The Symbol Maker Tool



Drawing a Symbol Using the Symbol Maker Tool

The Kidspiration Symbol Maker enables you to create your own symbols using the Draw and Paint tools. You can draw various kinds of lines and shapes, and you can fill it with different colors. The Stamp tool provides an easy way to add images, numbers and letters to your drawing.

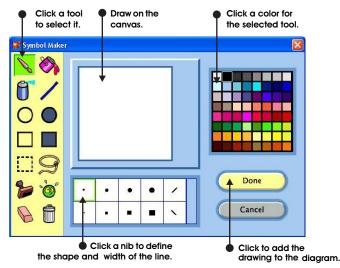
Opening the Symbol Maker

- Select the All About Me symbol.
- On the Picture toolbar, click the **Symbol Maker** button.

The Kidspiration Symbol Maker opens.

- Use the tools on the Tool
 Palette to draw lines and shapes and edit the drawing.
- Use the Nib Palette to define the shape and width of the line for the selected tool.
- Use the Color Palette to choose a color for the selected tool.
- Draw on the canvas at the center of the Dialog box.





Tips Before You Begin Drawing

There are some special tools on the Tool Palette that you may find useful as you begin drawing.



If you make a mistake, and you want to undo, just click the **Undo** tool.



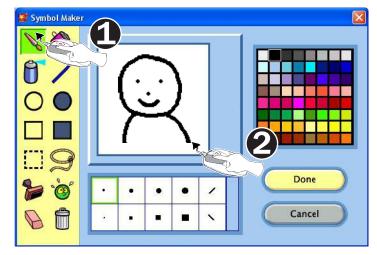
If you want to clear the canvas and start over, click the **Clear All** tool.



If you want to erase a part of the drawing, click the **Erase** tool, and drag the pointer over the area that you want to erase. You can use a nib on the Nib Palette to define the shape and width of the eraser.

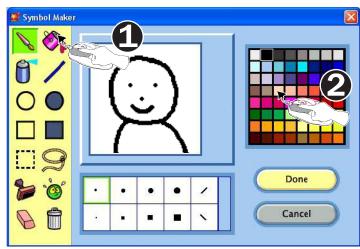
Drawing the Face including Eyes, Nose and Mouth

- 1. On the Tool Palette, click the **Paintbrush** button.
- 2. On the canvas, drag the Paintbrush to draw a face that looks like this.



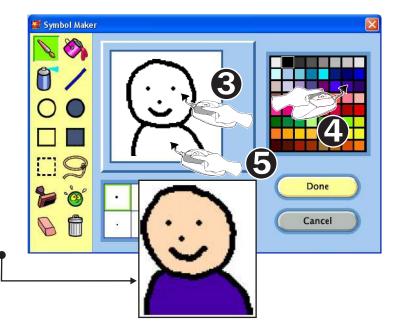
Filling the Face and Shirt with Color

- 1. On the Tool Palette, click the **Paint Bucket** button.
- 2. On the Color Palette, click a color for the face.



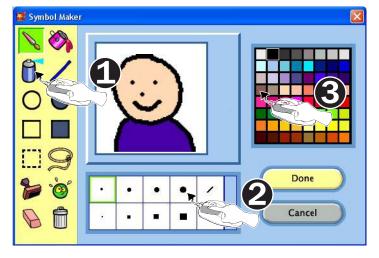
- 3. On the canvas, click inside the face.
- 4. On the Color Palette, click a color for the shirt.
- 5. On the canvas, click inside the shirt.

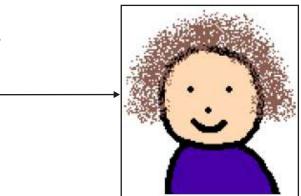
Now, the drawing will look like this.



Adding Hair to the Head

- 1. On the Tool Palette, click the **Spray Can** button.
- To increase the width of the Spray Can pattern, click a larger nib on the Nib Palette.
- 3. On the Color Palette, click a color for the hair.
- 4. On the canvas, drag the Spray Can to draw hair that looks like this.

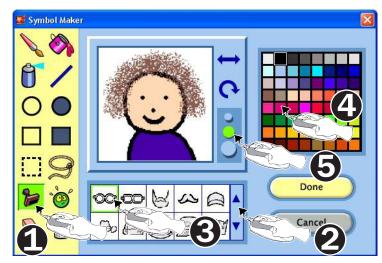


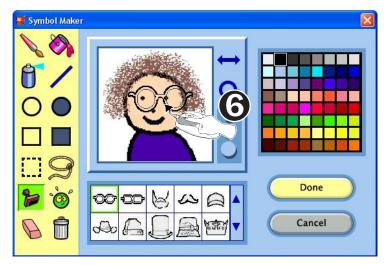


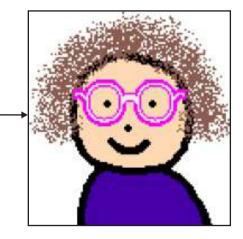
Adding Glasses to the Face Using the Stamp Tool

- 1. On the Tool Palette, click the **Stamp** tool.
- On the Stamp Palette, use the **Up** or **Down** arrow to locate the glasses.
- 3. Click the glasses stamp.
- 4. On the Color Palette, click a color for the glasses.
- 5. To change the size of the glasses, click on one of the **Size** buttons.
- 6. Roll the pointer over the face to see a preview of the glasses.
- 7. Position the glasses where you want them on the face, and then click to add the glasses to the drawing.

Now, the drawing will look like this.



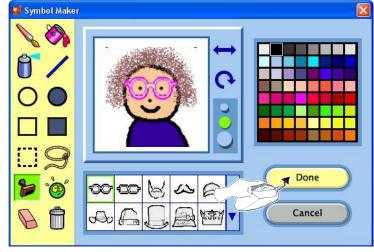


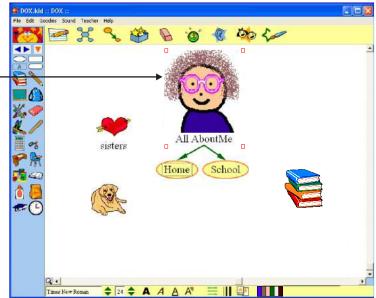


Adding the Drawing to Your Diagram

To add the drawing to the diagram, click the **Done** button.

The **All About Me** symbol is replaced with the symbol you have created.





Moving the Symbols

In Kidspiration, you can always move symbols by dragging them. When you do, any links automatically adjust. Drag the **All About Me** symbol up, so your diagram looks like the one on the right.

