

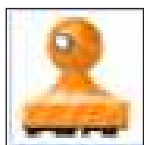
# How to Use Stamps

## What Are Stamps For?

Stamps are images in the Crayola Art Start program that can be used in many ways. The techniques for using stamps help you develop, edit and use digital images. Stamps can themselves be used to start or to add to creative works, and can be transformed into backgrounds.



Most standard digital images can be opened in the program and saved as stamp images. However, stamps are not intended to substitute for your own creativity and drawing skill when you create original artwork.



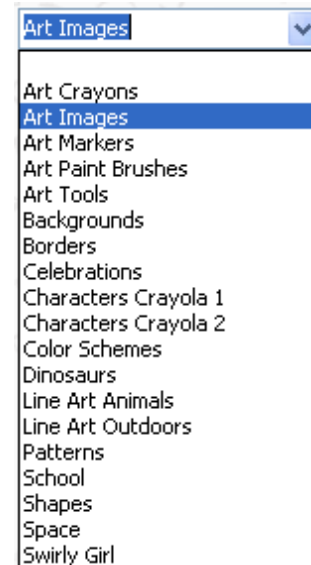
**The Stamp Browser.** The Stamp Browser is a window that appears on the right side of your screen and is used to locate, review and select stamps. You can use the Stamp icon on the Main Toolbar to open and close the Stamp Browser. Or, you can open and close the Stamp Browser from the View menu.



## Simple Use of Stamps

There are hundreds of stamp images loaded into the Stamp Browser. The stamps are organized in categories. Click the down arrow at the top of the Stamp Browser to view the categories.

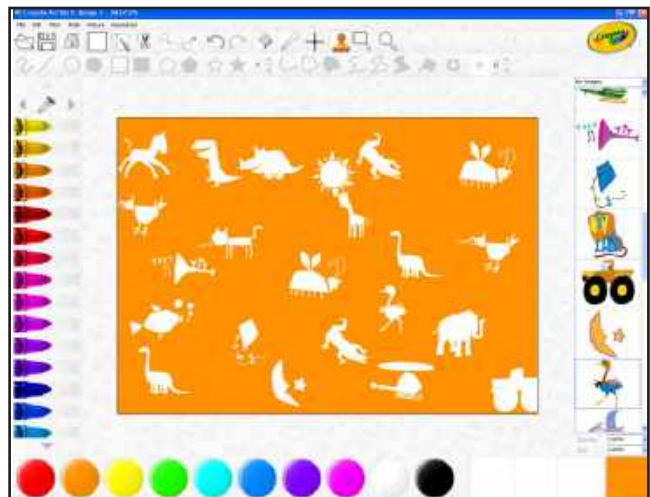
Click on a category to select it. Scroll through the images in the category. To select the stamp, place the cursor on it and left-click. A gray border will appear around the stamp to show it is selected. After a stamp has been selected, you can take three different actions:



- 1. Stamping action:** With a selected stamp, you can place the cursor on the workspace where you want the stamp to appear and left-click. Each time you left-click, the stamp will be placed on the workspace. To stop the stamping and do something else, click on the stamp to deselect it or simply click on another drawing tool.

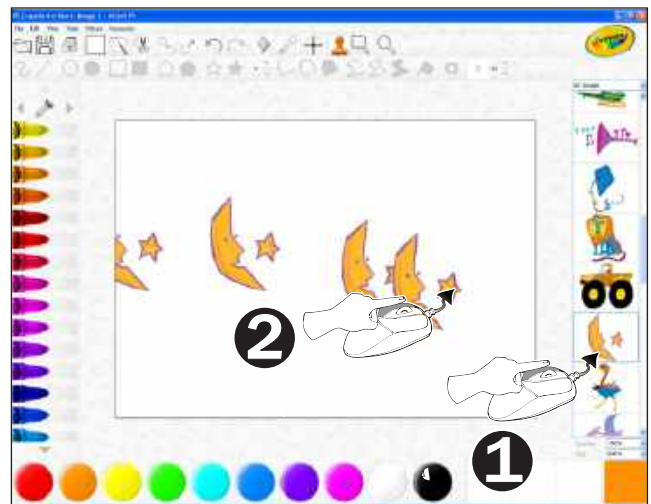


- 2. Cut Out action:** With a selected stamp, if you right-click on the workspace, the outline of the stamp image acts as a cookie cutter or eraser and removes color from the workspace.



### 3. Drawing action:

1. Select a stamp.
2. Point the cursor on the workspace where you want to start. Left-click and hold the mouse and drag the cursor—a series of stamp images will appear along the path of cursor movement.
3. Release the mouse to stop drawing with stamps.

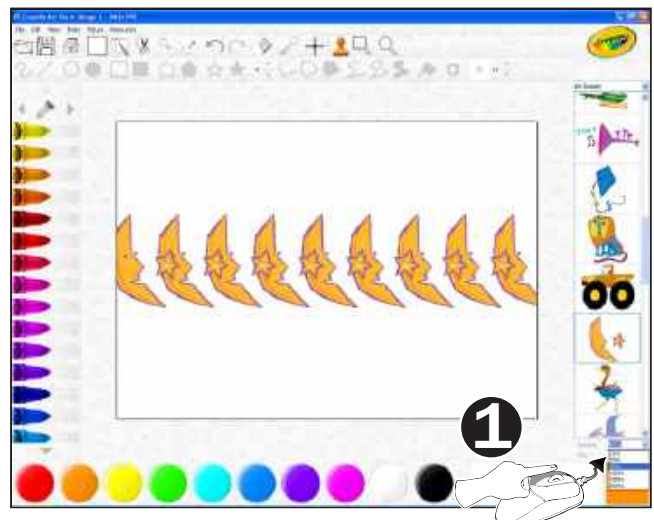


### Spacing Between Drawn Stamps

Notice that the space between each drawn stamp is equal.

To change the amount of space between stamps:

1. Use the Spacing control at the bottom of the Stamp Browser to select a different space value. The Spacing control has a drop-down menu where you can select preset percentage values. However, you can type in any number value. Look at what happens to the dinosaur spacing when the Spacing value changes from 100% to 10%:



You can make the space between drawn stamps unequal.

1. Click on the Tools Menu, place your cursor on Stamps to reveal a sub-menu.
2. Select Random Spacing. Now, when drawing, the spacing will change in a random (no pattern) fashion.

