

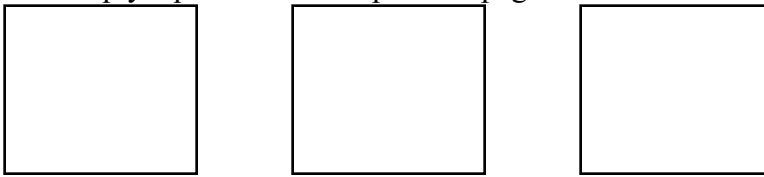
# Painting a la Eric Carle

Eric Carle is the author and illustrator of many famous children's books. His illustrations are unique in that he uses collage to create his characters. Using a painting program is easy for anyone to imitate his style of art. To check out his web site, go to:

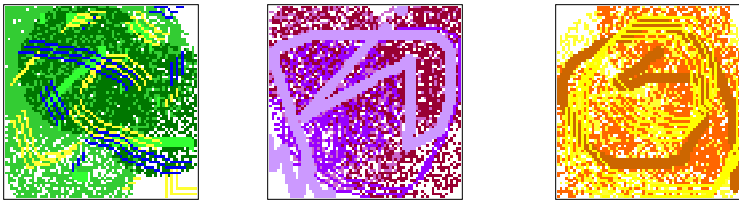
<http://www.eric-carle.com>

## Paint a Flower

1. Open a paint program.
2. Use the square tool.  
Choose no color to fill the squares  
Draw three empty squares on the top of the page.

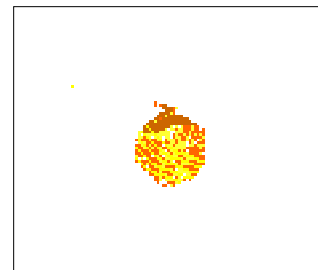


3. "Mix" your paint swatches by using the paint tools and mixing colors into a collage. Keep the colors in each box close to each other. For example, in one box, mix greens and a little blue for leaves and stems. In another box, mix purples and pinks, in the last box mix yellows and oranges.

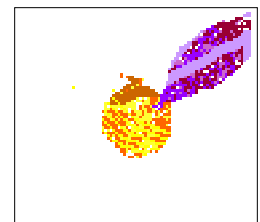


4. Use the lasso tool to draw a circle in the yellow swatch. Copy and past the circle.

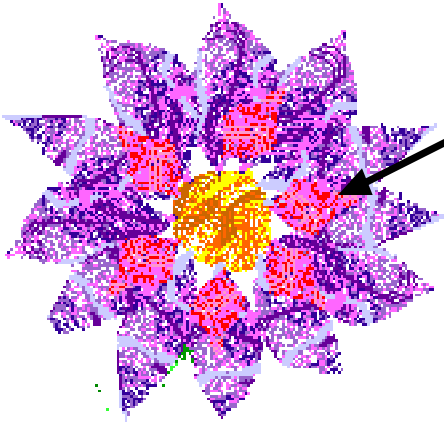
5. Use the lasso to make a petal shape in the purple swatch. This is just an oval with points on each end. Copy and paste the petal. You can move it while it is selected by rolling the mouse over it until you see the arrow tool.



6. Paste another petal. You don't need to copy again, the petal is still on the clipboard (memory of the computer.)  
Go to the "Transform" menu and select "Free Rotate"  
Rotate the petal by grabbing the little squares that have appeared at the corners.  
Continue pasting and rotating petals until you have a flower.



(I added some color to my swatch before I made these smaller petals.)



7. Using the same techniques, make a stem and leaves.  
Make a sun using the yellow swatch.

