

## Kid Pix 4.0

You might want to let the kids spend a little while exploring this awesome kids' drawing program, because they will just keep finding new ways to do things. However, it is so much more than just a drawing program.



Click on the **Backgrounds** icon, then click and hold your mouse over the names of the categories at the bottom of the screen. Select Fantasy for some great creative writing prompts. The Nature category is great for habitats. The Science category has some nice outer space pictures in it. When you see an image you want to use, simply drag it up into the workspace.



The **Stickers** have categories for animals, birds, bugs, flags, plants, and many other pictures that you can drag onto the background and then move around or size as much as you'd like.



**Stamps** aren't as easy to resize, but there are tons of them. Let kids illustrate a story they've written, or use the stamps to creating a sorting or graphing activity.



If you drag one of the **animations** onto the screen, click the green arrow to see it move.



For creating unique **drawings**, choices include pencil, chalk, crayon, or marker. On the far left bottom, click on the color picker and select a color. Then choose either the pencil, chalk, crayon, or marker. To the right, select from 3 sizes and several shapes.



For the **paint brush tool**, make sure you've clicked on the purple blob near the bottom of the screen. Otherwise, it will paint lines of interesting objects. Of course, this might be just what you want! One of the options for the paint brush is drawing with text. To change the text itself, click on Toolbox in the Menu Bar and then select Edit ABC text. Another option will create a connect the dots numbered picture for you.



The **paint bucket** tool will color in a whole object, but if there are any openings at all, the paint will leak out and color everything on the screen.



The **text tool** allows you to type anywhere on the screen. After typing, grab the blue bar above the words to drag them around on the screen.



The **hand tool** allows you to cut, copy, or paste selected parts of the picture when you click on the scissors.



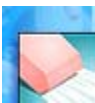
**Sounds** - Once again, you have several folders to scroll through. Click on an image to hear the sound. Drag it onto the workspace to add the sound to your project. It will play when the green play button is pressed.



**Mixer** - Select one of the mixers on the left side of the tray bottom. Select the mixing effect from the right side of the tray. The large mixer mixes up the whole picture. The small mixer mixes up where you drag the mouse. For the small one, choose the mixer size. If you don't like the effect, click the Undo Guy.



**Undo Guy** - clicking him will undo the last action



**Eraser Tool** - Clicking on the eraser icon will give you 2 tools at the bottom of the screen. Choose the pencil to erase a specific part of the drawing. Choose the large eraser to erase the entire picture.



### ***Adding Paper Texture***

You can change the background texture of your Kid Pix picture. Then, when you draw with the Crayon, Marker, or Chalk, a pattern will show through under your drawing.

To change the paper texture click Paper Texture from the Add menu.

### ***Saving***

You can save student drawings for your web page if you wish by clicking File, then Export, and save as a jpg.

You can also ***import pictures*** by selecting Add, then Add Graphic. You'll need to navigate to the folder on your computer that holds your picture and you'll probably need to select "jpg" in the dropdown menu at the bottom of this window. It's fun to use photos of the kids for this and let them add stickers, text, etc.

Kid Pix also includes a ***slideshow creator***, so once the kids have created and saved several pictures, they can add them all to their own slideshows.

## ***Examples***



The ***Idea Machine*** has several built in templates ready for the kids to explore. These include:

- All About Me
  - Family Tree
  - Travel Log
  - Self Portrait
  - Journal
- Arts and Crafts
  - Masks
  - Hats
- Holiday Projects
  - Calendar Templates
  - Cards
- Idea Mapping
  - Bubbles (webs)
  - Venn diagrams
- Language Arts
  - Story Starters
  - ABC Book
  - Poem Starters
  - Reviews
- Maps
- Math
  - Making a Numbers Book
- Science and Nature
  - Habitats
  - Desert Life
  - Ocean Life
- Social Studies
  - Pictures of the Future

***More examples can be found here:***

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***These are ideas found from various sites on the internet:***

Picture Stories, create a story for a slide show  
Illustrate an original story  
Patchwork Quilts  
Create a story telling banner  
design family crests  
Animal Slippers, design your own  
Valentines  
Totem Poles, use Kid Pix to carve a totem pole  
Create designs on eggs  
Masks, design your own  
Collage, create one using Kid Pix  
Pen Pals, type a letter and illustrate it  
Personal Postcards  
3 - D Models  
Flags  
Puzzles  
Bookmarks  
Comic Strips  
Treasure Maps  
Animated Alphabet, use Kid Pix Slide Show  
Family Trees  
Vacation Memories  
Design Your Own Species ( Animals )  
Stationery  
Menageries, create your own Zoo  
Solar System, create your own planets, stars, etc..  
Rebus Stories, using pictures instead of words

*Counting Small Numbers* - Use the shift, option and control keys to enlarge the stamps. Stamp several onto the page and count as you go. Use the number stamps to stamp a number on each object on the screen. Teddy Bears work really well. At largest size, their bellies are just the right size for a number.

*Counting in Tens* - Use the star paintbrush to paint a large number of stars onto the screen. Select the pencil tool and a color, and then have the students tick off 10 of the stars together. Draw a loop around the group of 10. Repeat this with a different color until all possible groups of 10 have been made. The fill tool can be used to further highlight the different groups. Use the number and alphabet stamps to write how many tens and how many ones are left, then the actual number. You can make some wonderful number charts using this technique. The other stamps can be used instead of the paintbrush tool.

*Line Maze* - Use the line tool to draw borders, identify a starting point and a finishing point, and have the child use a pencil to draw the path through the maze.

*Numbers* - stamp numbers and next to them stamp the correct number of one of stamps. Make a counting book using the slideshow option.

*Addition practice* - Give students a number sentence and have them illustrate it using kid pix

To show big, bigger, biggest (sizing the stamps)

symmetry (use symmetrical caterpillar option under Wacky Brush Tool)

To show geometric shapes

To show patterns (make a quilt)

*Meet Our Class* - A slide show can be completed as a welcome and greeting for parents and guests at Open House. The students' pictures can be taken in the classroom. Students can write a short autobiographical sketch about themselves in class. It can be typed in KidPix, and they can make an illustration to go with it. The students' voices can be recorded reading it.