




Paint tools

Paint is a program you can use to create drawings on a blank canvas or on top of other pictures. The program features a toolbar on the left side of the window. The following tables describe how to use each of the tools on this toolbar.

Tool	Description
	Use Free-Form Select to select any irregularly shaped part of the picture. Click Free-Form Select , and then, in the options box just below the toolbar, click a background style. Drag the pointer to select the part of the picture you want to work with.
	Use Select to select any square or rectangular part of the picture. Click Select , and then, in the options box just below the toolbar, click a background style. Drag the pointer to select the part of the picture you want to work with.
	Use the Eraser to erase areas of your picture. Click Eraser , click an eraser size below the toolbox, and then drag the Eraser over the area of the picture that you want to erase. Any areas that you erase will be replaced by the background colour.

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Use **Fill With Colour** to fill the entire picture or an enclosed shape with colour. Click **Fill With Colour**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then click inside the area you want to fill. To remove the colour and replace it with the background colour, right-click the area where you want to remove the colour.



Use **Pick Colour** to set the current foreground or background colour. Click **Pick Colour**, and then click the colour in your picture that you want to set as the foreground colour, or right-click the colour in your picture that you want to set as the background colour.



Use the **Magnifier** to zoom in on a section of your picture. Click **Magnifier**, and then click a zoom level just below the toolbar. Use the scroll bars to move around the picture. To return to a normal view, click the Magnifier again, and then click in the picture.



Use the **Pencil** to draw thin, freeform lines or curves. Click **Pencil**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then drag

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the pointer in the picture to draw. To draw using the background colour, right-click while you drag the pointer.



Use the **Brush** to paint thick or shaped freeform lines and curves. Click **Brush**, click a shape just below the toolbar, click a colour in the Colour box, and then drag the pointer to paint. To paint using the background colour, right-click while you drag the pointer.



Use the **Airbrush** to create an airbrush effect in the picture. Click **Airbrush**, click a spray pattern just below the toolbar, click a colour in the Colour box, and then drag the pointer to paint. To paint using the background colour, right-click while you drag the pointer.



Use **Text** to enter text in the picture. Click **Text**, and then, in the options box just below the toolbar, click a background style. Click a colour in the Colour box, and then click in the picture and type your text. You can resize and move the text box, and change the font, font size, and text formatting until you click another tool or click outside the text box

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within the picture.



Use **Line** to draw a straight line. Click **Line**, click a line width in the options box just below the toolbar, click a colour in the Colour box, and then drag the pointer in the picture to draw the line. To draw a line using the background colour, right-click while you drag the pointer.



Use **Curve** to draw a smooth, curved line. Click **Curve**, click a line width in the options box just below the toolbar, click a colour in the Colour box, and then drag the pointer in the picture to draw a straight line. After you have created the line, click the area in the picture where you want the arc of the curve to be, and then drag the pointer to adjust the curve.



Use **Rectangle** to draw rectangular shapes. Click **Rectangle**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then click a rectangle style in the options box just below the toolbar. To draw a rectangle, drag the pointer diagonally in the direction you want. To draw a square, hold down SHIFT

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while dragging.



Use **Polygon** to make a shape with any number of sides. Click **Polygon**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then click a polygon style in the options box just below the toolbar.

To draw a polygon, drag the pointer to draw a straight line. Then, click each point where you want additional sides to appear. Double-click when you're done. To create sides with 45- or 90-degree angles, hold down SHIFT while making sides.



Use **Ellipse** to make ellipses and circles. Click **Ellipse**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then click a fill style in the options box just below the toolbar.

To draw an ellipse, drag the pointer. To draw a circle, hold down SHIFT while dragging.



Use **Rounded Rectangle** to draw rectangular shapes with rounded edges. Click **Rectangle**, click a colour in the Colour box, and then click a fill style in the options box just below

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To draw a rounded rectangle, drag the pointer diagonally in the direction you want. To draw a square with rounded edges, hold down SHIFT while dragging.



The **Colour box** indicates the current foreground and background colours. To paint with the selected foreground colour, drag the pointer. To paint with the selected background colour, right-click while you drag the pointer. To change the current foreground colour, click an available colour square. To change the background colour, right-click an available colour square. To mix a new colour, double-click in any colour square, and then click **Define Custom Colours**.
