WHY CLICK & CREATE?

Simply because creating something on the screen helps children understand that the computer is not yet another device for entertainment, but also a useful and essential tool in their life. They can use it for problem solving, elaborating ideas, as well as for conception and creation. Realizing this will enable them to understand how to integrate efficiently the computer in their life and to make better use of its possibilities. Needless to say that after having created and printed a document with Click and Create, they will be very proud of their accomplishment.

INTRODUCTION

Click & Create with Mia is a complete creativity studio featuring five specific sections.

The Paint Section

This section offers a vast selection of colors and art tools (pencils, brushes, markers, as well as a stamper, a chalk and more!). You can use these tools and let your imagination run wild or color pages with scenes and characters from Mia's adventures.

The Projects Section

In this section, you can create your own greeting cards, postcards, posters, agenda pages, letterheads, envelopes and more... all featuring the lovable Mia characters! A bank of more than a hundred samples is offered, which can be printed or modified to suit your own artistic vision.

The Shapes Section

You can build fun characters and imaginative landscapes using different colored rectangles, circles and triangles.

The Draw Section

Here Mia gives you step by step instructions to make it easy to make cool drawings of animals, robots, plants and more! You can also invent anything that comes to your mind.

The Multimedia Section

Here it is possible to create your own multimedia projects. Select a background, place your favorite characters and objects as desired and then turn on the music. You have a choice of characters, melodies and environments!

In most cases, you can combine characteristics of many sections into a specific project. See the section "How to transfer a project from one section to another".

BEFORE BEGINNING THE GAME

When first entering a section, Mia will sum up what you can accomplish. To get some help afterwards, just click on Mia's face at the bottom right of the screen. A window will appear and you will be presented with three options.
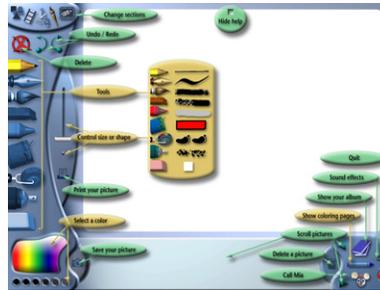
Tutorial

Before beginning the game, let Mia give you a demonstration of what you can do and how to use the different tools in that section. Mia will give you an example of what you can create. You just have to press the Space Bar if you want to end the tutorial.

Help

By clicking on the "?" icon, you will see the name of the different tools you can use. Here is an example for the "Paint" section.

When you click on a particular tool, Mia will explain how to use it. To quit that screen, click on "Hide Help".

Jokes

If you want to hear Mia and Scary tell jokes, click on Mia's face at the bottom right of the screen. A window will appear. In it, click on the clown at the bottom right. Clicking on the square at the top left corner will close the window.
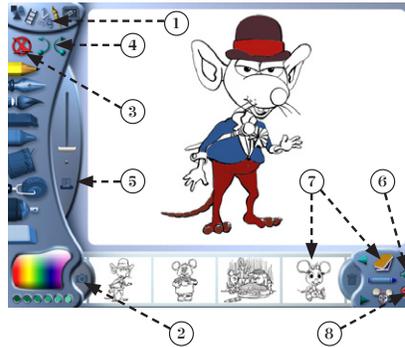
LET'S START!

Select the section you would like to start with.
Listen to the tutorial, by clicking on the "I" icon . It's up to you now!

① Navigation
Change sections by clicking on the image representing the section you want to go to, on the left at the top of the screen.

② Save
Save by clicking on this icon.

③ Delete
Use this icon to erase everything on the page.

④ Undo / Redo
Use these icons to undo or redo the last thing you did.

⑤ Print
Use this icon when you want to print.

⑥ Sound effects
Turn the sounds on and off by clicking on this icon.

⑦ Drag a saved image onto the work area
Click on the album icon to display the content of your album. Use the arrows to scroll through the album. Drag the selected picture onto the work area to use it.

⑧ Quit game
Quit the game by clicking on this icon.

IMPORTING A PROJECT FROM ONE SECTION TO ANOTHER

In most cases, you can bring images created in a section into another section where they can be modified using other tools.

Section in which the work was created	Section in which you want to import your work				
	PAINT	PROJECTS	DRAW	SHAPES	MULTIMEDIA
PAINT		YES *	YES	YES	YES
PROJECTS	NO		NO	NO	NO
DRAW	YES	YES *		YES	YES
SHAPES	YES	YES *	YES		YES
MULTIMEDIA	YES	YES *	YES	YES	

* There is a difference between downloading a project previously saved and changing sections while working on a project. Apart from the projects section, when changing section, the piece you are working on will transfer into the new section. To use a picture in the projects section, you must first save it and then drag it to the projects section.

DELETING ALBUMS

Your creations are stored in Album files, these files are written to your personal Documents folder. You can erase them if you wish, but you will loose all your work.

On Windows the path is:
C:\Documents and settings\UserName\My Documents\Click&Create\
(Where "UserName" is your account name.)

On Macintosh OS X the path is:
Macintosh HD:Users:UserName:Documents:Click&Create:
(Where "Macintosh HD" is the name of your hard drive and "UserName" is your account name.)

SPECIAL FEATURE

Exporting an image
You can export an image to your hardrive. It will be saved as a JPEG file. Press CRTL + E, the image will be saved to your desktop. Then you can email them to someone!

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MINIMUM SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

WINDOWS :	MACINTOSH :
O/S: Windows 2000, XP	OS X 10.2 -4
CPU: Pentium II, Celeron or better	CPU: G3 400 MHz, iMac
RAM: 128 MB	RAM: 128 MB
Video: 800 x 600 (True colors - 24 bits)	Video: 800 x 600 (Millions of colors)
Direct X compatible Sound	Sound: Standard Macintosh
CD-ROM: 6X	CD-ROM: 6X
Printer recommended	Printer recommended

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