

Using Paint.net

Magic Wand, Fill Bucket

Magic Wand

The Magic Wand tool allows you to select areas of color. The Magic Wand tool takes into consideration factors such as the actual content of the image and the current tolerance setting.ⁱ

Paint Bucket Tool

This tool may be used to fill an area with a specific color. You can position the cursor on the area that you wish fill with color and then click the left mouse button to fill with the primary color, or click the right mouse button to use the secondary color.ⁱⁱ

1. Open Paint.net, and open the picture called *cats_1*.

2. Select the **Magic Wand** from the toolbox, and click on the yellow face of the yellow cat. You will see that just the yellow section has been selected.



3. In the toolbar at the top, change the **tolerance** to 6% and click on the yellow face again. You will see that only a small section of the yellow has been selected.

4. Change the tolerance to 100% and click again on the yellow face. You will see that all or most of the image has been selected.

5. Change the tolerance back to 50% (or something right around there) and click once more on the yellow face, so that the yellow face is the only area selected. Select the **Paint Bucket** from the toolbox. Choose a color from the colors palette, and click on the face to change that color.



***Note:** To deselect an area, select *Edit* → *Deselect*, or use the keyboard shortcut **Ctrl+D**.

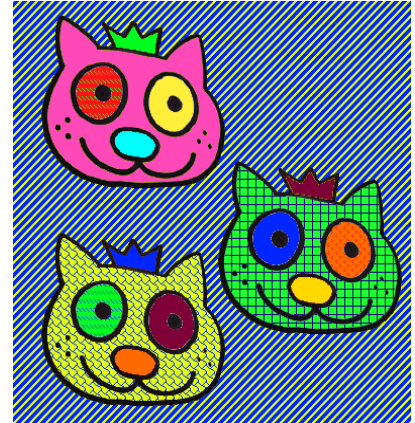
6. Select the magic wand again. Change the color of the blue cat's face by selecting it and then using the paint bucket again.

***Note:** The paint bucket has several fill options – experiment with the different patterns and textures!

7. Continue this process until you have changed the color and/or texture of each object on the page!

8. Save this assignment **twice** to your *Paint Projects* folder...

1. Save as a Paint.Net file (cat_1.pdn)
2. Save as a JPEG (cat_1.jpg)



***Note:** Saving as different file types allows you to do different things with the image... a paint.net file will allow you to open the project to continue editing, while a JPEG file can be used on Power Points, web sites, posters, etc.

ⁱ *Paint.net help*. (2006). Retrieved from <http://eecs.wsu.edu/paint.net/doc/2.6/Help/en/MagicWand.html>

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