A LITTLE PAINTER

Coloring game for children 3-8 years old

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Getting Started

The opening screen will show a group of animals riding on a paddle-wheel boat. Please note the 'Help" icon in the lower left corner ofthe screen. Click on any of the jungle animals (lion, snake, bird, etc.) opening screen to go to a coloring screen that shows that group of animals.

The group will first appear with everything colored. After a few seconds (click the right mouse button to speedthis up) the colors will disappear. You can then color this picture, or click on one of the icons at the top of the screen to select a specific animal, insect, or creature to color.

To exit from the software click on the "minus" sign in the upper left corner of the screen.

To exit from the image, and return to the opening screen, click on the icon at the top of the screen that represents the image currently displayed. The correct icon can easily be spotted because it will be the one that is moving.

The right side of the screen has a variety of icons.

HELP ICON

A "Help" icon appears in the column of icons displayed to the right of each image while you are coloring. Clicking on the "Help" icon displays the information you are now reading.

MUSIC

A musical instrument (a horn) is shown in the upper right corner of the screen. If it is moving, you should hear music playing. (If you don't hear music, please check to be sure your computer is properly set up to play MIDI files, and that your speakers are turned on.) If the horn is moving, clicking on the horn will turn off the music. If the horn is not moving, clicking on the horn will start the music.

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Painting Pictures

Start by clicking on one of the animals shown on the opening screen.

When you are working on a picture, the mouse cursor will look like a pencil. To paint a picture, first select a color by using the mouse to click on a colored pencil at the bottom of the screen. Then use the mouse to move the pencil to the area of the picture you want to color and click the left mouse button.

You can also select a color by putting the mouse cursor (the pencil) on a colored area in the picture and clicking the right mouse button. The pencil will pick up the color it was pointing to.

While you are working on your painting a safari hunter (or a deep sea diver, while coloring undersea creatures in the registered version) will come and go. He's a friend who is interested in what you are doing. When he stops by for a visit he will do one of two things; look around to see what you are doing, or give you a thumbs up for the great job you are doing.

System Icons

The icons on the right side of the screen are called system icons. They allow you to do various things with your picture and to turn the sound on or off. This section of the HELP system shows pictures of the icons and provides a description of what each icon does.

Copying Complete Pictures To Other Windows Programs

To copy a picture to the Windows Paint program: color it in "A Little Painter". When the piture is complete, click on the "Copy" icon. Next, either exit from or minimize "A Little Painter" and run the Windows Paint program. In Windows Paint click on the Edit menu and then click on "Paste". Your picture will appear.

Exiting

When painting a picture you can return to the opening screen by clicking on the animated icon at the top of the screen. Be sure to save your picture, if you plan to come back to it.

You can exit from the software by clicking on the minus sign (-) in the upper left corner of the screen.

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Using Help

When you are painting a picture and click on the "Help" icon you will first see an image showing the recommended colors for that image.

There are three icons at the top of the help screen. These are used to see additional information.

Clicking on the question marks will show the help information. You can then use the scroll bar along the right side of the screen to move, downward, through the help information.

Clicking on the book will show a complete copy of the painting, you are currently working on, with recommended colors.

Clicking on the explanation points will tell you about the software.