# Sketchpad Tips

Sketchpad Tips give you a quick overview of Sketchpad's tools and menu commands. Click the categories below to open the lists and immediately view the comic strips or short online videos.

▸ **Tools**

▸ **Custom Tools**

▸ **File**

▸ **Edit**

▼ **Display**

   ▼ Changing Line and Point Styles

- Change a line's width or pattern using **Display | Line Style**
- Change a point's size using **Display | Point Style**

   ▼ Changing Color

- Color an object using **Display | Color**
- Color a label using **Display | Color**
- Color a caption or measurement using **Display | Color**

   ▼ Deleting and Hiding

- Delete an object using **Edit | Clear**
- Delete an object using the Delete or Backspace key
- Hide an object using **Display | Hide**

   ▼ Showing Hidden Objects

- Show hidden objects using **Display | Show All Hidden**
- Show one hidden object only using **Display | Show All Hidden**

   ▼ Tracing

- Trace an object using **Display | Trace**
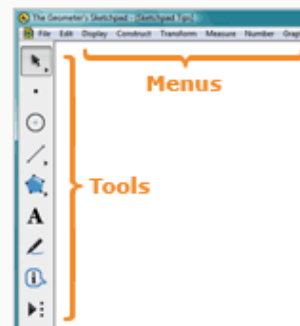- Erase traces using **Display | Erase Traces**

   ▼ Animating

- Animate an object using **Display | Animate**
- Show the Motion Controller using **Display | Show Motion Controller**
- Create an Animation button using **Edit | Action Buttons | Animation**

   ▼ Formatting Text

- Format text using the Text Palette

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- plays a video
- opens a web page

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Sketchpad Tips are organized by tool or menu.

Menus

Tools

Each Sketchpad Tip comes in two forms, a one-page comic strip and an online video.

Click this icon to view the comic strip.

Click this icon to watch the online video.

▼ Using Mathematical Symbols 📄 🎞️

- Insert mathematical symbols into captions using the Text Palette

▶ **Construct**

▶ **Transform**

▶ **Measure**

▶ **Number**

▶ **Graph**

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