

ImageMaster: Basic Paint

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Cursor style

The painting cursor is usually a small crosshair. There are three kinds of crosshair you can use. The standard one is called the inverse cursor, which means that the cursor will always be the inverse color from whatever color is under it. This is usually fine, but you may be using colors that make it hard to see the cursor. If you press the '=' key, the cursor will change to a white cursor. If you press '=' again, you will get a black cursor. One more '=' gets you back to the inverse cursor.

Cursor visibility

You may want to hide the crosshair cursor sometimes, as when working with small brushes in tight areas where a cursor might interfere with your view. You can toggle the cursor on/off by pressing the '-' key.

Brush tracking mode

The brush tracking mode is normally set to 'color' mode. This means that as you move the brush around in the canvas, the brush will appear in the current color or pattern. You can set the brush tracking mode to inverse by pressing Apple-'='. Press Apple-'=' again to return to color mode. The brush tracking mode only applies to the regular brushes. The custom brush will always appear in its true colors.

Screen crosshair

Sometimes it is helpful to have horizontal and vertical lines on the screen to help line up what you're about to paint with what you've already painted. You can toggle the screen crosshair on/off by pressing Apple-'-'.

Horizontal and vertical constraints

You can force various painting tools to operate in only a horizontal direction or only a vertical direction. This is helpful for drawing straight horizontal or vertical lines, or to help guide the eraser, etc. To force horizontal motion only, hold down the option key while you click and drag the mouse. To force vertical motion only, hold down the shift key while you click and drag.

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Border color

The screen border color can be set with the Control Panel desk accessory, but this does not allow you to see your painting at the same time. You can set the border color from within **ImageMaster**:*Basic Paint* at any time while you are working on your painting, or while working with colors in the paint selector. There are only 16 colors possible for the border, and all are preset in the hardware. You can step up in the border color list by pressing the 'B' key, or step down by pressing 'b'. The border color is saved with your painting, so it will be set automatically the next time you load palettes or a painting.

Color pick

The Color Pick tool lets you select colors directly from your painting. This is useful if you have several similar colors in your palette. If you want to know exactly which color was used to paint a particular area of your image, the color pick tool will tell you. Just press the 'control' key to activate the color pick cursor. As you move the cursor over your painting, every pixel that the cursor passes over will be shown magnified in the cursor display rectangle. When you are over the pixel you want, click the mouse and that color will become the current painting color.





Pure color picker

Dither color picker

Since IMBP works with both pure and dithered colors, there are separate color pick cursors for each. Pressing the 'control' key gives you the pure color pick cursor. To get the dither pick cursor, press the 'control' and 'apple' keys at the same time. If you use the dither picker, the dithered color you choose may not be in the working palette. This is fine. You just won't see any color marked in the palette. All of the colors will be in the full palette, so if it is turned on you will see the chosen color with a marker around it.

Misc menu

The Misc menu contains items that don't easily fit under other headings. They don't have anything in common with each other, and they don't have much, if anything, in common with any other menu items from other menus.

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Text...

The Text item presents a dialog that lets you set the font, style, and size of the text chars that you type. There are many font families built in to the system software. If you have purchased other fonts, you should be able to use them with **ImageMaster**:*Basic Paint* if you can install them in the system properly. See the instructions that came with your font to install it.

Brush Size ...

The Brush Size dialog lets you adjust the size of paint brushes, the eraser tool, and the airbrush tool. It gives you a wide variety of sizes and shapes with which to paint. The brush size dialog pops up automatically every time you



click on a new brush shape, or when you select the eraser tool or the airbrush tool. To adjust the brush size, just click the mouse anywhere in the brush display rectangle and move the mouse around until you are satisfied with the size and shape of the brush. The size (in pixels) is shown above the display rectangle as you make the adjustment. Click the OK button to quit.

Copy c1 -> c2...

The Copy canvas item will copy the current canvas to the other canvas. If the current canvas is c1, the menu will read "Copy c1 -> c2...", else it will read "Copy c2 -> c1...", so that it always indicates the direction of copy. The copy can't be undone, so if there is anything on the unseen canvas that you want to keep, you must first save it to disk.

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To set the patterns which will be available in the working palette, just drag the patterns you want from the Full Pattern Palette to the Active Patterns list.

To copy colors within the Full Pattern Palette, option-click to drag a marquee around the patterns you want to copy, then drag the marquee to wherever you want it. Click the mouse when you are satisfied with the new position, or press 'esc' to stop the marquee without copying. If you want to copy a single pattern, just click on it and drag it to the new position.

Options menu

The Options menu lets you set the on or off condition of various features. When one of these features is on, it will have a check mark to the left of the corresponding menu item. To turn one of the features on or off, just select it, and it will change to its opposite condition.

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Full Canvas

The Full Canvas item will hide all of the menus so that you can work on your painting on the full screen. It will also show the menus when you are finished working on the full canvas. You can press the space bar to accomplish the same effect, except when you are using the Text tool. When using the Text tool, you must either select the menu item (if the menu is visible), or press the Apple-F combination.

Coordinates

The Coordinates item will toggle a small information bar that will show the current mouse coordinates as you move the cursor around in the canvas or magnify window. The information bar will appear across the bottom of the canvas or magnify window. Apple-A will toggle the coordinates on or off at any time.

Patterns..

The Patterns dialog lets you edit any of the 64 patterns, or load and save patterns from any Apple IIGS paint file. The Load and Save buttons work the same as the "Load Patterns..." and "Save Patterns..." menu items under the File menu. The OK, Cancel, and Undo buttons work as usual. The Clear button will set all 64 patterns to white(Apple-click on individual patterns to clear them one at a time).



To edit a pattern, click on any of the 64 patterns in the Full Pattern Palette. Its pixel pattern will be shown in the edit box. To modify the pattern, first choose a color from the pure color list. Then click on any pixel in the edit box. The change will be shown immediately in the edit box and in the original pattern.

If you want to change all of the pixels in the pattern to a single color, drag a color from the pure colors to the all box. All pixels in the pattern will be set to the new color. To invert the pattern colors, click in the invert box. To change all pixels in the pattern of a given color to another color, drag the original color from the pure colors to the Old color box. Then drag the new color to the New color box. All occurrences of the old color in the pattern will be replaced with the new color.

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Two Dimensional Gradient (2D)

The 2D gradient is a combination of the horizontal and vertical gradients. There are no special adjustments for the 2D gradient. It uses the same settings as the horizontal and vertical. Whenever you change a setting for one of those gradients, the 2D gradient is automatically updated to match.

<u>Angular Gradient</u>

The Angular Gradient allows you to draw gradient fills oriented in any direction. You adjust the angle of the gradient with the arrow buttons in the angle adjustment area. The angle number and the graphic representation of the angle are updated in one degree increments. When the angle is at 0 degrees, it is identical to the horizontal gradient. When the angle is at +/-90 degrees, it is the same as the vertical gradient. However, the angular gradient is independent of other gradients, so it does not affect the horizontal, vertical, or 2D gradients at any time.

Radial Gradient

The Radial Gradient has two styles: rectangular and oval. They work identically except for the shape. You can choose whichever you want with the Style icons below the radial gradient display rectangle.

The name radial means that the gradient radiates outward from a focal point. To set the focal point, first click on the focus icon. A crosshair will appear in the display area. Click and hold the mouse button anywhere in the display rectangle, and move the crosshair around to any position. When you release the mouse button, the radial display rectangle will be updated using the new focal point. Click in the focus icon to end focus adjustment.

The Invert button will invert the colors in a selected list from the gradient colors list(see Gradient Color List below). The Reverse button will swap the order of colors in a selection from the gradient color list (see Gradient Color List below).

Gradient Color List

The Gradient Color List is the list of colors that will be used for creating gradient fills. There can be up to 32 colors in the list, and any of the 136 colors from the full palette can be put in the gradient color list. To put colors in the list, click on any color in the full palette and drag the color to the position you want in the gradient color list. You can drag multiple colors at once by holding the option key down while you drag a marquee frame around the colors in the full palette that you want to copy. The colors you select will be presented in a row bordered by a marquee, just above the gradient color list. Drag this marquee to where you want it in the gradient color list and release the mouse button. Click outside the marquee to complete the copy, or press the escape key to cancel the copy. You can also copy colors from one location in the gradient color list to another by using the same technique. Also, any time that a range of colors has been selected for copying, the Invert and Reverse buttons will become active. They will not be active except when 2 or more colors have been selected for copying.

The brace that appears above the gradient color list indicates which section of the list will actually be used for gradient fills. You can adjust the position of the brace by clicking near either end of the brace and dragging that end left or right to any position, then repeating for the other end of the brace. The only constraints are that you can't cross the brace ends over each other, and there must be at least one color between the brace ends.

Horizontal Gradient

The Horizontal Gradient will use the colors in the gradient color list to draw a graduated fill moving from left to right within the defined area. The degree of blending of the various colors can be controlled by the slider below the horizontal gradient display rectangle.

Vertical Gradient

The vertical gradient is identical to the horizontal, except that it is vertical. It also has one additional feature. The direction of the color list can be reversed for the vertical gradient by clicking on the arrow at the bottom of the vertical gradient display rectangle. This allows for all possible combinations of vertical and horizontal gradients (see "Two Dimensional" gradients below).

General Information

NOTE

This user's reference manual assumes that you have some familiarity with using your Apple IIGS[®] computer, and that you understand how to use a mouse to select menu items. We will provide short definitions the first time a new term is used in the manual, but if you are uncomfortable with short definitions or have never used a mouse before, you should refer to the user's manuals that came with your computer.

System Requirements

ImageMaster:*Basic Paint* requires an Apple IIGS computer with 1 megabyte of RAM, one 3.5" disk drive, an RGB monitor, a mouse, and GS/OS[®] 5.0.4 or later. A hard disk is recommended.

User's Reference Manual

This manual is designed to be used mainly as a reference. You can read it from start to finish if you need to, but you will probably find that **ImageMaster:***Basic Paint* is very easy to use without the manual. If you need help with some specific problem, it should be easy to find the answer in this manual just by looking for the appropriate icon(small picture) in the table of contents, or by finding the corresponding reference word in the index.

The Screen

ImageMaster:*Basic Paint* is designed to run in 320 mode only. This means that the screen dimensions will be 320 pixels wide by 200 pixels(or lines) tall. A **pixel**(picture element) is a single "spot" of color on the screen. When you are using a brush size of $1 \ge 1$, it is exactly 1 pixel in size. All of your images will be exactly 320 pixels wide and 200 lines tall. Since the program is oriented toward viewing on the screen, images are limited to one full screen in size. This allows you to see your entire image at once.

ImageMaster: Basic Paint

Throughout this manual, the terms "ImageMaster:Basic Paint" and "IMBP" will both refer to this painting program, ImageMaster:Basic Paint.

Getting Started

Disk Backup

Before doing anything else, make a backup copy of your ImageMaster:Basic *Paint* disk. If you need help making a backup, refer to your computer user's manual. After making your backup, store the original disk in a safe place. Always work from the backup disk. If you have a hard disk, you will not even need the backup disk after you have finished installation.

Installation

If you have a hard disk, you can install **ImageMaster**:**Basic Paint** onto your hard disk and run it from there. If you do not have a hard disk, skip this section and go to the section "Running from a floppy disk".

To install ImageMaster: Basic Paint on your hard disk:

- 1. Turn on your computer and hard disk. Just startup your computer in the usual manner.
- 2. Decide where you want **ImageMaster**: *Basic Paint* to reside. The installation program will prompt you for the full path name of the folder in which to install.
- 3. Insert the ImageMaster: Basic Paint disk into the 3.5" disk drive.
- 4. Open the IMBP disk icon.
- 5. Double click on the InstallHD icon to run the install program. Or, if you prefer, you can just drag the IMBP and IMBPdata icons to the desired destination folder. The IMBP program and IMBPdata folder must both reside in the same host folder.
- 6. After installation is complete, close the IMBP disk and put the disk away in a safe place.

Running From a Floppy Disk

If you are running **ImageMaster:***Basic Paint* from a floppy disk, just open the disk icon and double click on the IMBP program icon. After IMBP has finished loading (the cursor will change from a watch to the arrow when loading has finished), you can remove the floppy disk from the drive. You should not need it after loading has completed.

Running From a Hard Disk

If you are running ImageMaster: *Basic Paint* from a hard disk, just open the folder containing IMBP and double click on the IMBP program icon.

Gradients...

The Gradients menu item will let you set various parameters regarding how color gradients (shading) are handled. The Gradients dialog lets you see each type of gradient, and shows the effect of various settings on the gradients.



Gradient Menu

The Ok and Cancel and Undo buttons work as usual. The Clear button will set all of the colors in the gradient color list to white. The Find button will tell you where in the full palette any color from the gradient color list is located. To use the Find button, click on the button, then click on any color in the gradient color list. A marquee will appear around that color in the full palette. Click anywhere to stop the marquee.

The Update button will redraw all of the gradients in the dialog. This can be a little slow, so updating all of the gradients only occurs when you click the Update button. As you adjust parameters of a specific gradient type, only that type will be updated automatically. Also, as you change the colors in the gradient list, none of the gradients are updated automatically. You can update specific gradients individually by clicking in that gradient's display rectangle.

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indicators on the right of the selector palette. The r-g-b indicators show the levels of red, green and blue in the current color. The current color is also shown along with its reference number from the paint selector palette. The color black is reference number 0, and white is number 4095. The numbers are provided for your reference, and serve no other purpose.



When you have the cursor positioned over the color you want from the paint selector palette, click the mouse and that color will become the selected color. Its color, color number, and r-g-b values will be displayed in the Selected Color indicator. It will also be copied to the pure color palette in the position that is currently marked. You can change the pure color marker by clicking on any color in the pure color palette.

You can use the r-g-b indicators to adjust the selected color. If you want to make the color darker or lighter, click on one of the Step Adjusters to adjust the r-g-b values up or down by 1 gray level per step. If you want to adjust the red, green, or blue values separately, just click in one of the indicator bars and the value of that color (red, green, or blue) will change as you move the mouse left and right. The resulting color and color number will be updated as you adjust the bar. When you are satisfied with the color, release the mouse button.

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Painting Environment

The Painting environment consists of three main parts: the system menu bar, the canvas, and tool palette (a combination of painting tools and colors). Below is a picture of the painting environment in its normal appearance. The system menu bar is across the top of the screen. Each of the main menu options will be discussed in detail in the "System Menu" chapter. The canvas appears in the middle of the screen. This is where you will paint your pictures using the tools and colors shown in the tool palette. There are more colors and patterns than can be shown on the screen at once. See the chapters "Colors and Patterns" and "Painting Tools" for more information.



Only part of the canvas is visible whenever any menus or palettes are active. To see the full canvas, use the "Full Canvas" option under the Options menu. You can move the canvas around to see different parts of it by using the hand tool in the tool menu. See the sections "Full Canvas" and "Hand" for more details.

At times, the painting environment will look different from this, as you activate various features and menus. The same three general sections are almost always present: a system menu bar, some portion of the canvas, and the tool palette, plus additional menus and palettes if they're active.

Colors and Patterns

Full Palette

 ImageMaster:Basic Paint has a palette of 136 colors. The palette shown here is called the Full Palette. Sixteen of the colors are "pure" (along the hypotenuse), and 120 are "dithered". Pure colors are made of just one color. This is the normal kind of color on the Apple IIGS computer. Dithered colors are combinations of two pure colors, alternating every other pixel, as in a checkerboard. When painting your pictures, all of the tools treat the pure and dithered colors alike, so that you have an effective palette of 136 colors. No distinction is made between pure and dithered colors in the IMBP program, and in general no distinction will be made in this manual. Any reference to painting

colors means any of the 136 pure and dithered colors. See the sections "Full Palette" and "Paint Selector..." for more information on colors.

Pattern Palette

ImageMaster:Basic Paint has 64 patterns in the patterns palette. A pattern is a rectangular area, 8 pixels wide by 8 pixels tall. The pixels in the pattern can be any of the 16 pure colors. You can edit these patterns to create many new patterns, and save your new patterns to disk. You can also load patterns from any Apple IIGS paint file, even those created



by other paint programs. All of the painting tools work with patterns exactly as they do with colors. Just select the pattern you want to paint with, and proceed with painting as usual. See "Patterns..." under the "Edit menu" section for more information.

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To select any of the 64 palettes to be the current palette, just click in the box to the right of the palette number. A small black dot indicates which palette is being used as the current palette. To set any of the palettes to the standard palette, click on the St d Pal button and then click on the desired palette. To copy one palette to another, click on the palette you wish to copy and drag the marquee rectangle to the palette you wish to change. When you release the mouse button, the colors will be copied to the new palette. While you are dragging the marquee, the palette list will automatically scroll if you move the mouse past the top or bottom edge of the palette list. Click on the OK or Cancel buttons when you are finished viewing the palettes.

Paint Selector Palette

The paint selector palette is where you will choose the colors for your pure color and full palettes. There are two methods for selecting a color. You can simply point to the color in the selector palette, or you can use the r-g-b indicators to adjust the color values to whatever you like (see below).

To select a color from the paint selector palette, you should first choose the gray level. The gray level slider above the palette covers 16 steps for 16 gray levels. There are a fixed number of colors available at each gray level. At the white level (far right on the slider, level #15) are the most colors(721). At the black level (far left on the slider, level #0) there is only one color, black. As you move from the black to the white levels, there are more colors at each higher level. The color in the center of the paint selector palette always matches the current gray level. You can set the gray level by using the mouse on the gray level slider, or by pressing the left or right arrow keys.

After setting the gray level, move the cursor into the paint selector palette. The color that the cursor is currently pointing to will be shown in the r-g-b The OK, Cancel, and Undo buttons perform their normal functions. The UnTest button is related to the Test button (see below). The Load and Save buttons are equivalent to the File menu items "Load Palettes..." and "Save Palettes..." (see those sections for operation details).

The Spread button allows you to create a smooth color transition between any two pure colors. To use the Spread function, click on any color in the pure color palette. Then click on any other color in the pure palette. ImageMaster:Basic Paint will calculate which colors should appear in between and make the appropriate changes. The full palette is also updated to show the new dithered colors that are automatically created from the new pure colors.

The Find button allows you to locate any pure color's position in the paint selection palette. Finding the location of any pure color in a list of 4096 colors would be very difficult to do by hand. ImageMaster:Basic Paint makes it easy to find any pure color. First, click on the Find button. Then click on any other color on the screen. IMBP will search the list of 4096 pure colors and then highlight the location of that color with a small marquee around the color. To stop the marquee, just click anywhere.

The **Test** button allows you to try out the colors in the full palette in a temporary painting window. Click on the Test button to open the test window.



While the Test window is open, you can select any color in the full palette for test painting. The chosen color will show in the current color box over the full palette. The brush used for test painting is a small rectangular brush. Just move into the test window and start painting. To clear the test window, click in the X box at the lower left of the window. When you are finished testing, click in the UnTest button to restore the Paint Selector menu buttons.

The **Palettes** button will display a dialog showing all of the 64 palettes supplied by **ImageMaster**: *Basic Paint*. You can select any of these palettes to use for your painting, and you can change the colors in any palette to any colors you like.

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Working Palette

The palette of painting colors and patterns that normally appears on the screen is called the **working palette**. It contains the sixteen pure colors on the left, 32 dithered colors on the right, and 13 patterns below the colors. On the far left is the current color/pattern selection.



Pure Colors

There are 16 pure colors in the pure palette. The colors are arranged so that you can easily see the **palette compliment** for each color. The palette compliment is the color chosen whenever you invert the colors in a captured area. The palette compliment for each pure color is the pure color directly above or below it in the palette. The pure colors can be changed from the 16 standard colors that you see when the program starts. See the section "Paint Selector..." for details on color editing.

Dithered Colors

There are two rows of dithered colors in the working palette. Each row contains 16 colors selected from the full palette. Any of the 136 colors can be copied from the full palette to the dithered colors in the working palette. See the section "Full Palette" for instructions on copying colors.

To the left of each dithered color row is a small rectangular box(Top and Bottom Dithers color indicators). When there is a color in the box, it means that the dithers to the right all contain that pure color. When there are black stripes in the box, it means that the dithers do not all have a common pure color. You can set the dithers in either row so that they all contain a given pure color by clicking on one of the pure colors and dragging it to either the top dithers box or the bottom dithers box. The dithers to the right will automatically change so that they all contain the indicated pure color. This allows you to see all of the dithers for a given pure color.

Work Patterns

Below the pure and dithered colors are the patterns. The working palette contains 13 patterns taken from the 64 total patterns available with IMBP. Any of the 64 patterns can be copied to the working palette. See the section "Patterns..." for more information.

Current Color

On the far left of the working palette is the current color indicator. On the lower half is the area indicating the currently selected color or pattern. If the color or pattern is in the working palette, it will also be marked with a white rectangle around the color or pattern. When the full palette is showing, a color can be selected that is not in the working palette. It will be shown in the current color box, and will be marked in the full palette, but will not be marked in the working palette.

Background Color

The background color is shown in the area around the current color. The background color is the color that is used by the eraser tool, by the "New" menu item when clearing the screen, and by the capture tools when moving and clearing captured areas. The background color can be set by Appleclicking on any color in the working or full palettes (hold the Apple key down while clicking on the color).

Dither Reverser / Pattern Inverter

Above the current color box are the reverser/inverter arrow and dithered color components. When the current color is a pure color, both of the dither components will be the same color. When the current color is a dithered color, the two pure colors used to form the dither will be shown to the left and right of the arrow. Clicking on the arrow will reverse the two pure colors in the dither. This is useful when overlapping two or more dithered colors in your painting. Overlapping dithers will sometimes produce horizontal and vertical stripes. Reversing the dither can sometimes prevent the striping.

When the current color is a pattern, the dither components will show as black and white. Clicking on the inverter arrow will invert all of the colors in the pattern (all colors are swapped with their palette compliments).

Paint Selector...

The Paint Selector is the utility that allows you to edit your color palette and select 16 pure painting colors from any of ImageMaster:Basic Paint's 4096 built in pure colors. The paint selection palette is laid out in a hexagonal shape. The grays are in the center of the hexagon, with the primary colors (red, green, and blue) and the secondary colors (cyan, magenta, and yellow) at the corners of the hexagon. In between are all of the various combinations of the primary and secondary colors. This arrangement allows you to see all of the possible colors before selecting them, and it illustrates color theory and how the primary colors combine to form all other colors. Each of the features of the paint selector will be discussed in detail below.



Paint Selector Menu

Several paint selector functions are accessible through buttons at the top of the screen. The full and pure palettes are also shown on the left and bottom of the menu. As you manipulate the pure colors in the pure color palette, the full palette will show all of the changes in the corresponding dithered colors. The menu area also doubles as a test painting area (see below).



Fill Type...

The Fill Type item lets you set the type of filling that will be used when painting with filled shapes, text, and the paint pitcher tool. To select one of the eight fill types, click in the radio button to the left of the desired item. Or, to select a fill type without using this dialog, just press Apple-1 for Color/Pattern, Apple-2 for Brush, and so on to Apple-8 for Snow fill, any time the canvas is active.



The Color/Pattern fill selection is the normal choice. This includes all 136 colors from the full palette and the 64 patterns from the pattern palette.

The Brush fill selection is for the custom brush. After you have created a custom brush (see "Make Brush" in the "Edit menu" section), you can use it like any of the colors or patterns for filling areas.

The Gradient fill selections offer a variety of ways to fill an area with graduated shading. See the "Gradients..." section for descriptions of each type of gradient fill.

The Snow fill selection will allow you to fill an area with a 'snowy' effect. You can include any of the 16 pure colors in the snow. Just click on the colors in the pure color palette to include them, or click a second time to exclude them. Apple-click to include all 16 colors, or option-click to use only black. There must be at least one snow color on at all times. If there is only one color chosen and you wish to deselect it, you must first select another color, then click on the first color to turn it off. You can adjust the amount of snow using the Snowfall slider.

Painting Tools

Below the working palette of colors and patterns is the brush and tool palette. On the left are the available brushes, with the painting tools to the right. All tools will work on the regular canvas (see the tool 'c1', "Canvas selector", for canvas descriptions) and in the magnified canvas (see the "Magnify" tool description). In addition to actual painting tools, there are tools for editing parts of your painting (see the "Capture" tools), moving the canvas around on the screen (see the "Hand" tool), and canceling painting operations before they become permanent (see the "Undo" and "Test" tools).



Brushes

Painting Tools

Brushes

There are 4 basic brush styles and a custom brush facility. The basic brush styles are all adjustable, giving a wide variety of sizes and shapes. Each time



you select a new brush by clicking on it, a brush size dialog appears. See the section "Brush Size..." for details. The rectangular and oval brushes are simple to use. When you click on either of these brushes, the brush

size dialog appears with the appropriate shape of brush in the adjustment window. You can adjust these to any dimensions from 1 pixel by 1 pixel to 64 pixels wide by 50 pixels high. You can also change the brush style while the size dialog is active. Just click on the brush style you want and it will appear in the adjustment window.

The diagonal brush works a little differently. The diagonal brush is always a 1 pixel by 1 pixel diagonal line. The size adjustment dialog works the same way as for rectangular and oval brushes, but what you are adjusting is the angle of the diagonal brush. If you click on the diagonal brush icon a second time, it will change to a diagonal that is rotated 90 degrees from the original diagonal. Subsequent clicking toggles between these two diagonals. The bristle brush (represented by the dotted pattern) will give you an effect something like a regular paint brush. When you click on the bristle brush icon, the size dialog will automatically begin generating random pixels within the current brush dimensions, and will continue generating pixels until you release the mouse button. This allows you to generate a wide variety of bristle brush styles, all of which will be different. If you adjust the size of the brush, the pixel generation will also occur as long as you hold the mouse button. It is sometimes easier to set the size first by using the rectangular brush, and then click on the bristle brush icon to generate the pixels that will be contained in the brush.

The custom brush is inactive until you capture a section of your picture with one of the capture tools, and select 'Make Brush' from the Edit menu. After creating a custom brush, you can select it at any time by clicking on the custom brush icon. There is no size adjustment for the custom brush. It will always be the exact size and shape that you created with one of the capture tools.

Any brush can be used with any of the painting tools that use brushes. In addition, the custom brush can be used with the painting tools that fill areas. See the section "Fill Type..." for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Freehand



The freehand tool lets you paint with complete freedom of motion. After choosing the brush you want, click on the left or right half of the freehand tool. The left half will produce a 'broken' freehand as you paint, depending on how fast you move the mouse. The right half of the icon will produce a 'solid' freehand, regardless of how fast you move the mouse. After selecting the style of freehand you want, just move the mouse into the canvas, press the mouse button, and paint will be deposited wherever you move the mouse, as long as you hold the button down.

French Curve

The French curve tool lets you create smooth curves between a number of specified points. To use it, first click on the starting point of the curve you want to paint. A 'rubber band' line will follow the mouse until you click on the next point. Click on as many other defining points as you like. Double-click on the last point to finish the point color is shown in the rectangle indicated by B:136. The '136' is the color number from the full palette. White is usually at the bottom, right corner of the palette, which is number 136. The colors are numbered by columns starting at the top of the leftmost column with black (#1). The bottom of the left column is color #16, the top of column 2 is color #17, and so on to color #136 at the bottom, right of the palette.

The foreground color (the current painting color) is shown in the rectangle labeled with F: followed by the foreground color number(#127 in the illustration). And the third color rectangle indicates the color that the mouse arrow is pointing to as the arrow moves around in the full palette.



You can select any color in the full palette for the foreground color by simply clicking on it. To set the background color, Apple-click on any color. The new choices will be shown in the background and foreground rectangles.

You may not want to keep the full palette window open all of the time, since it takes up a large portion of the canvas area. You can copy some of the colors from the full palette to the dithered section of the 'working palette' (see "Working Palette" in the "Colors and Patterns" chapter), and then turn the full palette off. To copy colors from the full palette to the working palette, hold down the option key as you click on any color, then drag the mouse horizontally, vertically, or diagonally in the full palette to select the colors you want to have in the working palette. When you release the mouse button, the colors you have selected will appear in a marquee just above the working palette. You can reverse the order of the colors if you Apple-click inside the marquee. Use the mouse to drag the colors to the position you desire in the dither section of the working palette. The colors will be placed in the working palette as soon as you release the mouse button.

Make Brush

The Make Brush command will copy the captured area into a buffer where it can be used for a custom paint brush. After the Make Brush command has completed, the captured area and the system clipboard remain unaffected, and the marquee remains active. To stop the marquee, click outside the marquee or press the escape ('esc') key. You can then use the custom brush just like any other basic brush. See "Brushes" in the "Painting Tools" chapter for more information on the custom brush.



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Color menu

The color menu contains items to allow you to manipulate the color palettes, pattern palette, set the fill color, and adjust the gradient fill parameters.

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Full Palette

The Full Palette item will turn the full color palette window on or off. When the full palette is on, there will be a check mark beside the Full Palette menu item. When the full palette is off, there will be no check mark. Apple-P will also toggle the full palette.

The full palette window has four sections of interest. The full palette is described in the chapter "Colors and Patterns". In general, the full palette will show all 136 of ImageMaster: Basic Paint's colors. You can then select any of them for painting.

The other three areas of interest are the indicators for the background color, the foreground color, and the current follow color. The current background

definitions. IMBP will then paint a smooth curve based on the number and location of the defined points. To get the final curve to follow the defined points more closely, just click more than once(slowly) on the points where you want the curve to conform. The more times you click on a specific point, the closer the curve will fit to that point.

Arc



The arc tool allows you to draw arcs with variable curves. Just click on one of the end points to start the arc. A rubber band line will follow the mouse until you click again. This marks the other end point of the arc. A rubber band arc will then follow the mouse movement until you click again. When you are satisfied with the shape of the arc, click the mouse and IMBP will use the current brush to draw the final curve.

Compass



The compass tool allows you to draw curves with a 'fixed' radius, just as you would with a mechanical compass. With the compass tool, a fixed radius means the radius for a fixed size oval. The actual radius length will vary as it moves around inside the oval.

Click on the center point of the oval(and hold the button down) to start the compass tool. A rubber band oval will follow the mouse movements until you release the button. After a brief pause for IMBP to do some calculations, you will see the oval with a radius line and the current brush at the end of the radius line. The radius line and brush will follow the mouse as you move around, but nothing will be drawn until you click the mouse. To paint along the oval curve, click and hold the mouse as you move it. You can paint as many separate curve sections as you like. The compass tool will remain active until you click in the OK box that appears on the canvas.

Line

The line tool lets you draw straight lines in any direction. Click on one of the endpoints of the line to start drawing. A rubber band line will follow the mouse as long as you hold the mouse button down. Release the button when you are satisfied with the line, and IMBP will use the current brush to paint the final line.

Polyline



The polyline tool allows you to draw a sequence of connected straight lines. Click on the starting point of the first line and release the button. A rubber band line will follow the mouse until you click again. Then IMBP will draw the first line using the current brush, and begin

following the mouse with a second rubber band line with its starting point connected to the end of the first line. Click the mouse to set the end of the second line. Continue this process until you are satisfied with the polyline. To stop the polyline tool, double-click on the end point of the last line, or press the escape key.

Closed Freehand

The closed freehand tool works exactly like the freehand tool, except that when you release the mouse, IMBP will draw a straight line connecting the starting point with the ending point. The **framed freehand** tool will use the current brush to draw an outline of the area. The **filled freehand** tool will use a 1 pixel by 1 pixel brush to draw the outline and will fill the final enclosed area with

the current fill type. See the section "Fill Type..." for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Wedges

The **framed wedge** tool allows you to draw wedges of any size and shape. Click the mouse to set the corner point of the wedge. Then, as long as you hold the button down, a rubber wedge will follow the mouse movements. When you are satisfied with the size and shape of the wedge, release the button and IMBP will draw the final wedge using the current brush. The **filled wedge** tool works

exactly like the framed wedge, and after the final wedge has been set, the interior of the wedge is filled with the current fill pattern and color. See the section "Fill Type..." for help on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Ovals

The oval tools allow you to draw ovals of any size and shape. Click the mouse button to set the starting corner of the oval (you can start in any corner). Then hold down the button and move the mouse around until you are satisfied with the oval. When you release the mouse, the **framed oval** tool will draw the oval using the current brush. The **filled oval** tool will fill the oval with the current fill

type. See the section "Fill Type..." for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Triangles

The triangle tools allow you to draw isosceles triangles of any size. Click the mouse button to set the apex point, then hold the button down and move the mouse around until you are satisfied with the arrow key, a copy of the area will be deposited at the current location. This allows you to make many copies of the captured area.

Whenever the marquee is active, you can perform any of the cut, copy, invert, clear, or make brush operations, even though you may have started out with a paste operation.

Captured area ready for Pasting

Clear

The Clear command will replace the captured area with the current background color, but will not copy the area to the system clipboard. After the clear command has been executed, the marquee remains active for further manipulation of the captured area. The clipboard remains unaffected. The keyboard shortcuts for Clear are the 'clear' and 'delete' keys.

Invert

The Invert command will change the color of each pixel in the captured area by swapping the color with its palette compliment. See the section "Working Palette" in the chapter "Colors and Patterns" for more information on color compliments. After the invert command has completed, the marquee remains active, and the system clipboard is unaffected. If you choose Invert a second time, the captured area will return to its original colors.

Cut

The Cut menu item will be selectable only when you have used one of the capture tools (see "Capture" in the "Painting Tools" chapter) to outline an area of your picture, or when a paste operation has just been initiated (see below). When you have an area of your picture 'captured', the cut operation will remove the captured area from the picture, replacing it with the current background color, and will put the captured area into the system clipboard. The clipboard is a temporary place (usually on disk) where various information can be stored for later use by a paste operation.

Copy

The Copy command will copy the captured area to the system clipboard, like the cut command, except that the copy command does not delete the captured area from the picture. It just makes a copy of it. The capture marquee remains active after a copy operation, so you can continue manipulating the area in other ways.

Paste

After you have done a cut or copy, you can then 'paste' the captured area back into your picture at another location, or on the other canvas. If you quit ImageMaster: Basic Paint and run another paint program, you can then paste the captured area into a picture in that program.

When you initiate the paste operation, you will get the captured area with a marquee around it centered in the canvas. You can then move the area around the canvas with the mouse or with the arrow keys. If you hold down the option key while clicking the mouse inside the area, or when pressing an

triangle. When you release the mouse, the framed triangle tool will draw the triangle using the current brush. The filled triangle tool will fill the triangle with the current fill type. See the section "Fill Type..." for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Polygons

The polygon tools allow you to draw polygons of any shape and complexity. The drawing process is identical to the polyline tool, and after you double click to end the last line, IMBP automatically draws a straight line from the end of the last line to the beginning of the first line. The framed polygon tool then draws the polygon lines using the current brush and color. The filled polygon fills the

area inside the lines with the current fill type. See the section "Fill Type..." for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Rectangles

Rectangles of any size and shape can be drawn with the rectangle tools. Click the mouse button to set the starting corner of the rectangle (you can start in any corner). Then hold down the button and move the mouse around until you are satisfied with the rectangle. When you release the mouse, the framed rectangle tool will draw

the rectangle using the current brush. The filled rectangle tool will fill the rectangle with the current fill type. See the section "Fill Type..." for

information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas.

Paint Pitcher

The paint pitcher allows you to 'pour' paint into an area. The area you wish to cover with new paint must be a single pure color. The new color can be any fill type. See the section "Fill Type ... " for information on setting the pattern and color for filling areas. Just click the mouse anywhere on the color area you wish to cover with new paint. IMBP will then fill the area with the new color or pattern, working outward from the starting point until it reaches either a different color from the starting point, or the edge of the visible canvas. IMBP will not fill under the system or tool menus. To fill those areas that are hidden by menus, just scroll the canvas (see the "Hand" tool for scrolling information), or hide the menus (see the section "Full Canvas").

Airbrush

The airbrush tool let's you 'spray' paint on the canvas in several ways. When you click on the airbrush icon, the size adjusting dialog appears. You can adjust the dimensions of the spray area using this dialog. You can also click on either the rectangle brush or the oval brush in the brush tools, and the size adjustment dialog will display the appropriate shape. After you have finished setting the size and shape of the airbrush spray area, click on the OK button. When you move the mouse into the canvas, you will see the airbrush in the same size and shape that you set in the dialog. Just click the mouse and IMBP will 'spray' paint within the airbrush boundaries as long as you hold the button down. You can move the mouse as you hold the button down, and the longer you stay in one spot, the more paint will be deposited. Release the button when you are finished using the airbrush.

Text

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The text tool allows you to enter any text messages you like, in a variety of fonts, sizes, styles, and fill patterns. See the "Text..." section under the "Misc menu" for information on setting the font, size, and style of text. To use the text tool, just click the mouse anywhere in the canvas (usually close to where you want the finished text to appear). A rectangle will appear. This is the text entry box, and it will extend from the point where you clicked to the right edge of the visible canvas, and will be the height of the current font. The blinking bar indicates the current character position. Just type the characters you want. The characters will appear in one of the pure colors (black by default). If you want to enter the text in a different color, press the tab key to step to the next pure color, or the Apple-tab combination to step to the previous pure color. You can only use the pure colors while entering your text, but the final result will be painted in the current fill type. If the current fill type is set to a color or pattern, you can also change the final text color by clicking on one of the pure or dithered colors, or one of the patterns.

When you have finished typing, or when you reach the right edge of the canvas, press the return key. You will then see your text surrounded by a marquee frame. You can move the text around to any position in the canvas by either dragging it with the mouse, or by using the arrow keys. The text will move up, down, left, or right by one pixel each time you press one of the arrow keys. This helps you achieve precise alignment of the text with other parts of your painting. You can also change the color of the text while you

Print...

The Print item will print the current canvas to your printer. Your system software should have printer drivers for several Apple printers. You can select which printer driver to use by using the Control Panel DA and choosing the DC Printer option. If you have another kind of printer, refer to the installation manual for your printer to find out how to install the printer driver. If you have an ImageWriter® I printer, your picture will print in black and white only. If you have an ImageWriter II printer, your picture will print in black and white or in color, depending on the type of ribbon you have in the printer. When printing starts, a small message box will be displayed on the screen. It tells you to press Apple-period to stop printing. If you press Apple-period, there will be a short delay while the printer finishes printing what it is working on, then printing will stop.

Quit

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When you are finished working with ImageMaster:Basic Paint, choose the Quit menu item (or press Apple-Q). If you have not saved the current canvas, a warning dialog will give you a chance to save your work before quitting. Only the current canvas is checked before quitting. If you have done work on the other canvas and have not saved it, it will be lost after quitting.

Edit menu

The Edit menu contains items that allow you to modify the contents of your picture, undo painting operations, create custom paintbrushes, and perform cut and paste operations. Most of the items are standard for all Apple IIGS applications. The operation and effect of each item is described below.

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Undo

The Undo item lets you try out a painting tool or editing operation and restore your painting to its original appearance if you don't like the change. See the "Undo" section in the "Painting Tools" chapter for more information.

Save Picture...

Save Picture will save the current canvas to disk. It also saves the current color palettes and patterns with the picture. The Save Picture dialog works the same as the Load Picture dialog, except that you have to enter a file name for the picture. If the name you enter already exists on the disk, you will be asked if you want to replace the existing one or not. If you choose replace, the existing file will be erased, and a new file will be created with the specified name and containing your picture from the current canvas. If you choose to not replace the existing file, you will have to enter a new file name for your current picture. The keyboard shortcut for Save Picture is Apple-S.

Load Palettes...

Load palettes will allow you to retrieve up to 64 palettes from any Apple IIGS paint file. Paint files from other programs may have fewer then 64 palettes. IMBP will load as many palettes as it can find into the current palettes list. After loading palettes, you may need to go to the palette selection dialog to indicate to IMBP which of the palettes you wish to make the active palette. The screen border color is also loaded with the palettes, and it will change to the new color as soon as loading has finished. See the chapter "Colors and Patterns" and the section "Paint Selector..." for more information.

Save Palettes...

Save Palettes will save all 64 palettes to disk. The palettes will be saved in a standard file format that other paint programs can read. If another program allows you to load palettes, it should be able to load some(probably just the first 16) of the 64 palettes from IMBP. The current screen border color is also saved with the palettes. See the section "Border Color" for details on setting the screen border color.

Load Patterns...

Save Patterns...

Loading and Saving patterns works just as it does for palettes. There are 64 patterns in the IMBP pattern list. All 64 patterns are saved with each IMBP picture and when saving the patterns in a separate file. When loading patterns, IMBP loads as many as it can find in the specified file, up to 64 (other programs may save fewer than 64 patterns in their files). Neither of the canvases is affected by loading new patterns, since color information is not stored in the pattern file.

move it (as described above). When you are satisfied with the position of the text, press the return key or click the mouse outside the marquee. The text will be painted in the current fill type, and a new text entry box will appear. If you had pressed the return key, the box will appear directly below the previous text. If you had clicked the mouse, the box will appear where the mouse clicked.

After you have entered one or more lines of text, you can duplicate the previous line by typing Apple-R when the text entry box is active. The previous line's text will replace whatever text is currently in the box. When you are finished entering text, press Apple-period, or the escape key (esc), or click on another tool or menu item. Be sure to press return after positioning your last line of text, or it will be lost if you press escape to terminate text entry.

Eraser

The eraser tool works like a standard pencil eraser. If you don't like something you've painted, you can remove it from the painting with the eraser. When you click on the eraser tool, the size adjustment dialog appears. After you have adjusted the size of the eraser, just position the eraser over the area you want to erase, press the mouse button and hold it down while you move the mouse over the desired area. The current background color will be deposited wherever you move the mouse. Release the button when you are finished erasing.

Capture

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The capture tools allow you to outline sections of your painting that you would like to move, copy, clear, invert, or use for a custom brush. All three tools work the same way after the capture area has been defined. The only differences are in how you define the capture area. The rectangle capture tool works just like the rectangle tool, except that you will see a dashed marquee instead of the normal solid lines. The polygon capture tool works like the polygon tool, and the freehand capture tool works like the closed freehand tool.

After you have defined a capture area, you can do several things with it. See the section "Edit menu" for details on cut and paste operations. While the marquee is active, you can move the captured area by dragging it with the mouse, or by using the arrow keys. When you move the captured area, the current background color will be deposited in the original area. If you want

the original paint to remain unaltered, hold down the option key when you click the mouse or press an arrow key. You can option-click or option-arrow key at any position to place a copy at that location. When you are satisfied with the new position of the captured area, just click the mouse outside the marquee, or press Apple-period. If you press the escape key at any time, the marquee area will be cleared and the original captured area will be restored.

Hand

The hand tool is used for moving the canvas around on the screen whenever there are menus covering part of the canvas. After you have selected the hand tool, just position the hand icon anywhere in the canvas, click and hold the mouse button, and the whole canvas will move around as you move the mouse. Release the mouse button when you are satisfied with the canvas position. You can also move the canvas by pressing the arrow keys. If you are working on the full screen canvas, the hand and arrows will have no effect. If you have moved the canvas around and would like to get it back to its normal position, just Apple-click on the hand tool.

Magnify

The magnify tool is used to enlarge some portion of the image to make it easier to work on small details of your painting. There are 10 levels of magnification to give you maximum control over the amount of enlargement. When you click on the magnify tool icon, a rectangle will follow the mouse as you move around in the canvas. The rectangle indicates the area that will be magnified. To change the magnification level, press the tab key to increase magnification, or press Apple-tab to decrease magnifi-

cation. The size of the rectangle will change accordingly. When you have the rectangle positioned over the desired area of the canvas, click the mouse to activate the magnify window (see below). You can also press the 'M' key whenever the mouse is in the canvas, and the magnify window will be activated using the current magnification level and the current mouse position.

The Magnify Window

When the magnify window is active, the screen will be divided into two main sections. On the left will be the magnify window, and on the right will be the unmagnified canvas. Only part of the full canvas will be visible, and the magnified area will be centered in the canvas, if possible (see following picture).

Under the magnify window will be the magnify menu. It contains level markers for each of the 10 magnification levels. To change the level, use the tab key (as described above), or click on one of the markers. To the right of

which file to load, and to enter the name of the picture as you save it. These dialogs are standard for all Apple IIGS applications. If you are unfamiliar with file dialogs, refer to your Apple IIGS user's manual.

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The New Canvas selection will clear the current canvas and reset various parameters for a new, clean canvas. You will need to choose New Canvas whenever you have finished working on a picture, or whenever you want a clean canvas. If you have not saved your work prior to choosing New Canvas, a warning dialog will appear to verify whether you wish to save your current work before clearing the canvas. If you do not save your work before clearing, it will be lost and can't be recovered. New Canvas only affects the current canvas, and leaves the other canvas alone(see the section "Canvas Selector"). Notice the Apple-N on the right of the menu. Holding the Apple key down while pressing the 'N' key will select New Canvas just as if you had selected it from the File menu. This is a keyboard shortcut, and is usable at any time. It is especially useful when painting on the full canvas and no menus are visible.

Load Picture...

Load Picture lets you load pictures from disk into the current canvas. The dialog box will let you move around to any folder on any disk. When you see the picture you want to load, double click on its name, or click once on its name and then click the Open button. The picture and its color palette and patterns will be loaded. The picture will only affect the current canvas, but the color palette will apply to both canvases. This will cause the colors in the other canvas to change, if the newly loaded palette is different from the one prior to loading. As with New Canvas, if you have not saved your current work, a warning dialog will give you the opportunity to save your work before loading a new picture. Also, you can press the Apple-O key combination to select Load Picture.

System Menu

The system menu bar(also called the main menu) contains several items. Each main menu item has several choices that appear when you click the mouse on the main menu item. If you need help learning how to select menu items, refer to the user's guide that came with your Apple IIGS computer. Below is a description of each main menu item and each of its choices.

Apple menu

The Apple menu appears on the far left of the main menu bar, and is represented by a small apple shaped icon. It contains one fixed menu choice, "About ImageMaster...", and other choices if there are any desk accessories (DA's) installed in your system. The most common desk accessory is the "Control Panel".

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About ImageMaster...

This menu item provides information about the ImageMaster:Basic Paint program. After selecting this item, a dialog box will appear with some information and an OK button. After you have read the information, click in the OK button or press the return key, and the dialog box will disappear.

Control Panel

The Control Panel DA is a set of utilities that let you adjust or set various features of your Apple IIGS computer, such as the screen border color, printer type, and many others. This desk accessory is supplied with your system software, not with ImageMaster: Basic Paint, so you may or may not see it in the Apple menu. If you have other desk accessories installed in your system, their names will also appear in the Apple menu.

File menu

The File menu is a standard menu item in most software for the Apple IIGS computer. It contains several items to assist you with loading and saving data, beginning a new picture, printing your picture, and quitting IMBP. All of the load and save menu items will display a dialog box that allows you to select

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the level markers are the grid style markers. They indicate whether the magnify window will have no grid lines, or black or white grid lines. To change the grid lines, click on one of the markers, or press the '[' or ']' keys.

When painting in the magnify window, you can use any of the painting tools. They all work exactly the same in the magnify window, except that everything is enlarged. You can't draw in the normal canvas when magnify is on. If you move the cursor into the canvas, a rectangle will follow the cursor motion, to allow you to select another area of the canvas to magnify. You can also use the hand tool and arrow keys to scroll the canvas inside the magnify window.

If you turn on the full palette while the magnify window is active, you will not be able to see the normal canvas because the full palette will use that portion of the screen (see the section "Full Palette"), but you can still paint in the magnify window as usual.

Canvas Selector

The canvas selector tool lets you toggle back and forth between 2 canvases. Each canvas can hold a full image, and you can use the 2 canvases in any way you like. ImageMaster: Basic Paint does not care which one is currently visible. You paint the same way on either canvas. You can save and load pictures for each canvas separately. The only con-

straint is that the color palette will be the same for both canvases. This enables you to use one canvas as a scratch pad and copy sections from one canvas to the other without affecting the colors in the copied section. The color palette that will be used is the one from the most recently loaded picture or palette(or the default palette if no picture or palette has been loaded), plus any changes you've made to the palette since loading.

The 'c1' tool icon indicates which canvas is currently visible. To change to the other canvas, just click on the 'c1' tool and the other canvas will become visible. The 'c1' will change to 'c2' and vice versa as you switch canvases. You can also press the '1' or '2' keys to select the canvas you want. This is especially useful if you are painting on the full canvas. You can change canvases at any time(even when magnify is on). Also see the sections "New Canvas", "Copy c1 -> c2...", "Load Picture...", and "Save Picture...".

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Undo

The Undo tool allows you to 'erase' or 'un-paint' your last painting UN action. After completing some painting action, if you click on the DO Undo tool icon before starting another painting operation, the paint you just put on the canvas will be removed. Once you start another painting operation, all previous paint becomes permanent (until you paint over it or erase it). Undo allows you to try out an idea before making it a permanent part of your picture. If you click Undo twice, the paint that was undone gets restored. This undoing and restoring allows you to compare your painting with and without the changes you are trying out. You can also activate the undo process by pressing the escape key(esc), Apple-Z, or by selecting Undo from the Edit menu. See the "Test" tool section for more undo information.

Test

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The test tool is similar to the undo tool, but works over a longer time frame. When you click on the test tool icon, you enter a 'test mode'. This just means that IMBP will be keeping track of everything you paint while the test mode is active. All tools work the same in test mode, but you can't switch canvases, load, save, or print pictures, and you can't copy one canvas to the other (see "Copy c1 -> c2...").

The undo tool works normally while test mode is on, but works a little differently right after turning test mode off. After you have finished painting all you want to with test mode on, click on the Test tool icon to turn test mode off. Now, if you use the undo tool, everything you painted during test mode

will be treated as a single painting operation and will all be undone or redone as you click on the undo tool. As soon as you start another painting operation, undo will work as usual and just undo the last operation.

In general, the Test mode tool allows you to try out complex changes to your painting before making them permanent. If you are not satisfied with the result, undo will then restore your painting to the image you had before you started test mode.