

Lesson 3-2: Selecting, Resizing, Moving, and Deleting Objects in the Painting Module

Figure 3-3

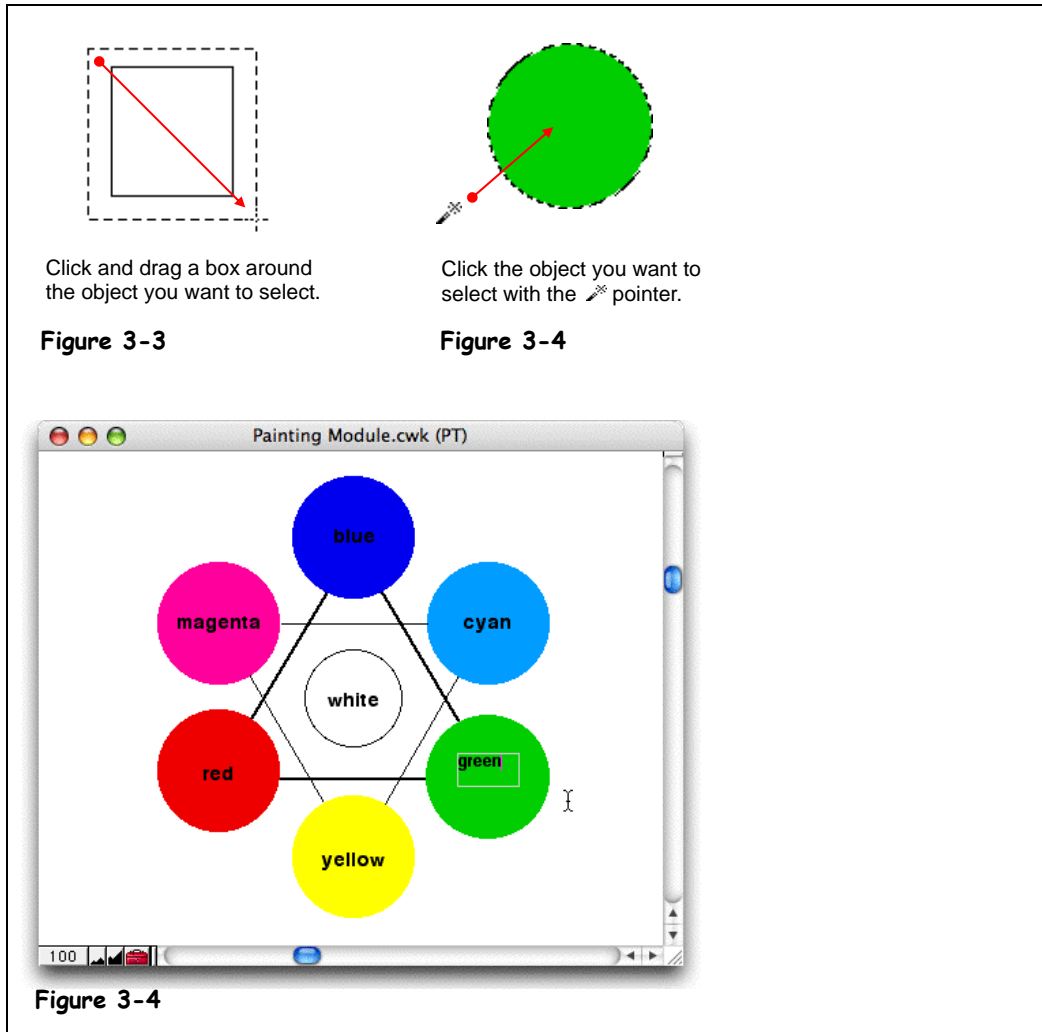
Selecting an object using the Selection Rectangle.

Figure 3-4

Selecting an object using the Magic Wand.

Figure 3-5

The updated document.



Working with objects in the Painting module is very different from working with objects in the Drawing module. Why? Because anything you add to a painting becomes part of the overall canvas, meaning you can't easily select or manipulate single objects.

This lesson will show you how to select, move, and delete objects in the Painting module.





Selection Rectangle button

1. Navigate to the **Drawing and Painting** folder in your Practice folder, open the **Lesson 3B** file, and save it as **Painting Module**.

If you don't know where your practice files are located, ask your instructor for help.

2. Click the **Selection Rectangle button** in the Tools window.

The pointer changes to a . To select an object in the Painting module, click and drag a box around the object(s) you want to select.

3. Position the  pointer above and to the left of the **square object**. Click and drag down and to the right until a box appears around the square, as shown in Figure 3-3. Release the mouse button.

Marching ants appear around the selected area.

Let's delete this area. Deleting an area in the Painting module is exactly the same as deleting an object in the Drawing module—press the <Delete> key.

4. Press the **<Delete>** key.

The selected area disappears.

To select an object or area that is painted a specific color, use the Magic Wand tool.

5. Click the **Magic Wand button** in the Tools window and click the **green circle**.

Marching ants appear around the circle, indicating that it is selected.

Let's move this circle to another location. Moving an object in the Painting module is exactly the same as moving an object in the Drawing module—simply drag the object to a new location and then release the mouse button.

6. Drag the **green circle** until it is positioned on top of the striped circle in the diagram. Release the mouse button and click an empty area on the page.

The green circle is positioned in its proper location in the color wheel.

Let's try inserting a text frame into the painting.

7. Click the **Text tool** in the Tools window and draw a small rectangle in the middle of the green circle.

A blinking cursor appears, indicating that you can insert text.

8. Select **Text** → **Style** → **Bold** from the menu and type **green**.

Compare your document to the one shown in Figure 3-5.

You can also use the Lasso tool to select objects in the Painting module. Used mostly for irregular areas, the Lasso tool can be utilized by clicking the Lasso button in the Tools window and tracing around the area. The Lasso tool can be a little tricky at first, so it might take you a few tries before you get it right.

Take a look at the table below for more ways to select and manipulate painted objects.

Table 3-1: Working with Painted Objects

To...	Do this...
Select all painted elements	Double-click the Selection Rectangle button in the Tools window.
Select all painted elements except the blank space in between them	Double-click the Lasso button in the Tools window.
Select irregular objects	Click the Lasso button in the Tools window and trace around the object you want to select.
Resize an object	Select the object you want to resize and select Transform → Resize from the menu. Click and drag one of the object's sizing handles until the object reaches the desired size.
Erase a portion of a painted image	Click the Eraser button in the Tools window and click and drag over the portion you wish to remove.



Magic Wand button



Text tool

Quick Reference

To Select an Object:

- Click the **Selection Rectangle button** in the Tools window and click and drag a rectangle around the object you want to select.

Or...

- Click the **Magic Wand button** in the Tools window and click the object you want to select.

Or...

- Click the **Lasso button** in the Tools window and trace around the object you want to select.

To Move an Object:

- Select the object you want to move, click and drag the object to a new location, and release the mouse button when you're finished.

To Delete an Object:

- Select the object you want to delete and press the **<Delete>** key.