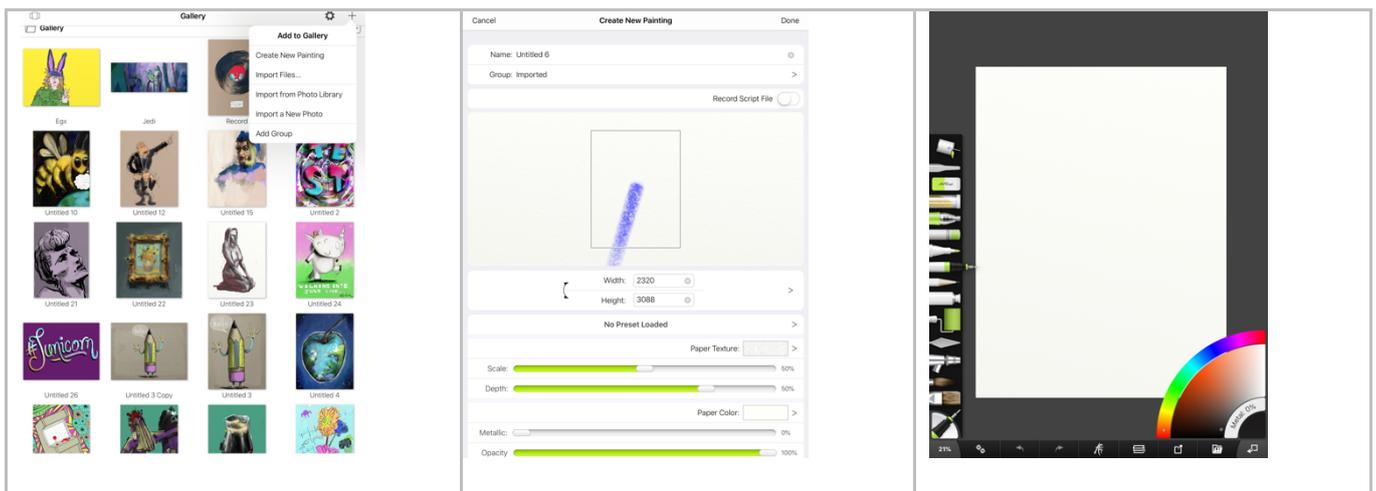


# ArtRage app – the basics.

ArtRage app is a fabulous cross platform art application for Windows, Mac, Android and iOS.

For this tutorial I'm going to use the iOS version. The icons are almost exactly like for like in other versions of the program, although sometimes the options are in more traditional drop down menus if you're on a desktop version of the program.



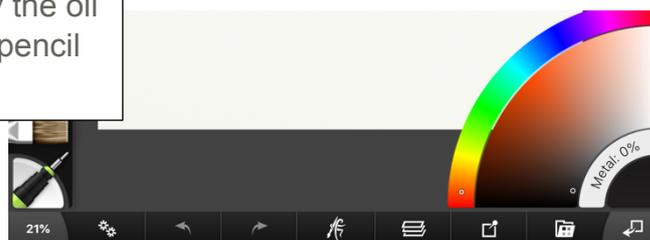
To begin with you will likely start here, the gallery. I've used ArtRage a lot so there's lots of paintings here already. If you're starting from scratch you'll see nothing here but the settings and plus icon. Tap plus to create a new image or import a photo.

If you're starting a new painting you'll find options to resize the canvas, to change the background colour, paper type and more. You can also record a script file to save as a time lapse animation of your painting.

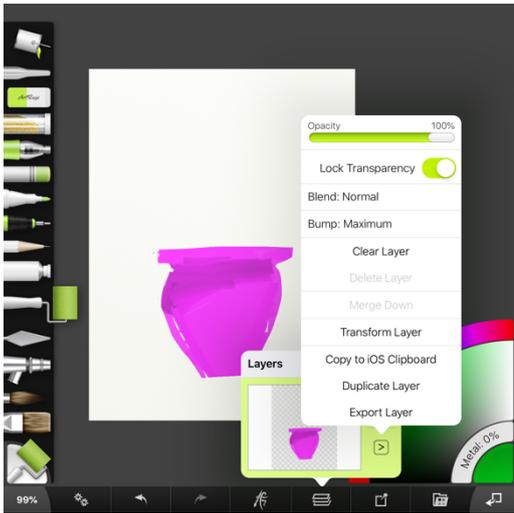
When you've made your selection and tapped 'done' you'll find yourself here, sitting in front of a blank canvas, waiting for you to make your mark!

Tap this icon on and off to reveal your art tools which, wonderfully, all act as the tool they represent would. Try the oil paint brush, the pen, the pencil and more.

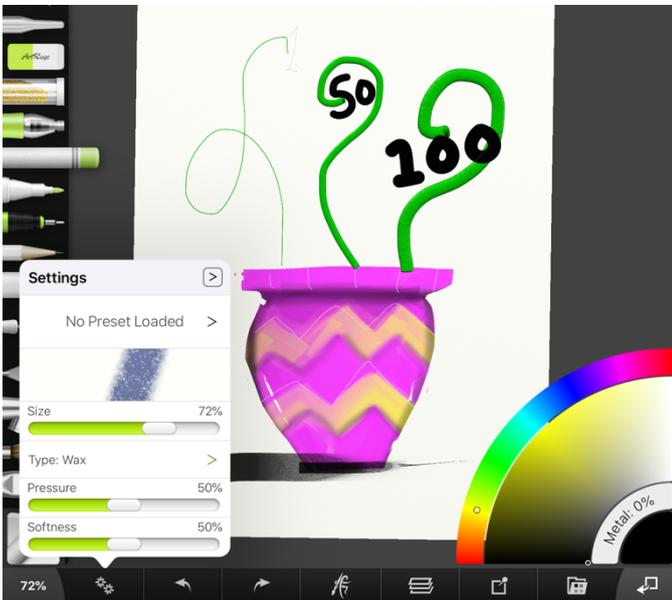
Tap this icon to show or hide the colour palette arranged in hue (the outside arch) and shade (the inner gradient).



This menu bar shows tool size, settings, undo, redo, app options, layers and more.

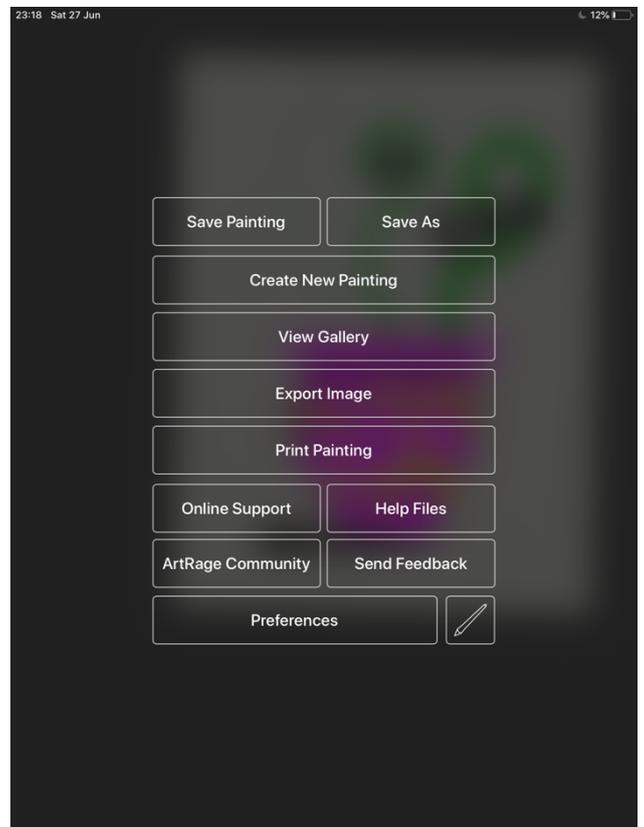


One of my favourite settings allows you to lock transparency to the contents of a layer (more on layers soon). Here I've painted a vase, locked the transparency and now can only paint on the vase until I unlock it. Hugely useful.



Here I've changed the size of the brushes from 1% (for thin lines and fine detail) to 100%. Each brush acts differently and the best way to find out how is to play with the app and explore all of the possibilities it offers

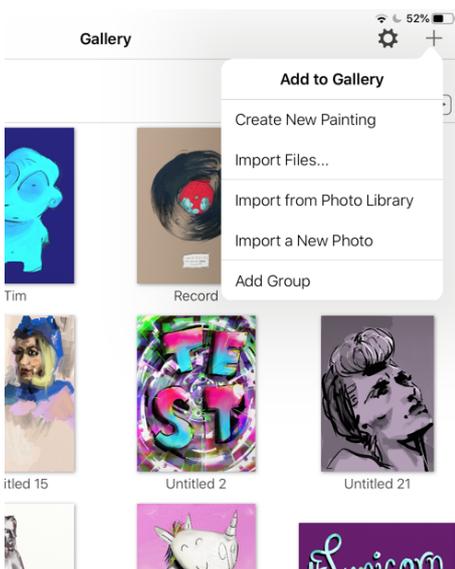
Finally, the ArtRage icon in the middle/bottom of the screen takes you to the save, export, print and more options... (as well as more useful help and support files).



# 'Toon me' with ArtRage!

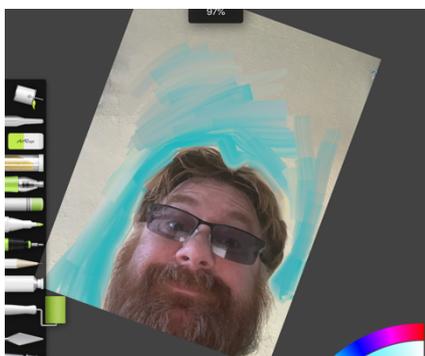
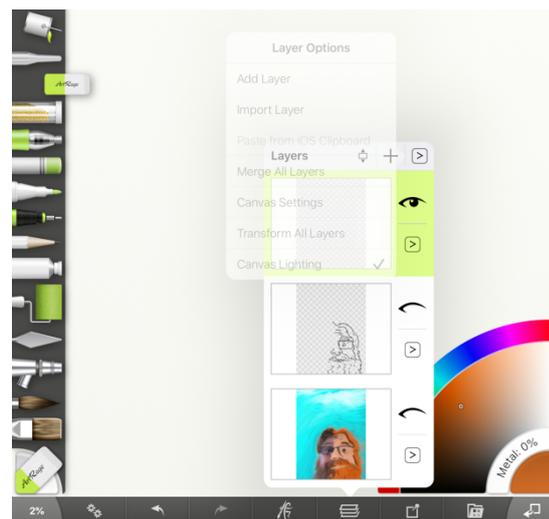
## How to make a cartoon style image on your phone, tablet or desktop computer.

Did you notice the 'Toon Me' hashtag on social media over the past few weeks? It was huge amounts of fun and, now, it's your turn to give it a try! Hopefully you'll find these steps easy to follow.

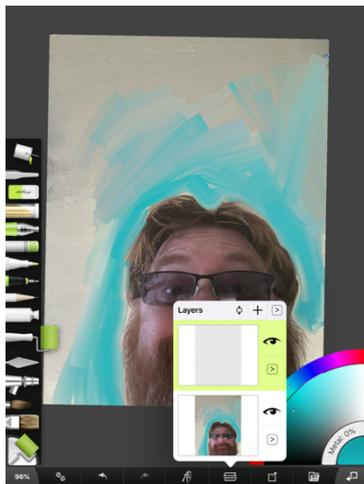


Step 1: take a selfie, or import a photo.

There are two ways to import a photo, either by tapping the plus icon in the ArtRage gallery and selecting import from photo library OR, in an existing ArtRage painting press the layer icon (the 3 pages on top of each other, at the bottom of the screen, just to the right of the ArtRage logo icon) and touch the right arrow icon, selecting import new layer.



Step 2: start painting on the background. You might notice that the paint is smudging and blending! That's because the photograph has been turned into a painting already 😊 each pixel from your photo now acts like a tiny blob of paint.



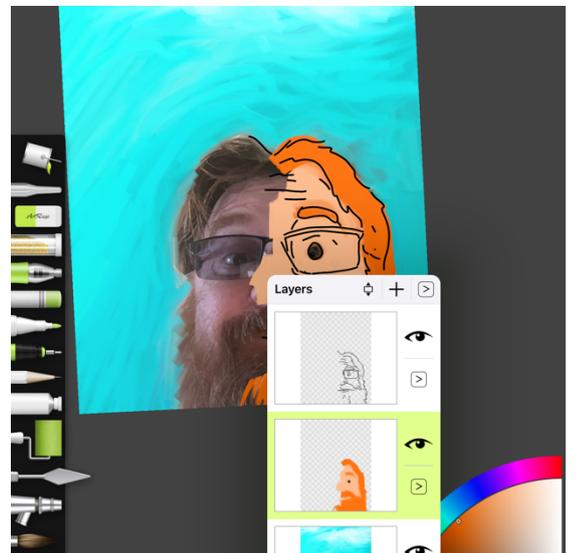
Step 3: to combat this blending we're going to use one of ArtRage's most helpful tools; Layers!

Tap the layers icon, then the plus icon (then the painting itself to dismiss the layers panel). If you paint now it's like you're painting on a sheet of glass placed on top of the photo you imported. Nothing blends, as they are two distinct layers to work on.



Step 4: Using the same process as step 3 I've created a new layer to draw my toon style outlines onto with the pen tool and then, on a new layer again (which I moved to be below the ink outline layer

using the box with arrows up and down icon to the left of the plus) I've used the painting tools to colour the image in.



Step 5: finally I've used a range of art tools: the roller, the airbrush, the palette knife and the oil paint tube to finish off my Toon Me style image.

Now it's your turn! Have fun.

**Remember to save your picture, to share it with @MobileArtEd and @Kercal using the hashtags #MobileArtSummit2020 and #ArtRage so we can see and enjoy your work!**