


By the end of this task I should know how to...

- 1) Use different brushes sizes and flow rates
- 2) Airbrush small touches of colour
- 3) Create special effects with the brush tool.

### Brush Sizes and Flow Rates

Using the paintbrush tool is easy. Using it well requires a lot of practice and some imagination.

**Step 1** Open a new A4, landscape drawing

**Step 2** Click on the *paintbrush tool* .

When you select the paintbrush a tool bar appears above your page.




Set...

- the *line colour* to blue
- the brush *width* to 40pt
- And the *flow* to 25%

Now draw a long line across the middle of your page. You should see something like the example below.



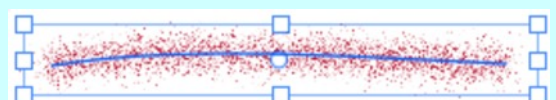
**Step 3** In modern graphics programs like Serif DrawPlus you can change the appearance of painted lines after they are drawn.

Select  your paintbrush line. Change the paintbrush tool bar to the following.



Select Red

Your painted line should now look like this.



### Airbrushing

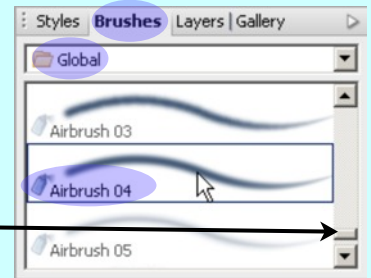
**Step 1** Draw the heart shape shown below and change the fill colour to a light yellow.



**Step 2** The paintbrush tool is often used to add small touches of colour to drawings. Select the paintbrush tool.

The Brushes toolbar can be used to select different type of brushes.

Select Airbrush 04 (from the Global brushes). (You'll have to scroll nearly to the bottom to find it.)



To draw accurately we need to zoom in close to the shape. Change the zoom to 500%.

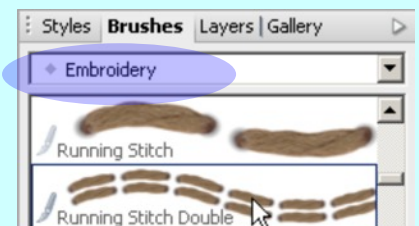
Now use the airbrush to add small touches of red to the top left hand side of your heart.

Zoom back out to 100% to see your airbrushed heart.



### Using Special Paintbrush Effects

**Step 1** Select the paintbrush tool.  
On the brushes tab select *Embroidery*.  
Draw a line using some of the effects.



Try - Experiment with the Stitches effects in the Brushes tab.

Try - Use what you have learned to draw the advert shown.

