

# Using Paint, Session 1

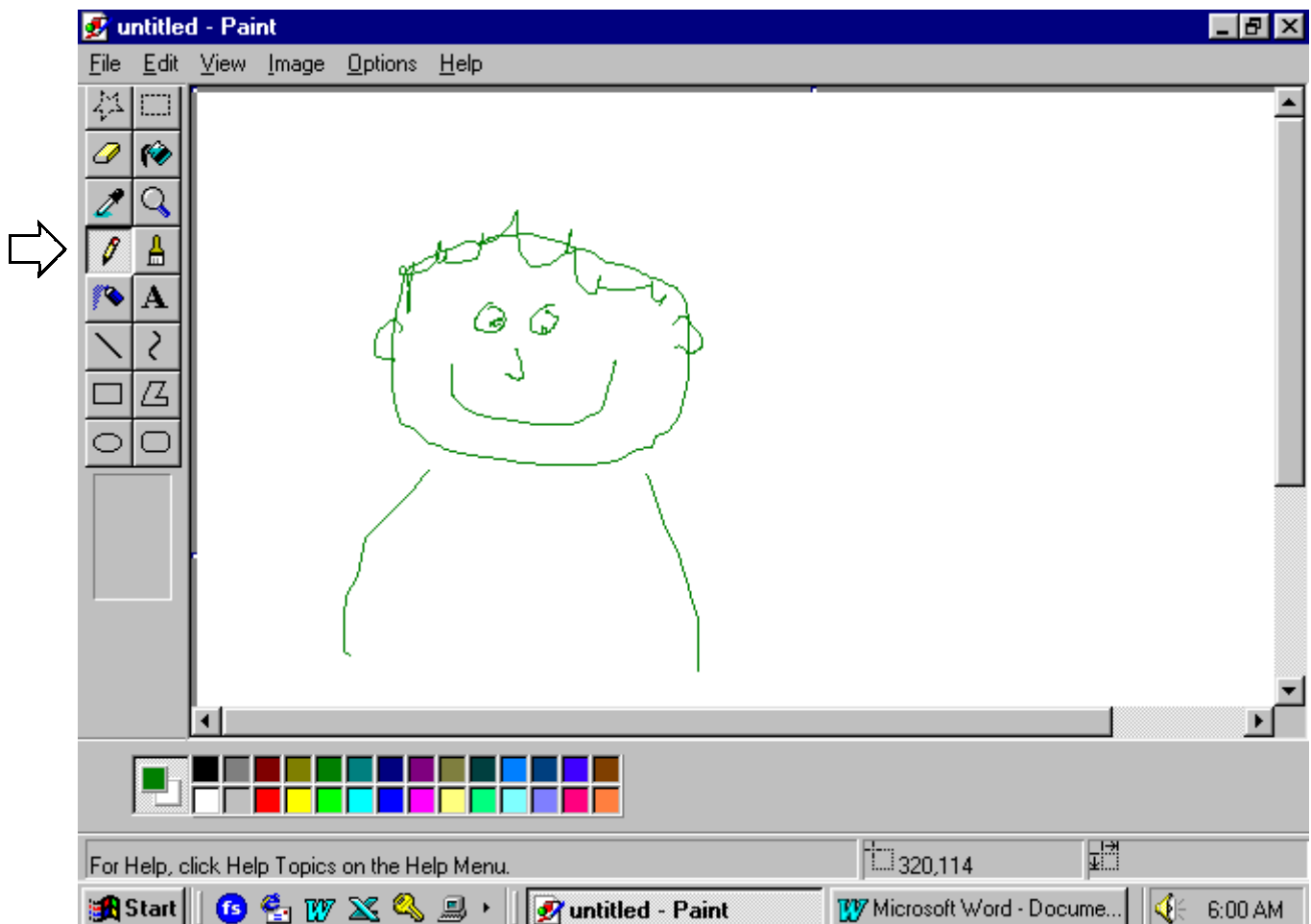
Paint is a programme that helps you create pictures and graphics. In this session you will learn how to:

- Draw your own freehand shapes with the *pencil* button
- Take out bits that you don't want
- Draw in different colours
- Draw circles and rectangles
- Colour in shapes, using the *fill colour* button
- Save your work

## **1. Drawing freehand shapes with the pencil.**

The tool bar is on the left hand side of the window.

- Click on the *pencil* button, then move your mouse pointer into the white painting area of the window
- Hold the left mouse button down and move the mouse around. As the mouse moves, a line is made on the page. The line stops when the mouse button is released.
- Have a go and experiment for a few moments

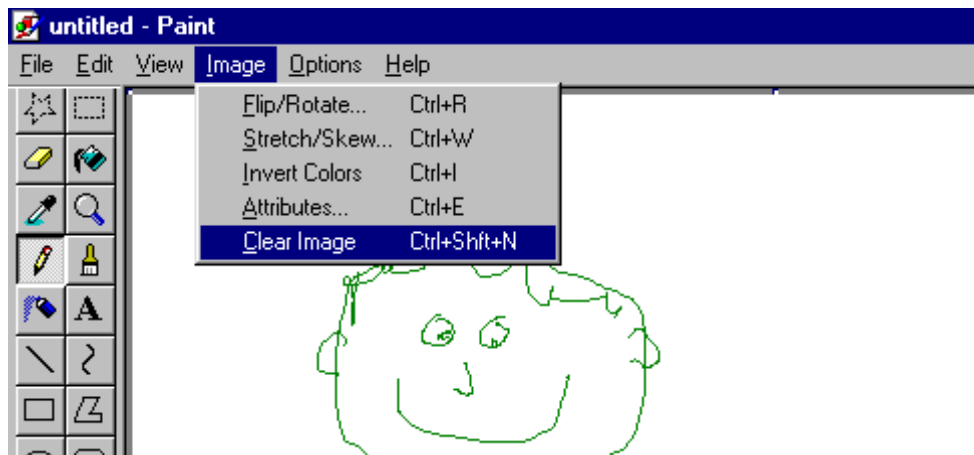


## 2. Take out bits that you don't want

There are three ways that you can take out bits that you don't want:

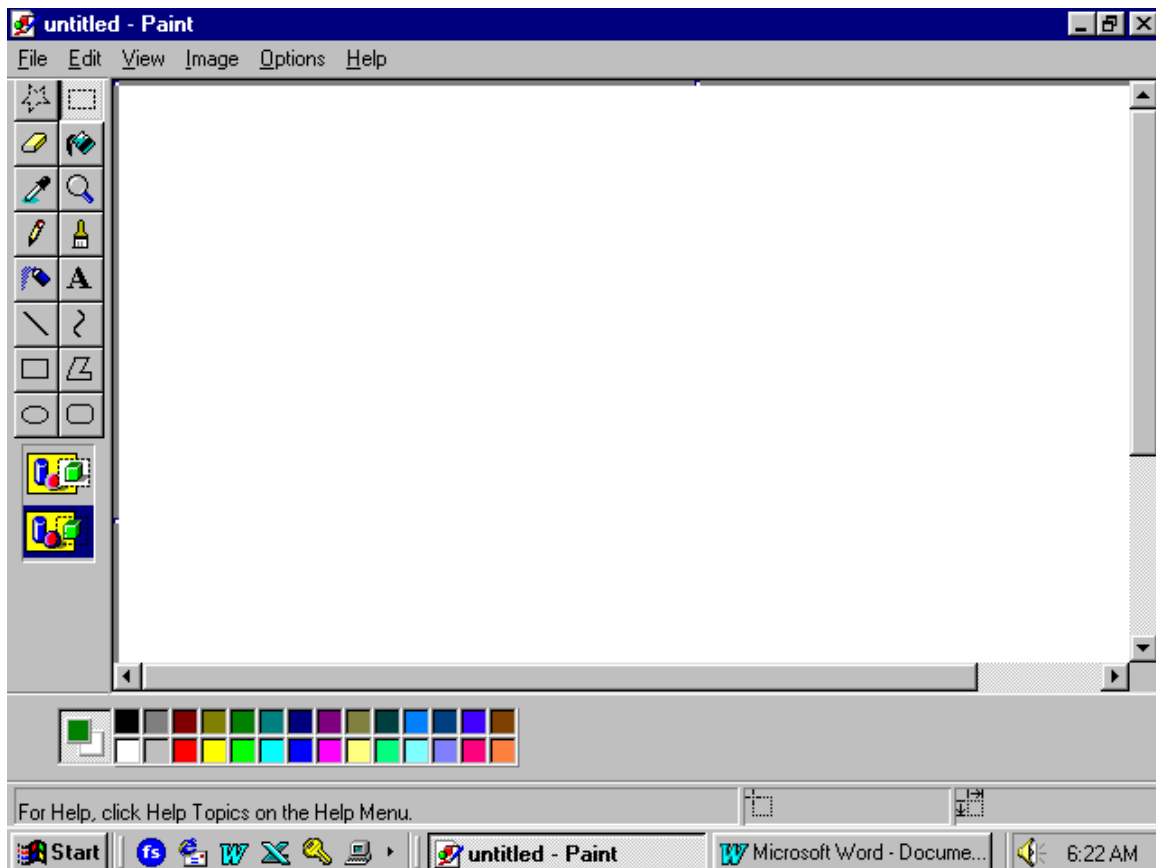
1. You can rub things out. Click on the *Eraser* button to make the pointer turn into a rubber. Point at the bits you want to take out, press the left mouse button and then move the mouse around. **Experiment.**
2. You can remove the last thing that you did. While holding down the **Ctrl** key (control key) on the keyboard, press the **Z** key. The last thing you did will disappear. **Experiment.**
3. Start again completely.

Click on the *Image* menu option on the menu bar at the top of the screen, then click on the *Clear Image* option at the bottom of the list. **Experiment**



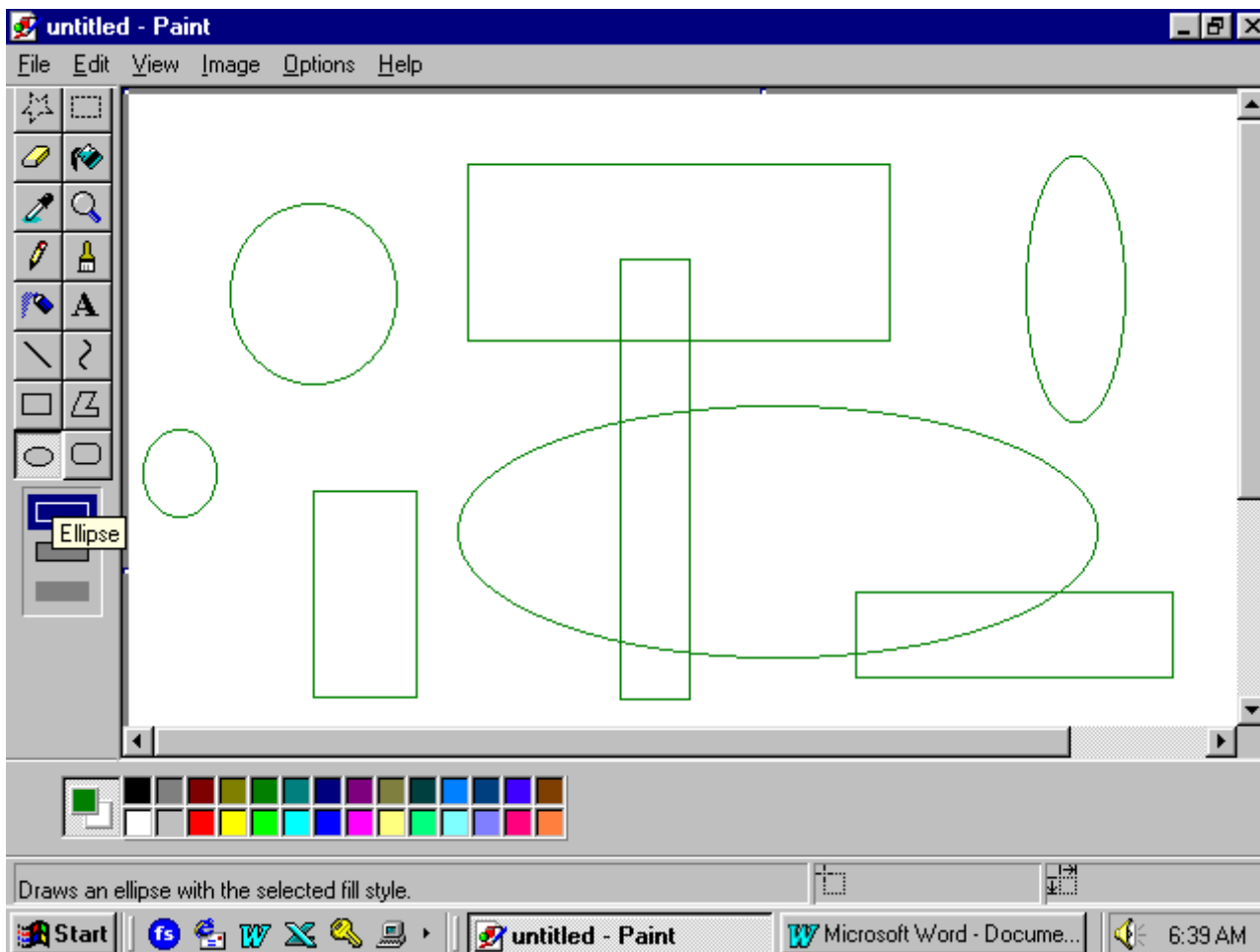
## 3. Draw in different colours

Towards the bottom of the screen is the *Colour Pallet*. To draw in different colours, click on the colour you want first. You can change colours at any time. **Experiment!**



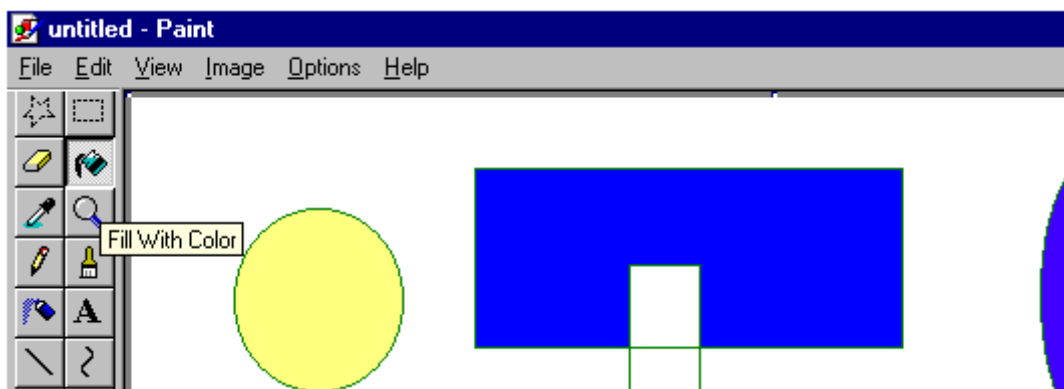
#### 4. Draw circles and rectangles

- Click on the *Ellipse* or the *Rectangle* buttons on the tool bar.
- Point the mouse pointer at the place on the page where you want the shape to be.
- Click the mouse button, and while holding it down, move the mouse. A circle or rectangle will be made on the page. Its size and shape will depend on how you move the mouse. **Experiment making some circles and rectangles of different shapes and colours. See if you can reproduce the screen below.**



#### 5. Colour in shapes, using the *fill colour* button

- Click on the *Fill With Colour* button on the tool bar. Imagine this tool to be like a tin of paint that you can pour to fill a shape you have already made
- Choose the colour that you want
- Click **in** the shape that you want to colour. It will be filled with the colour you have chosen. You



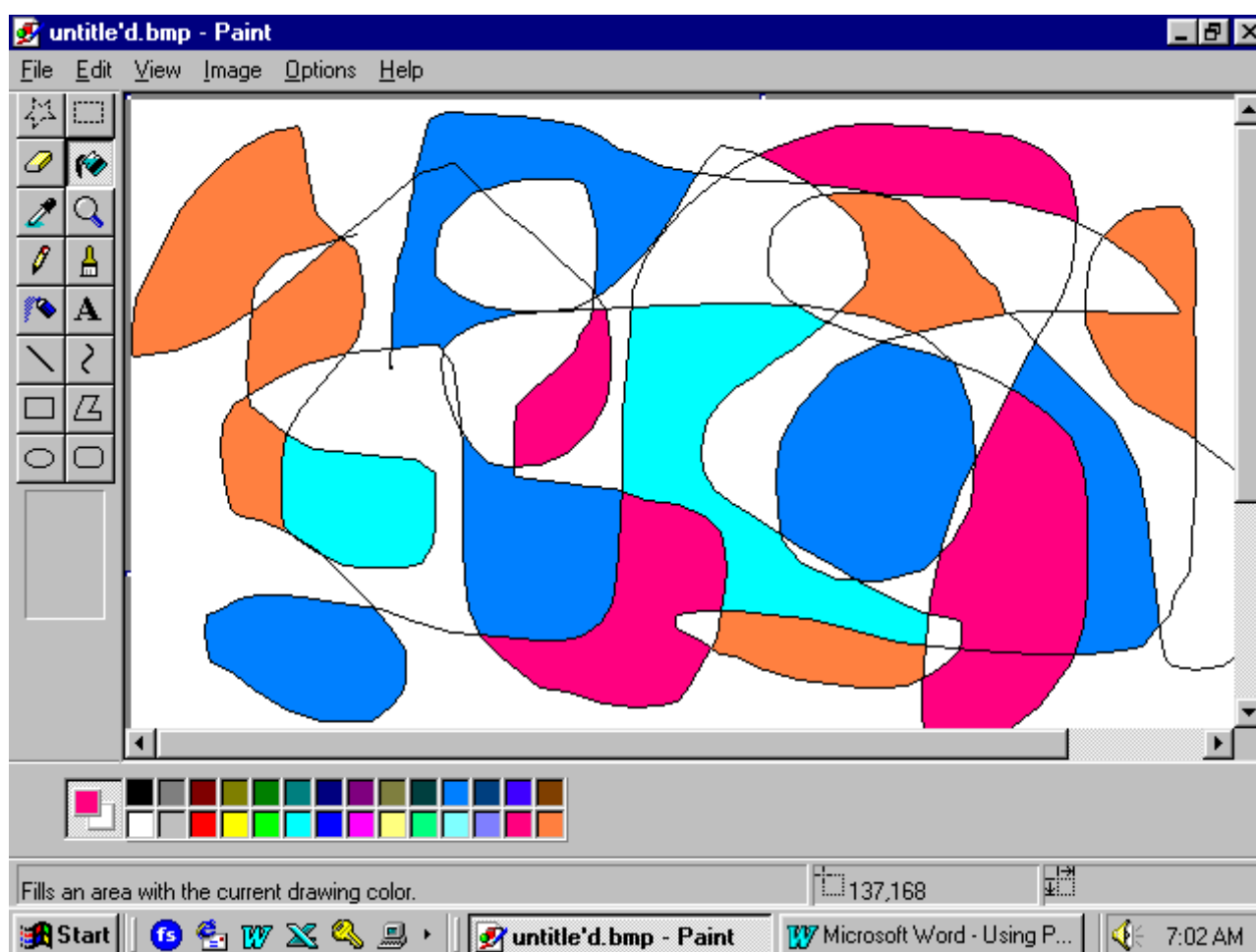
can change colour at any time.  
**Experiment with colouring in the shapes that you have already drawn.**

## 6. Saving your work

- Click on the *File* option on the menu bar at the top of the screen.
- Scroll down and click on *Save As*. The *Save As* window will appear.
- Open the **Work** folder. Your teacher will show you how.
- In the *File Name* field towards the bottom of the window, type a name for the work. Try to think of a name that will remind you what the work is about. You might want to include your name. Eg **Kylie's shape work**
- Click on the *Save* button. Your work will be there ready to load and use again another time.

## Challenge: Modern Art

Draw a long squiggly line over the page. Fill in the shapes with different colours to make an attractive piece of modern art. Try to use all of the colours. Try not to have any bordering shapes with the same colours.



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