

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Tools Review By Janey Mayo

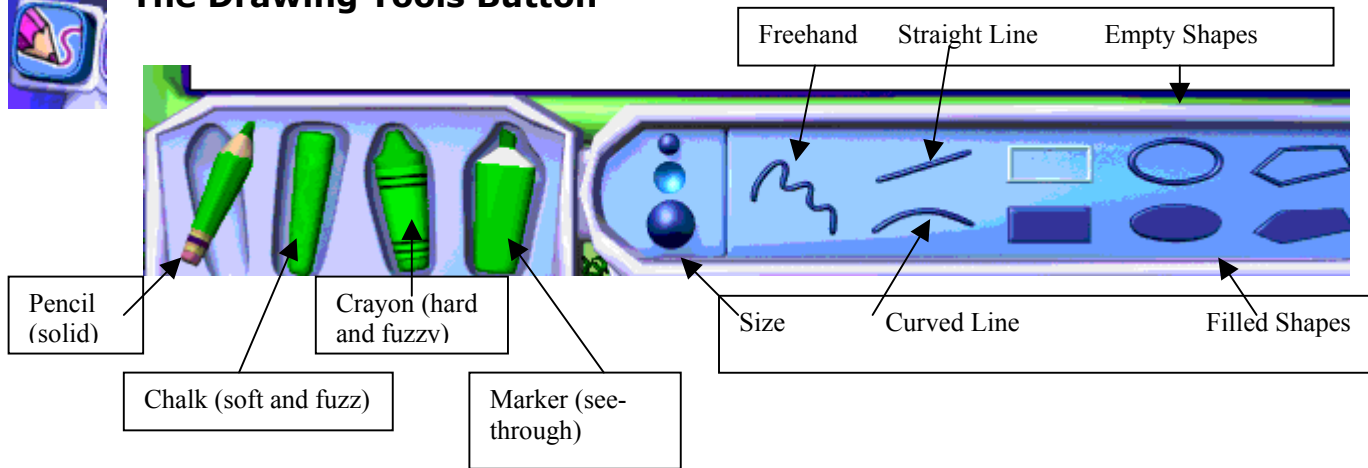
The Hidden Menu

Move the cursor to the top of the screen. When you see a triangle, click the mouse button and hold it down. The file menu appears. Drag to the command you want.

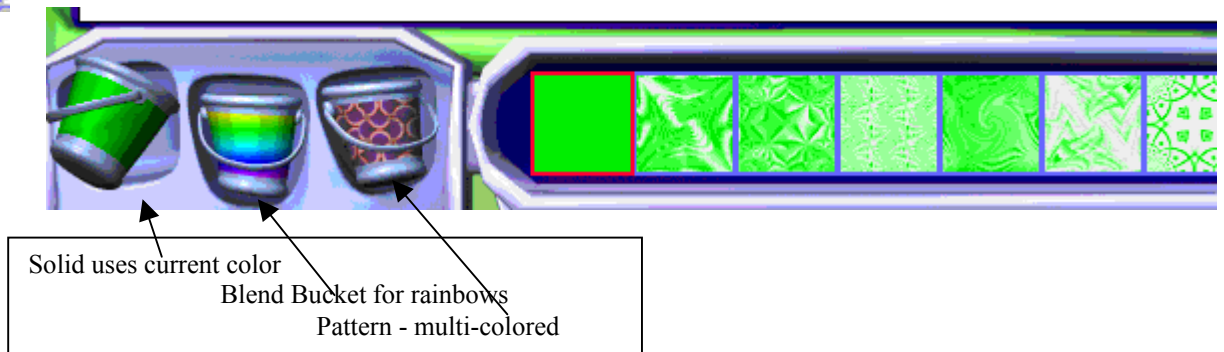
The Paint Zone



The Drawing Tools Button



The Fill Buckets





Rubber Stamp Button



Click the white space, click and hold down the button on the black triangle. The stamp folders will scroll.

Size Stamp Editor



The Grab Tool



The Grab Tool The Scissors Tool

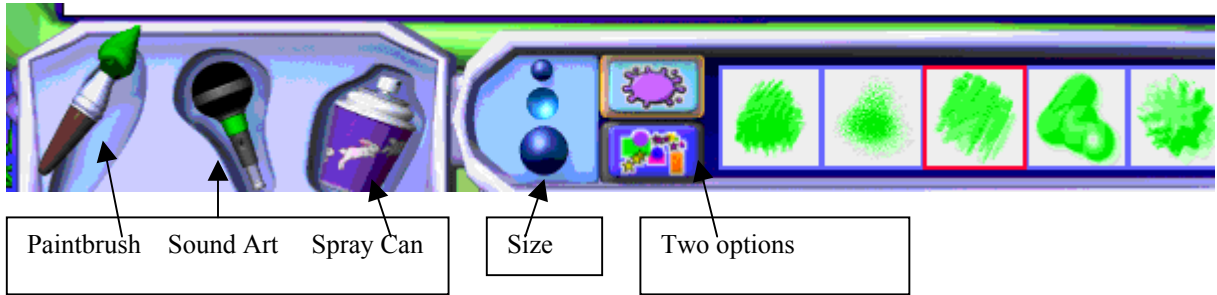
Trash Can Copy Button Paste Jar

Click the Grab Tool:

1. Click the item in your picture (sticker, animation, text box) and cut it (drag to trash can or press delete), copy (click the copy button), then paste (click the paste button).
2. Click the Grab Tool, then Click the Scissors Tool. Then Select the Free Grab, Polygon Grab, Circle Grab, Square Grab, or Cookie Cutter Grab. Use the shape to delete part of your picture.



The Painting Tools Button



Paintbrush

Realistic Paint Mode - top option, paints like brushes

Wacky Paint Mode - options similar to New Kid Pix (ex. ABC Text Brush)

Sound Art

Mouse Move - top option, directs the painting with the mouse

Hands Free - bottom option, directs the painting with sound

Spray Can

3-D Shapes - top option, sprays 3-dimensional shapes

Moving Paint - bottom option, sprays creatures that dance, fly, hop, wiggle



The Mixer Button

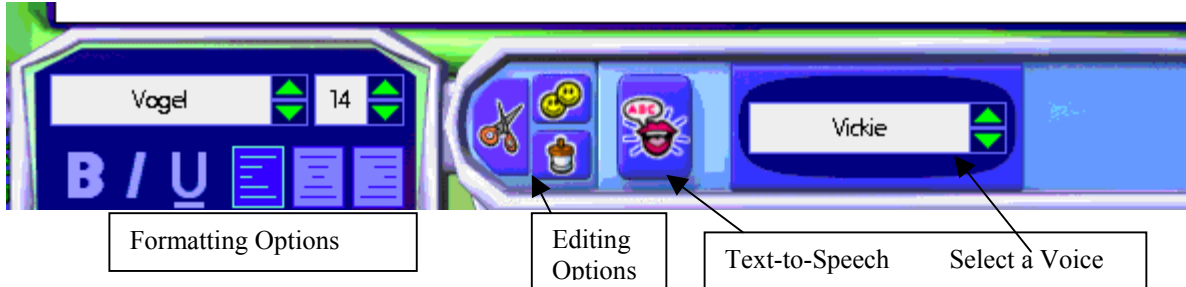


Mega Mixer - mixes up the whole picture with one click.

Mini Mixer - mixes only where you drag the mouse



The Text Button



Formatting Options

1. Click the white space in the font box and click and hold down the black triangle to get a listing of font options.
2. Select font size.
3. Select B (bold), I (italic), U (underline)
4. Select Left, Center, and Right Justify

Editing Options

Click and drag the text to cut it (scissors), copy it (smiley faces), and then paste it (paste jar).

Text-To-Speech

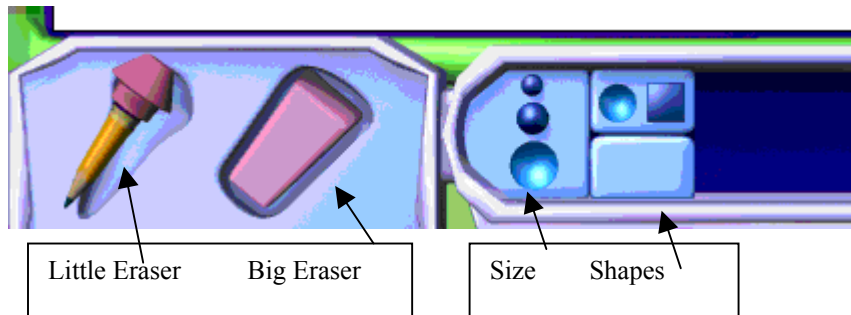
Click and drag text, then click the lips to hear the text.

Select a Voice

Kid Pix 3 offers 3 voices: Vickie, Big Burt, and Sarah.



The Eraser Tool



The Big Eraser - erases the entire picture

The Little Eraser - select the size, shape, and eraser options. Drag to erase.



The Undo Guy

The Undo Guy will "undo" the most recent change in the picture. It is an on/off toggle.



The Color Picker provides a variety of colors to draw. Click the Eye Dropper, then click a color on the screen to automatically select that color.

The Library Tools



Backgrounds

Click and drag a background to the screen. Backgrounds go behind everything else that is drawn. Things drawn on a background, like a circle or square, become a part of the background. To make a sticker part of the background, select Toolbox/Flatten Stickers and Animations.

Import a Background: Select Add/Import Background.



Sticker Button - drag a sticker to the screen. Stickers float above the picture. They can be sized (use the top left and bottom right edit handles), flipped (use the top right and bottom left edit handles), and moved (click and drag inside box). To delete a sticker, use the delete key.



Animation Button - click and drag an animation to the screen. They can be sized (use the edit handles) and moved (click and drag inside box). To delete an animation, use the delete key.

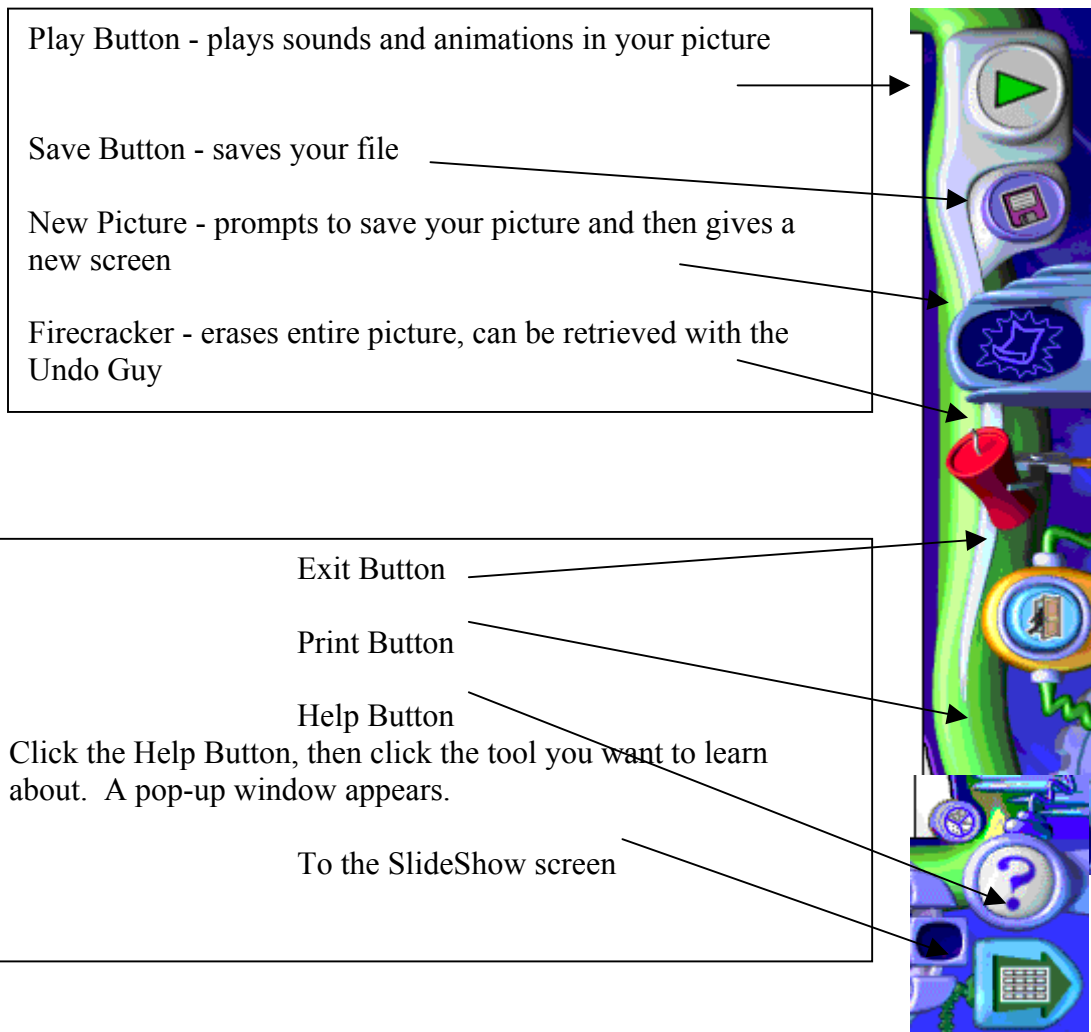
Animations can be played in a loop (bottom left edit handle), or frame-by-frame (top right edit frame).



Sound Button - click and drag a sound into the drawing screen



Record Sound: red button records, blue button stops recording, Save button saves a sound, click the microphone to end the recording session.



Tool Box

1. Edit ABC Text - type text, then select Paint Brush, Wacky Mode. Select the ABC Text Brush to click and drag the text in the freehand shape.
2. Check Spelling - all text boxes (but not stamped letters)
3. Say It This Way - change the pronunciation of a word

Controls

1. Turn Text-to-Speech On.

Setting Up Multiple Users

You can set up multiple users at one time for classroom use, or if lots of kids use the same computer.

To change settings for multiple users:

1. At the **Login** screen, type **KidPixAdmin** and then click **Go**. Can access the Log-in screen when booting up. With Kid Pix open, can also select File/Log In as New User to access the log-in screen
2. Type the names of the new users and click **Add** after each one.
3. To delete a user, select the name to remove and click **Delete**.
4. Click **Done** when you're finished.

HCPS recommends that students all use the same log-on "Student."

Controlling Sound

You can turn Tool Sounds, Attached Sounds, and Text-to-Speech on or off for each user.

To set sound settings:

1. Click the **Controls** menu.

2. Set each of the following:

- **Turn Tool Sounds On/Off**

determines whether you hear sound effects when you use the tools and trays in Kid Pix.

- **Turn Attached Sound On/Off**

determines whether the attached sound plays when you play the picture.

- **Turn Text-To-Speech On/Off**

determines whether you hear text boxes read aloud when you play the picture. When you turn a setting *off*, the command reads "Turn... On" and when you turn a setting on, the command reads "Turn...Off."

Exporting a Picture

You can export a copy of your Kid Pix picture, so someone without Kid Pix can play it, or so you can open it in a different program. For example, if you save your Kid Pix picture in the JPEG format, you can add it to a Web page. None of the export formats support Text to Speech. Some of them don't support animation, movies, or sounds.

To export a picture:

1. Click the **File** menu.

2. Click **Export**.

3. Navigate to where you want to save your exported picture.

4. Type a name for the exported picture.

5. Choose an export format.

- **JPEG, PICT, or BMP** Everything in the picture is flattened. If you plan to attach the picture to an email message, use the JPEG option. JPEG and PICT pictures can be opened on a Macintosh computer.