Tip 1

Background layer templates



Lynx Whiteboard files can be saved as **.pdfs** and is a great tool for quickly creating worksheets. These same files can then be presented on screen for students to annotate on at the front of the class. Using the background layer feature, not only can you protect your creations when erasing annotations, but you can also save time when creating multiple pages by replicating your templates. Gareth Middleton explains how with a mathematical example.



I have split my slide into three differentiated areas using differently coloured rectangles from the Add Shape tool. I've then added content to each zone using text boxes. My plan is to invite a child from each ability group up to the screen to demonstrate how to complete each calculation. Three kids at a time are no problem for our 20-point touchscreens!



By dragging the cursor across the whole screen, I can select everything I have added and send it to the **Background Layer**. To do this, click on the icons indicated in the image above.



Now children can annotate over the sums, and I can erase their work without affecting the template underneath. But what if I want to quickly make some extra slides so other children can have a go? Simply click on the **Slide Viewer** icon, followed by the **Hamburger** menu of your slide.



From there, select Background Options and "Use On All New Pages".



Any new pages will now look exactly like the first slide. To change the text boxes into different equations, open the **Plus** icon from the tool bar and select **Edit Background**. Make your text changes and you're done!



Now the children can annotate on each slide and erase when needed, as shown above.



