

Custom Brushes in TVPaint the Easy Way

This short tutorial will help you setup a custom panel where you can store brushes with their parameters and optionally with their assigned Apen/Bpen colors. The brushes you store can be temporary or permanent.

Create a Custom Brush Panel

First, you will want to create a custom brush panel where you can store your brushes. Click on the Windows menu option, then cursor over the Custom Panels option and at the bottom of the list you will find New Tool Bar which you will click.

Rename the Panel

When the new generic custom Tool Bar appears, right click on the panel, then press the "This Panel" option and choose rename: call it My Custom Brushes.

Two Very Useful Brush-making Buttons

Again, in the Windows menu option, under Custom Panels you want to open a panel called Tool Bin. At the bottom of the panel you'll find two arrow buttons, one black & white and the other yellow, red and blue. Click and drag a selection box over those two arrow buttons and from the popup menu select Copy.



Insert Arrow Buttons into your Custom Brush Panel

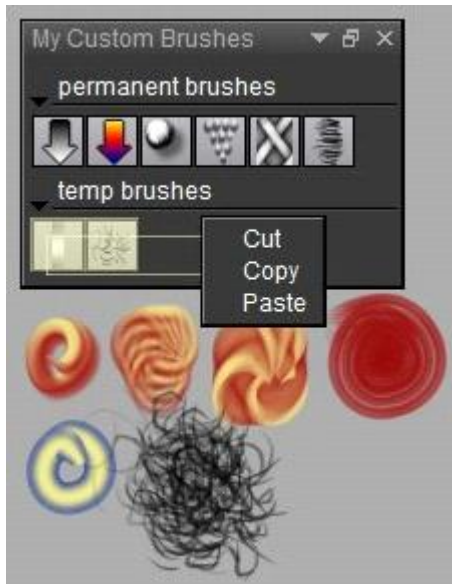
In your newly created custom panel called My Custom Brushes paste the two arrow buttons.

These buttons let you build your custom brush collection.

- The Black & White Arrow lets you save your current brush into your Custom Brush panel.

- The Color Arrow saves the current brush AND the current Apen and Bpen colors along with it.

Pressing either arrow will capture the current brush and save it into a new button and assign the cutbrush as the icon. The new button appears below the existing buttons.



Customizing your Custom Brush Panel

You can further divide your Custom Brushes panel by inserting horizontal separators and renaming the two separators "Permanent Brushes" and "Temp Brushes" by right clicking above the horizontal separator lines.

Housekeeping your Custom Brush Panel

Once any current brush is captured (by pressing either arrow) you should move any new brush you want to be permanent from session to session into the Permanent Brushes section.

At any time you can delete multiple temporary custom brush buttons by selecting them and then pressing the Cut option in the popup menu... Gone.

Your custom brush panel can either float or be inserted as a permanent resident with the other system and custom panels, left or right.

Keeping More Brushes in Custom Brush Panel

One other thing concerning housekeeping: You can insert additional named separator lines and fill those sections with other custom brushes. Click on the **triangle** at the start of the separator to collapse the entire section and hide all those brushes until needed.

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