ready to be placed.

5. A menu will pop up. Choose the Green Screen option on the menu.

6. iMovie will combine the background footage with the green screen footage. You can adjust the placement of the green screen footage by sliding it to the left or right in the Project Timeline.