

FUN COMPUTER TRICKS!

Do-It-yourself Coloring Book!

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The Problem?

In many of the classrooms I visit, the teachers like to make book reproductions or innovations with their students. As part of the project they want to make coloring sheets. The teachers want clear simple graphics that can be colored electronically or with crayons. The challenge is avoiding the shaded areas that occur when scanning in images.

The Solution!

- * Scan the image into the computer.
- * Open the image in a paint program.
- * Using a black paintbrush, outline the object and trace over the most important details.
- * Copy the image and bring it into IntelliPics.
- * Create a new item and paste. Make sure that the color palettes are on and that white is in the palette range. Click done.
- * Go to the main screen. Select white. Color the object.
- * Take a screen shot.

Now What?

I have opened the resulting image in a word processing document so the students can make their own books. The images can be brought into KidPix Studio, colored, and turned into a slide show. When the images are brought back into IntelliPics only the outline is colored, but you get true colors. Kids love it when they can color Eric Carle's animals or "Brown Bear" in their own wacky colors!

Too Much Technology?? Lower Tech Version

Scan the picture. Print. Open up a paint or word processor document. Maximize it so your screen is entirely white. You now have a light box. Put the print-out on the computer monitor. The static electricity will hold it in place while you put a plain piece of paper on top and trace the outline.