
MS Paint Windows 10

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MS Paint Tutorial

How to use Microsoft Paint in Windows 8?

Introduction

MS Paint is a drawing or painting tool, which is included in all versions of Microsoft Windows. The initial version of Paint was introduced with the first version of Windows i.e Windows 1.0. In Windows 8, the paint tool has many advanced features to create drawings, different shapes, resize a picture etc., This online paint tutorial will provide an easy way to create simple or elaborate drawings. All the paint options are explained here, with an example image, which will be helpful for both beginners of paint and advanced users.

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Zoom Out Option in MS Paint

How to use zoom out option in Windows 8 Paint?

Explanation

Zoom out is used to get a distant view of an image.

Option 1: In the View tab, select Zoom Out

Option 2: The shortcut key is Ctrl+ PgDn.

In the below given image, you can view the distant view of the image.

Did you know that your computer's operating system has a simple-yet-powerful photo manipulation tool called "Paint"? Since its introduction in 1992 as part of the then-new Windows 3.1, Paint has evolved into its modern-day version, allowing you to do quite a few actions that once required you to buy a photo manipulating software. This guide will teach you how to make the best of Paint, turning you from a novice to a pro.

Where is Paint?

Windows 7 users – Click on the start button and in the search bar type in paint, then select the Paint icon.

Alternatively, you can click on Start > All Programs > Accessories > Paint.

Windows 8/8.1 – In the main menu, scroll until you see the Paint icon and click on it.

Like

Getting to know Paint

This is the main screen.

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To open a saved image you wish to edit, click on the menu button (highlighted in red). You can now choose to start a new project, open a saved picture, save an image as a different file type, print an image you have open, or email that image to a contact.

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This is the main options menu.

You can use the “Select” option to select a section of the photo. The selection can be rectangular or “free form” – meaning you can freely draw the selection you wish to.

Once selected, you can invert the selection, selecting everything BUT the area you've marked. Another option is to use Transparent selection, which only selects the painted area, without the background.

You can use the crop option to crop the image to the selected area. The resize option will let you change the size of the selected area (or the whole picture if nothing was selected) by percentage of the original size, or by selecting a specific size in pixels. The Rotate option lets you rotate or flip the image as you please.

The side buttons to the right of the selection menu are the basic tools, top-down from left to right:

Pencil – lets you draw

Bucket – Replace a color in an area with another color.

The letter A – the option to add text:

When adding text to an image, you can change its size by using the numeric drop-down menu.

Fonts can be changed in the drop-down menu (where it says “Arial” in the photo).

The text can be made Bold by selecting the letter B, Italic by selecting the I, and underlined by selecting the U.

If your text box is too small to display all the text, you can extend its size by holding one of the white squares (highlighted in red).

Eraser – will erase everything to the background color.

Dropper – allows you to select a color from any area in the photo.

Magnifying glass – lets you zoom in and out of the photo.

Next, you have the paintbrush options, which let you decide how the brush will work. Next to it is the shapes menu that allows you to select a shape, then draw it as you desire.

Once you've selected a shape, you can also decide what color its outline will be, as well as the fill. If you don't want a solid fill/outline, you can use the other available option in this drop-down menu.

Next is the size menu, which lets you choose the thickness of your brush/pencil strokes.

To the right of the size menu, you have Color1 and Color2. Color1 relates to the outline and the default brush color while Color2 is the fill of a shape, or can be used by holding the right-mouse-button, rather than the left.

You now have the quick color pallet, as well as the extended color pallet, which lets you choose whatever color you want.

If you performed an action that you're not happy with, you can undo it by using the keyboard combination Ctrl+Z.

If you've mastered the use of paint, you can try a couple of free, more complex photo manipulation and editing

programs:

Pixlr – a browser-based photo editing software. It only requires that you have an internet connection and a modern browser (such as Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome).

Adobe Photoshop Express – Another free alternative that is browser-based. It is similar to the famous Photoshop software, but not as powerful.

Fresh Paint FAQ....

Frequently Asked Questions from the Fresh Paint team, we will update this as needed.

How do I save my paintings?

Fresh Paint automatically saves your paintings-in-progress automatically every five minutes, every time you return to the Fresh Paint home page, and whenever you move from Fresh Paint to another app or program. You can also export a painting as a PNG file. Just click the Export button and choose a location to save the painting.

What does the Dry button do?

The Dry button instantly dries all of the paint on your canvas. If you continue painting after clicking the dry button, new paint will cover paint that's already there rather than blend with it.

Can I apply paint on top of paint already on the canvas without having the new paint blend with what's already there?

Yes. Before you apply paint over paint already on the canvas, click the Dry button. That will dry the paint on the canvas so it won't blend with new paint you apply over it.

If I accidentally clear my painting while I'm working on it with the Clear button, can I get it back?

Yes. Just click the Undo button at the bottom middle of the canvas and your painting will reappear right where you left off.

How do I get the palette and brushes back? They disappeared from my screen, and I can't remember how to get them back.

If you're using a tablet or touchscreen PC, just swipe your finger down across the top edge of the screen or up across the bottom edge of the screen to reveal the app bar. (That works on just about all Windows RT and Windows 8 apps.) If you're using a mouse, just right click to reveal the app bar.

When I save a painting, the file name ends with .png. What's that?

PNG stands for Portable Network Graphics. It's an industry standard file format for images that works with almost all image and photo software programs, so you can view your Fresh Paint paintings on most devices that don't have the Fresh Paint app installed (including most mobile phones). You can also share your paintings online or by email with the saved PNG file version.

If I uninstall Fresh Paint, will I lose my paintings?

If you uninstall Fresh Paint, you'll lose all of the paintings saved in the Fresh Paint Gallery. If you plan to uninstall Fresh Paint and want to keep your paintings, use the Export button to save them to another location, like a folder on your hard drive or an external drive. You'll need to save your paintings one-by-one. Paintings are saved in a file format called PNG and can be viewed opened by most photo and image programs and apps files.

If I uninstall Fresh Paint, will I need to buy that activity packs I've already purchased again?

No, you won't need to repurchase activity packs you've purchased if you uninstall Fresh Paint. Just log in to the Windows Store with your Microsoft account and reinstall Fresh Paint. Then click the Buy button in the Fresh Paint gallery for the activity packs you own. Windows Store will confirm that you've already purchased the packs and unlock them free of charge.

What can I do to make Fresh Paint run faster on my computer?

Although it's very simple to use, Fresh Paint is a pretty sophisticated app, and it uses quite a bit of computing power to be so realistic. It runs best on more recent tablets and PCs designed for Windows RT or Windows 8, and it runs fastest on devices with discrete graphics cards. The performance on your tablet or PC will depend on the graphics capabilities of that device.

What if I accidentally delete a painting from the home page gallery? Can I get it back?

Sorry. A painting deleted from the home page gallery is gone for good.

Is there a fill bucket in Fresh Paint like the one in the Paint application in Windows?

Fresh Paint works like real paint on a canvas; as such, there's no fill bucket in Fresh Paint. Fill in large areas of your paintings with a large brush. You can also change the color of the background canvas -- click the Surface button and then pick a background color.

When I mix paint in the palette I get brown squares instead of paint. What is happening?

It is likely you need an updated graphics driver. Devices using Intel® HD 4000 graphics will need to be updated to 9.17.10.2849 or newer. You can check your graphics driver by doing the following:

Right Click on Desktop -> Screen Resolution

From Screen Resolution -> Click Advanced settings

From Display Adapter page -> under Adapter Type, click Properties

From Intel® HD Graphics 4000 Properties -> click Driver

Please contact Intel or your device manufacturer for information on the latest graphics driver.

How do I print?

Fresh Paint uses the Windows print capabilities, just swipe from the right edge of your screen to reveal the menu. From there click or touch the "Devices" button, and then select the printer you want to print to.

How do I delete a painting?

Windows uses what is called "edgy" commands to access menus and similar commands to select files. In Fresh Paint click the Back button to go to your gallery, then click My Paintings and the month to access all the paintings in that month. To select a painting to delete give the painting a quick swipe down. This will select a painting and bring up the bottom menu bar. From there click Delete.

Brush stroke opacity adjustment

(Fresh Paint on a Win 8.1 touchscreen laptop)

It is easy to modify a brush stroke width but is there a way to change its opacity, as in real oil painting when laying on top of existing paint a new light/thin layer (partly transparent) of different colour that still let partly see through the previous colour?

Yakub K (Support Engineer) reply:

Hi Jamon,

You can not change opacity in fresh paint as this is by design. However if you want to increase or decrease the opacity, you can use the brush more or less number of times. For Example: Using the same brush lesser number of times would achieve the target to some extent.

Jamon47 reply:

Thanks Yakub K for your help.

I just tried your suggestion to "if you want to increase or decrease the opacity, you can use the brush more or less number of times" and I am not sure I understand what you are saying as I couldn't achieve predictable results...

"use the brush more or less number of times"... are you saying

- one brush stroke back and forth many times on the same spot (already covered with different paint)
- or many identical brush strokes repeated on the same spot
- or what?

Yakub K reply:

The objective which you are trying to achieve is not possible as it is by design. The suggestion which I had suggested in my earlier post is only a work around where you can use brush with less intensity.

Jamon47 :

BTW, Yakup K work around is useful when painting in watercolor but not when painting in oil.