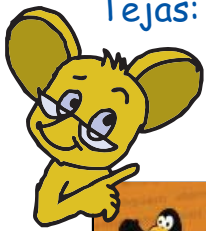


# Paint using a computer



In this lesson you will learn how to perform simple computer activities, through paint.



Tejas: Moz, we want to draw and paint today. Do we double click on one of these small pictures on the screen?

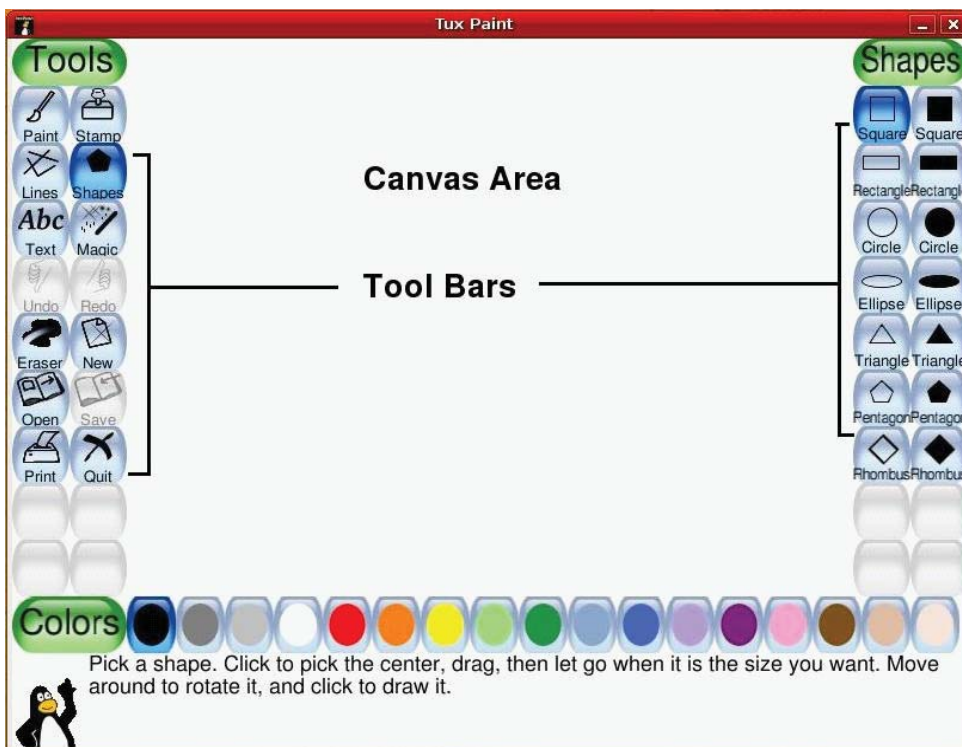
Moz: Yes, these small pictures on the screen are called **icons**. Earlier you saw the icon for music. Now double click on the **Paint** icon.



Icon for  
Tux Paint

Jyoti double clicks on the paint icon, points to the empty space that opens up on the screen and asks

Jyoti: Is this the space where we draw and paint?

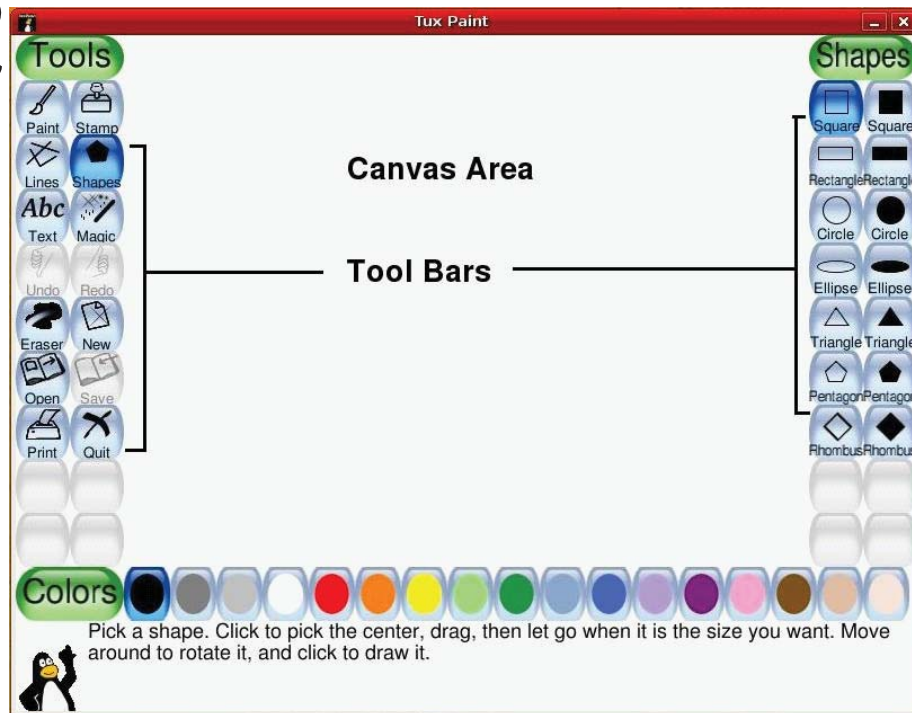




Moz: Yes. The blank space in the window is like a page in your drawing book where you can draw and paint. This is called the **canvas area**. There are also ready pictures available which you can colour.

Tejas : I see 'Tools' written on the screen.  
What does it mean?

Moz : When you draw on a paper, you use pencil, brushes, colours and eraser . These are your drawing tools. In the same way, the tools for drawing using a computer can be found under **Tools**. A set of tools is called a **Toolbar**. The various choices in any toolbar are called the **Options**.

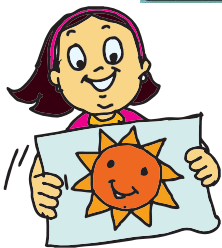
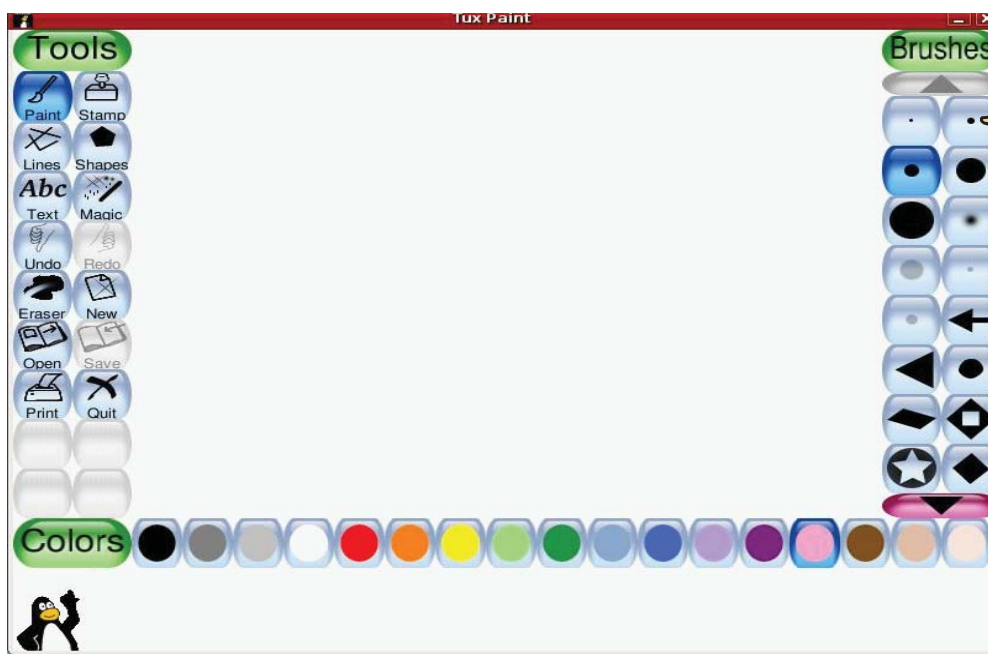


Moz : Click **Open** under Tools to open a picture. Then colour it by choosing Tools and Colours.



Jyoti : I want to draw my own picture and then colour it. What should I click on to do this?

Moz: You can do this by selecting the **New** option under Tools. You can then use the Paint option in the Toolbar to start drawing.



Jyoti: I want to draw a 'Sun' in red colour. Should I click on the **Colors** Toolbar?

Moz: Correct. The colors Toolbar is called the colour palette. Select 'red' colour and the 'brush' tool with which you want to draw. Then draw on the canvas area. Colours in the colour palette can be used with many of the tools. For example, select a 'yellow' colour and then select the 'fill' tool. Now, click inside the Sun you have drawn, to fill it with yellow colour.

Tejas: When I click on the **Shapes** tool, I see another toolbar with many shapes. Why is this?

Moz: What do you have in your pencil box?

Tejas: Pencil, sharpener, eraser, and scale.

Moz: Jyoti, What do you have in your lunch box?

Jyoti: Rice, dal and a sweet.

Moz: All the food items are grouped together in the lunch box. All the writing items are grouped together in a pencil box. In the same way, all the shape items [square, rectangle] are grouped together in the **Shapes** toolbar.

Jyoti [Pointing to Pentagon]: A Pentagon has five sides. I know that.

Moz: Very good! Everything around you has a shape. Can you draw and paint some of these objects using the tools?

Jyoti and Tejas use drawing and painting tools and complete the following two pictures.



Jyoti: I want to draw and paint one more picture. I do not want to erase this picture.

Moz: Ok. Use the **Save** option to save the picture that you have drawn. The computer saves the picture in a file. You will learn more about files later.

Moz: It is time to go home. Tomorrow you can do more painting. Chin Chinaki...

