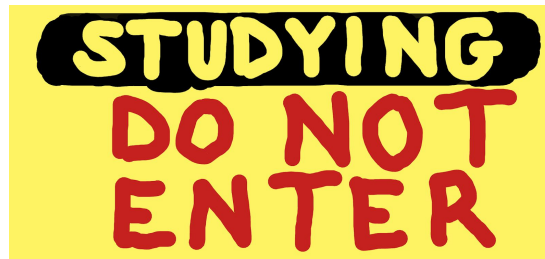Nneka Greer
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Chrome Canvas Drawing Tutorial

Ever heard of Chrome Canvas? It's a drawing tool that can be accessed on the web or through an app. You can create doodles from scratch or start with an image. In this tutorial, you will learn how to use the tools and features of Chrome Canvas by creating the drawing below.

You will need the following:

- computer or smartphone*
- internet access
- Google account
- active stylus/pen**

***Important:** This tutorial is for users that are using a web browser but smartphone users can follow as well. If you are using the app on your Chromebook, you can skip to STEP 4 after opening the app.

****Optional:** An active stylus/pen can only be used if you are using a touchscreen computer or phone. These pens allow users to write directly onto the display of a touchscreen device. It can be easier to use a pen instead of the mouse in some situations, but it's not required.

STEP 1
Go to **canvas.apps.chrome**.

STEP 2
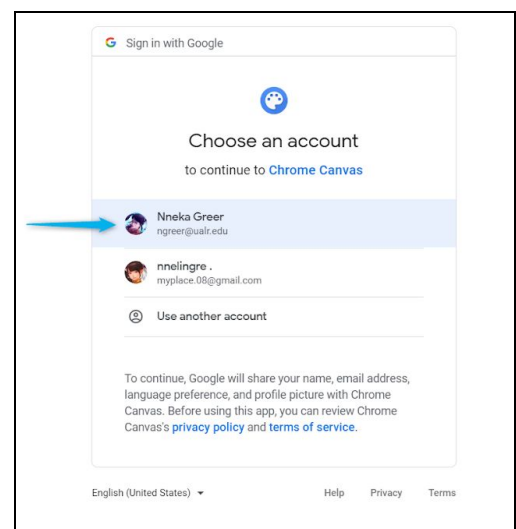On the welcome page, select **Get started**.

STEP 3
Select the Google account that you will use Canvas with.
Important: Your progress automatically saves to your account.
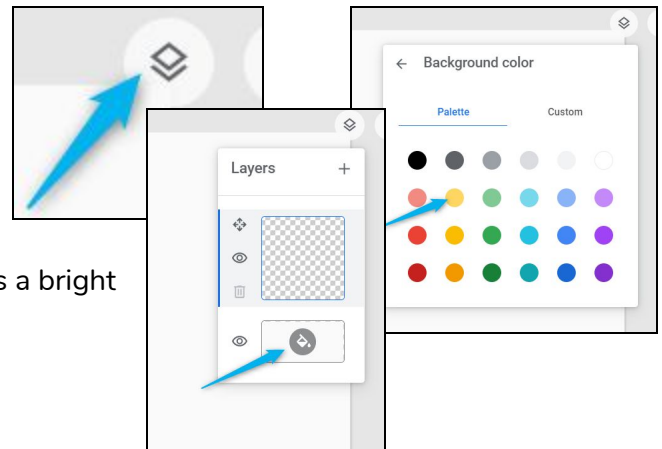
STEP 4
Select **New drawing** to begin with a blank canvas.

STEP 5

Change the background color.

    A. Go to the **layers icon** at the top right.

    B. Select the tilting bucket which is the **Color Palette icon**.

    C. Choose yellow 300 from the palette.

    D. Go to the **Custom** tab beside Palette.

    E. Move the color slider until the background is a bright yellow.

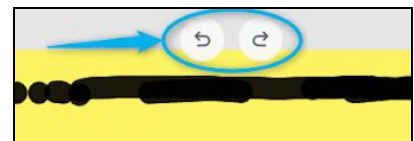   F. Click off to the side to return to the canvas.

STEP 6

Draw a rectangular bar.

By default, you will have the pen tool and the color black selected.

    A. Select the **marker** from the toolbar at the left of the canvas.

    B. Starting a ½ in from the top of the canvas, draw the outline of a thick rectangular bar.

        ○ Note: It doesn't have to be a perfect shape.

    C. Use the **undo/redo arrows** at the top of the canvas to correct major mistakes quickly.

    D. Use the **eraser** from the toolbar to correct mistakes that require more detail.
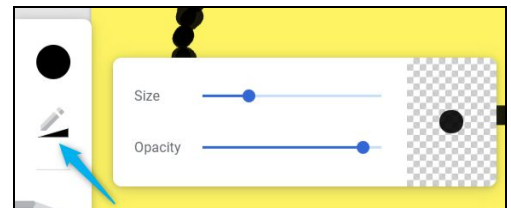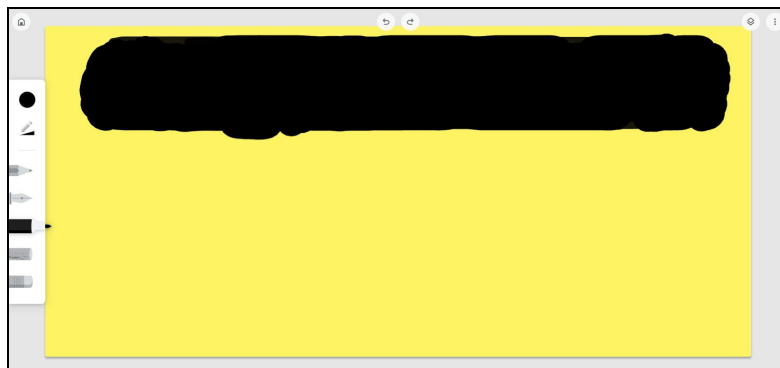
STEP 7

Change the brush size and opacity.

The second icon on the toolbar (a pencil over an incline) is used to change the brush stroke of a tool and the opacity.

    A. Increase the brush size and the opacity of the marker to 100%.

    B. Color in the bar until it is solid black.

At this point, your drawing should look something like the image below.

STEP 8

Change the tool's color.

      A. Decrease the brush size of the marker to 63%.

The first icon on the toolbar (a circle) is used to change the color of the tool. It operates the same as the background color palette in STEP 5.

      B. Select red 700.

      C. Under the solid black bar, in all caps, write DO NOT ENTER. The word ENTER should be below the words DO NOT.

STEP 9

Use the eraser tool.

      A. Select the eraser tool from the toolbar

      B. Increase the brush size to 63%.

      C. Write on the solid black bar, in all caps, STUDYING.

          ○ Note: Since you are erasing the words into the black bar , STUDYING will be bright yellow (#fdf363) like the background.

STEP 10

Return to the Gallery.

      A. Select the **Return to Gallery icon** (looks like a house) at the top left of the canvas.

From here, you see the drawing you just made as a thumbnail. You can also begin a new drawing, begin a new drawing from an image, or reopen past drawing.

STEP 11

Rename your drawing.

      A. Select the **More options** icon (three vertical dots) at the bottom right of the thumbnail drawing.

      B. Select **Rename,** type "studying" in the textbox

      C. Select **Okay** to finalize your choice.

Now that you know the basics, you should feel comfortable using Chrome Canvas to make even more interesting drawings. Thank you for following this tutorial.