

SpiroDraw Help

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Getting started

Drawing with SpiroDraw

To use SpiroDraw, you simply need to click the "Draw" button at the bottom right of the screen. To draw different shapes, change the "SpiroValue" (which cannot exceed 182) at the bottom left of your screen.

Changing colors

To change the drawing or background color of your image, simply click on the preview or select the "Edit colors" button. You need to change the Red, Green, and Blue values to obtain the desired colors.

Sizing and precision

There are three sizes to choose from, and three precision values. Note that the precision values may also change the shape of the image you are drawing.

Opening a file

You can use any type of image format to draw over in SpiroDraw. BMP, JPEG, and GIF are just some. Use the "Draw over" option next to the Draw button to draw over your existing background image.

Saving a file

SpiroDraw automatically saves your file to BMP format. To do this, select "Save" from the "File" menu or "Save As" if it hasn't already been saved.

Tips and tricks

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Drawing with SpiroDraw is very easy, but may occasionally be frustrating. Do not use the "Undo" command unless absolutely necessary, because you may not retrieve the picture exactly how it was before. Try the demo to see a couple of samples of what you can create with SpiroDraw. It could save you a lot of time and effort.

Trick

Don't try drawing the same shape over with a different color ; that will only leave you with the shape in the second color. Try a [fade](#) and draw a shape over it: the results are always great.

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Special features

FADING

Fading is very simple and very effective. Simply select your fade options by clicking "Fade options" in the "Options" menu. You can mix either of the three colors to create different effects, and give different orientations to the fade. If "horizontal" and "vertical" are both checked, you will get a diagonal fade (45'). The "light to dark" option lets you decide between light to dark and dark to light.

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- The Setup program will *properly* install and uninstall HelpScribble and all of its components, including registry keys.
- Create, edit and navigate through topics right in the main window. No need to mess with heaps of dialog boxes.
- All topics are listed in a grid in the main window so you won't lose track in big help projects. You can even set bookmarks.
- Use the built-in Browse Sequence Editor to easily create browse sequences.
- Use the built-in Window Editor to change the look of your help window and create secondary windows.
- Use the built-in Contents Editor to create Windows 95-style contents files. Works *a lot* better than Microsoft's HCW.
- No need to mess with Microsoft's SHED: use the built-in SHG Editor to create hotspot bitmaps. Draw your hotspots on the bitmap and pick the topic to link to from the list.
- With the built-in Macro Editor you can easily compose WinHelp macros whenever needed. It will tell you what the correct parameters are and provide information on them.
- If you have a problem, just consult the online help. The help file was completely created with HelpScribble, of course.
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- If you are an application writer, HelpScribble provides you with a property editor for the HelpContext property. You can select the topic you need from a list of topic titles or simply instruct to create a new topic. No need to remember obscure numbers.
- The property editor also provides a tree view of all the components on your form and their HelpContext properties. This works very intuitively. (Much nicer than those help tools that simply mess with your .dfm files.)
- HelpScribble can perform syntax highlighting on any Delphi source code in your help file.

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