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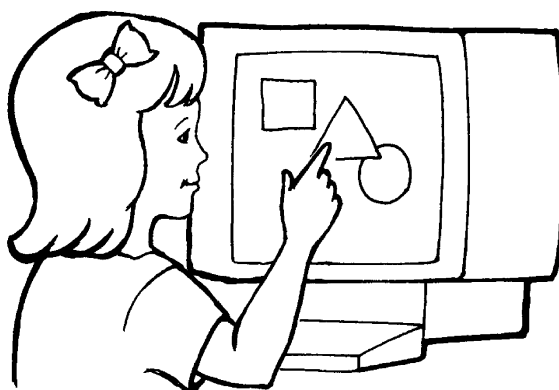
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# Introduction to Kid Pix

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You have obviously made a wise choice in the purchasing of *Kid Pix*. Every time you use *Kid Pix*, you will be amazed at its capabilities, as well as your own. If you think you have no artistic talent when it comes to drawing on paper, just give *Kid Pix* a try and watch your artistic skills change from stick figures to elaborate works of art.

Empowering children/students to create something using a computer is what using computers at the lower primary level is all about. For example, once while I was in a lab setting while using *Kid Pix* with a group of six-year olds, the most wonderful event occurred. The students had been working on their projects for about 45 minutes, when all of a sudden one of the little girls in the class was standing on her chair shouting, "Oh my God, look what I did!" It was at that moment, that I realised the importance of computers.

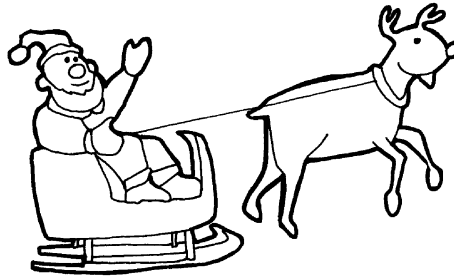


## **Using Kid Pix**

This book is intended for classroom teachers who teach children from prep to second grade. Many of the projects can be adapted for use in other grades and in special programs. English Language Development, Special Education, and Gifted and Talented students will find delight in their *Kid Pix* discoveries.

The projects in this book are intended to be used as “task cards” either at a classroom computer station or in a computer lab. Duplicate each project page on a separate piece of tag board, laminate them, assemble the cards in order, and there you have it, a ready-to-go computer lesson for your students.

The projects are written at a primary level and encompass the different disciplines found in the primary grades. As you become more familiar with *Kid Pix*, you will find a myriad of ways in which to use it in your classroom.



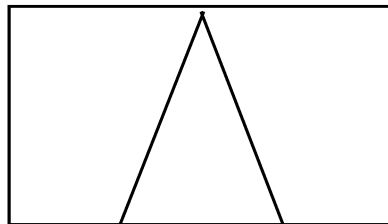
## Triangle Santa

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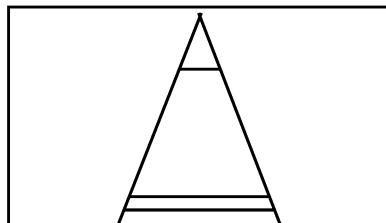
**This Project:** You are going to make a Santa from a triangle and put lots of presents and other holiday items in your picture.



1. Select the Straight Line tool. Start at the centre top of the drawing screen, holding the mouse key down and pulling at an angle to the bottom of the screen.

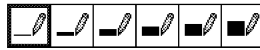
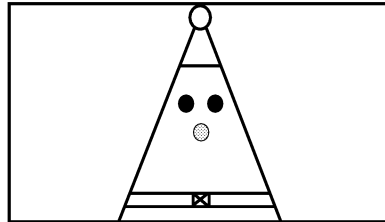


2. Divide the large triangle into three sections using the Straight Line tool. This time hold down the shift key as you draw in the sections.

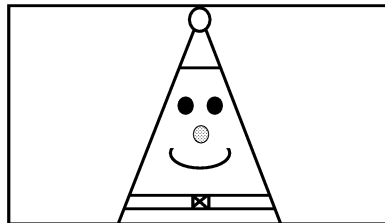




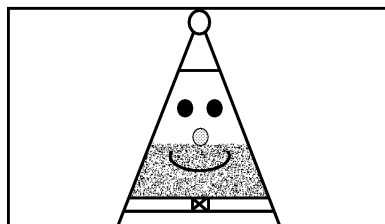
3. Select the Oval tool to make the eyes, the nose, and the ball at the top of Santa's hat.



4. Select the Wacky Pencil and medium line width to draw in the mouth.



5. To make the beard, select the Wacky Brush, level 1, and click on the spray paint. Hold down the mouse button as you spray on Santa's beard.



**What Else Can We Do:** Now you are going to finish your holiday picture.



**Switcheroo**

 Swap Stamps



1. To add a tree to your picture, select the Rubber Stamp tool. In KP, select Swap Stamps from the SWITCHEROO menu. In KPS, select Pick a Stamp Set from the GOODIES menu. Choose the City group of stamps by double clicking on it. Click on the arrow at the right side of the screen to reach level 3.
2. Choose a tree and hold down the shift and option keys as you click on the screen to make the tree large.
3. To add decorations to the tree, select Wacky Brush level 1. Click on a colour and click on the third icon from the left. Hold down your mouse button as you string lights on the tree.
4. Choose another colour and click on the fourth icon from the left. See what decorations that makes.
5. To put a star on your tree, select the Rubber Stamp tool and find a star.
6. Use the Rubber Stamp tool to find lots of presents to put in your picture. You may want to draw in Santa's bag of presents.
7. Add a title to your picture. You may want to call this "My Holiday Story."
8. You can use this as the cover to a story book that you write.