

Welcome, handymen! Thank you for buying our game Pat&Mat. This manual, written with the aid of Pat&Mat, will help you with the game's operation. The book was printed on a homemade printer assembled from a drawer and a fruit press. It's living proof that it's possible to create wonderful miracles in your basement!

Game installation

Dear handymen, this game's installation was designed in such a way that Pat&Mat can do it, so you don't really need to worry too much. Put away your screwdriver and hammer, and just put the CD into the drive and press PLAY after a window appears automatically. Leave the rest to us. Yes, it's this simple.

When launching the game for the first time, some files and drivers need to be copied onto your computer. This may take several minutes. The next launch will be as quick as an electric drill!



Mat's tip: The game installation complies with the strictest handyman norms, so you don't need protective gear. With old computers however, you might want to wear goggles to protect against wood splinters!

Technical team note: If you're one of the professional handymen, you'd probably want to know where everything will be stored. The files of part one of the game are here:
C:\Program Files\Centauri\PatMat\1 The latest drivers for DirectX, Windows Media and PhysX will be installed too.



If the window with the PLAY button does not appear automatically after you insert the CD into your drive, launch the .exe file you will find in the root of the CD.

Pat's tip: Uninstalling the game is not recommended. The game is so much fun, that uninstalling it is a shame.

CD key and activation

If you want to play the game without having the CD in the drive, it's necessary to launch the game with an internet connection and to enter a CD key, found on the back of the manual.

Minimum workshop requirements

Pat&Mat are exceptionally undemanding in terms of your home workshop equipment. To play the game you really just need a common computer.

Operating system: MS Windows XP SP3, MS Windows Vista SP1, Windows 7

Graphics card: nVidia GeForce 5000 / ATI Radeon 9000 or better

CPU: Pentium III / Athlon XP 1 GHz or better

Hard disc space: 512 MB

RAM: 512 MB

Player creation

Before playing for the first time, you need to create your own handyman – the player. This player stores all your scores, successes and game replays in his toolbox. The game also unlocks new levels and game types – all of it stored in your player profile."

Everyone you know may have his own player profile to play with. You may compete with them as to who can unlock new levels first, who will have the higher score or who gets the golden cup.



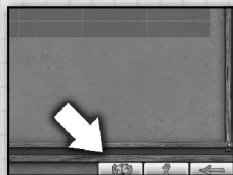
Pat's tip: We took a lot of portraits photographs with Mat's Grandpa's camera. You can choose one of these to have displayed on your player profile.

The profile will accompany you through the rest of the **Pat&Mat** series – it will eventually contain scores from several installments together!

The player profiles are stored on your computer only. This does not limit you however. The profile can be easily tweaked using a jack plane and a computer mouse into an online profile.



You may do it by pressing this antenna button in Player Settings (<) or the Table of Results(>)



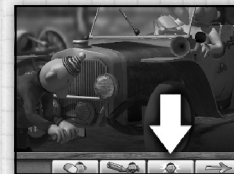
When creating the online player, you need to enter your email and password to protect you from vicious handymen who might like to cheat.

The online profile has several advantages. First of all you may upload your score to the internet by pressing a button in the player selection or the Table of Results. Your score will then appear online at **www.patmat-game.com**. You may show other handymen who has the best skills.

The second advantage of an online player is that all your results are stored in your internet profile when you send the score. If you start another **Pat&Mat** game on a computer on the other side of the planet, you can download your profile from the internet with all your achievements! Just press the New Player Button (v) and then the (<) button to load your profile from the internet.



Did your computer workshop burn to the ground? Did your notebook drop on the floor so severely that even welding can't repair it? Well that's not a



problem either because the online profile data is stored in our super-workshop and you can download it anytime. You just need to remember your internet connection and login information.

Technical team note: You may create your online profile on the web at www.patmat-game.com using the "register" option and then load it into your game after entering your login information. A profile created in the game and changed to an online profile also automatically creates a user account on our servers.

Game settings

The **Pat&Mat** settings should pose no problem for any real handyman. To adjust the game settings just press the headphones button (>) and set the sound and music volume as well as the beauty of the graphics with sliders. The more you pull the sliders to the right, the prettier the handymen will be and the better computer you need for both of them to move smoothly.



Game controls

The **Pat&Mat** game is controlled with mouse only, so you don't need to learn anything too complex.

We will have a closer look at controls when describing individual games because it's a little different with each of them. We placed a lot of hints and tips throughout the game so the important thing is to pay attention to those. The game was originally created for Pat&Mat so there's really a lot of help in it.

Usually you just hover your mouse cursor over an item and a tooltip pops up with useful information.

A more detailed help can usually be found in the top right corner, marked with a blue question mark. (➤) When you click the question mark a relevant help item appears. There you may also turn the automatic help on if you turned it off by accident.



Pat's tip: If you can not accomplish something in the game, do not punish the mouse with a hammer, nor hit the table with the mouse. It won't help you – I know for sure after destroying 17 mice and hamsters. Mat however had some success with a blowtorch.

Remember – in case any button function is unclear to you, just hover over it with your mouse cursor and wait until a window pops up with a hint.

Pat a Mat episodes

Pat&Mat is a game series, so we'll launch a new installment about once every six months. You will be able to buy it on CD in selected stores or download it from www-patmat-game.com into your computer.

Every **Pat&Mat** installment will contain four new mini games, so after buying three **Pat&Mat** games you will have ten...no **TWELVE mini games!** Now that is a lot of fun for your workshop!

That's not the best part though. All installments on your computer will connect as a proper series, so you will be able to launch all of them with just one mouse click. Your profile is used for all installments, so the score is combined for all of the installments you have.

Mat's tip: If you bought the game on CD, be careful not to use it as a coffee saucer. Do not use it to stucco the walls, you might damage it.



To select a proper installment matching your mood, press the CD button (◀) and choose the one you want to play right now.

Technical team note: The character profiles are stored in the Windows registry so you will lose any results after reinstalling the OS. We recommend you create the player profile and store your results on our servers.

Scores and medals

After you finish a level, you'll get a medal that will be displayed in the level list and improves your overall score. The better you do on a level, the better medal you get and the better your score.

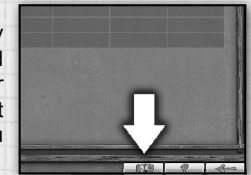
Pat's tip: Do not pour tea on your keyboard otherwise the computer may act funny. My recommendation is to augment your hat with a special cup holster – just do not lean over the keyboard with it.

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Pat's tip: There's no fourth place medal – even the one for third place is quite obsolete as there's only me and Mat.

Your score is recorded in the Table of Results, where you can compare it with other players and compete for the top position.

You can also publish the score on the internet by pressing the antenna (➤) button. You can send your score to the internet only with an online player profile. The score will be published in the high score chart at www-patmat-game.com where you can compare your results with those of many other players.



Records

You may create a RECORD by finishing a level. Your personal record is when you are better than any of your previous tries. You can also record a top score of all your game's players. This record will be visible to everyone and they may compete to beat it.

Mat's tip: My potato eating record was not beaten even by Pat. I consumed 84 potatoes in two hours. I had to substitute some potatoes with deep fried chips, as I ran out of real potatoes.

Cups

The cups represent another reward for you - skilled handymen. You will get those for successful completion of several levels. (➤)

You will get a bronze cup for finishing the early, simple levels. It will allow you to play with custom settings, where you may





create your own levels. After finishing the intermediate levels, you will get a silver cup and after you finish the whole minigame, you'll get the golden cup.

Pat's tip: I cast the silver trophy from Mat's silver cutlery. Don't you dare tell him!



Car repair

Dear handymen, instruction for the first game follows! Our two handyman role-models need your help with changing the car's wheel. They do have a spare wheel in the back of the car luckily, so we just need to construct a pulley, lift the car and replace the wheel with a new one.

Please prepare these items for the job:

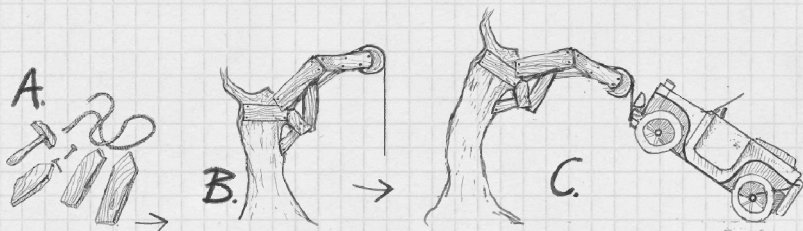
- 1) A screwdriver (Phillips type is best – we don't need it but it looks cool).
- 2) Mouse, a USB one is best. **Mat's tip:** I tried to use a living mouse, but it squeaked terribly when I tried to put its tail into the USB port.
- 3) A piece of cloth –
– to wipe sweat from your brow and cocoa from the table.
- 4) Clever mind – every handyman has it of course, because he was able to launch this game. We list this just for the sake of completeness.

Control Pat&Mat by clicking the left mouse button on items you see on the screen. The selected handyman will try to use the flashing item. Do not be afraid to click anything!

A handyman may pick some items up, but he can hold only one item at a time. Click anywhere to make the handyman try to use the item there.

Think about Pat&Mat as a cool team that can accomplish some things only using teamwork!

You will get more tips during the game as tooltips. If you need help during the game, just don't forget it's available via the blue question mark in the top right corner.



Jigsaw Puzzle

You must surely know what a Jigsaw Puzzle is. Maybe, as proper handymen, you even created your own puzzle! The ones we prepared for you in our secret workshops are unlike any other.

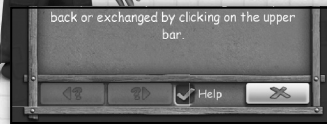


The puzzle has very simple controls. Use the mouse to select pieces from the upper bar and put them in their correct position.

Some pieces may be turned in the wrong direction, so you would have to turn them after selecting – just press the right mouse button to do so.

The game's difficulty increases slowly as you complete each level. There will be less

Pat's tip: If you play for a record, do not try to place pieces by clicking your mouse everywhere wildly. After you place a piece on the wrong spot several times, some of your time will be removed. I also broke my workbench and my cutting-edge 386 type computer fell out of the window and smashed a car parked on the street.



The first levels are just the same as the Jigsaw Puzzles you know from the shops, but then it gets complicated. The picture starts moving. The pieces will later arrive turned in the wrong direction so you will train your spatial memory even better. Remember spatial memory is crucial for any handyman!

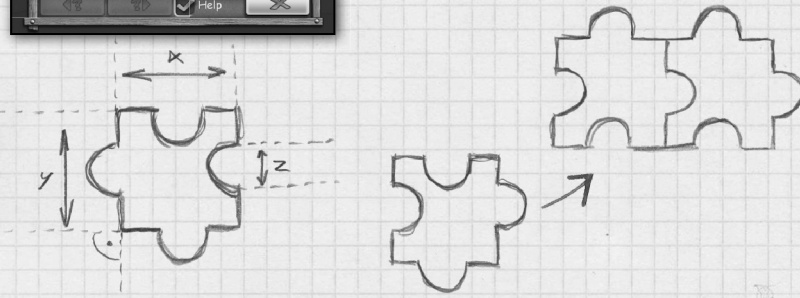
Pat's tip: We bought a new piano yesterday, but were unable to get it through the door, we found that it's actually smaller than the entrance! We made it through eventually, we just needed to demolish a small part of the wall and saw off one of the piano's legs.



time, wrongly turned pieces, various other special complications. Only the best handymen will solve the final puzzle!

Any necessary help will turn up during the game. If you turned the automatic help off by accident, you

may turn it on again using the window that pops up after you click the blue question mark in top right corner.



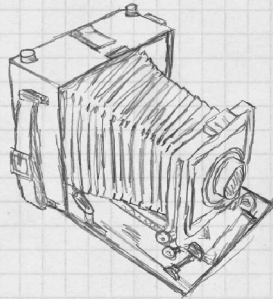
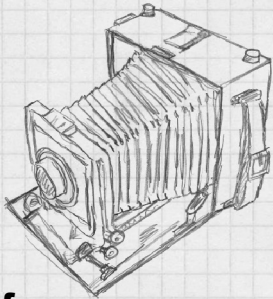
Fashion show

If Pat&Mat were not such skillful handymen, they'd surely do well as models! Their fashion shows are remarkable and renowned.

Memory...that's what you train in this game, dear handymen. Especially the long term memory.

Pat&Mat always wear some strange clothing accessories on the first screen and your task is to make them wear the same on the second screen. The game gets tougher as you progress, but no real handyman should have problems with it, as memory is the key!

This game requires you to be quick and act without hesitation, especially in later levels.



Minigolf

Pat&Mat saw Minigolf on TV and it charmed them so much, they started building their own course in their backyard. Before you start creating your own courses, you need to finish at least some of theirs. And they are intricate!

Pat's tip: *Driving the ball as strongly as possible does not always work out for the best. It makes the ball travel over a longer distance and reduces the score. I also broke all the windows in the backyard, because the ball was flying off my tracks all the time!*

You play Minigolf using only your mouse, as you play everything else in the game. Drive the ball by holding it with your left mouse button and move the cursor away from the ball. The spring indicator shows you the strength of the drive – green is a mild drive, red is the strongest. You drive the ball by releasing the button.



Mat's tip: *I tried to help my memory by writing down everything Pat wears, just to read it later and dress him in the right fashion. The game always ended too soon – I didn't even manage to write "uncle's rake, not the old one, the one from the shed". I guess this is not the best way!*



Holding the right mouse button and moving the mouse turns the game camera which can help you to view the track from a different, possibly better angle. Moving the cursor towards the edge of the screen or holding the middle mouse button moves the camera sideways. The mouse wheel zooms the camera in and out.

Creating your own levels

We put an editor into your skilled hands to allow you to create your own levels for three of the minigames. The game may entertain you infinitely, your handyman creativity is the only limit!

The Fashion Show and Jigsaw Puzzle are simple – use the sliders to enhance the settings as you like them and play. To save your custom level, use this button (➤)



Other handymen may play your level on this computer. Well even non-handymen are allowed too! Just select the level in the list and press the start game button (➤)



You do not have to save the levels, you may create those just for fun, play it and forget about it after turning the editor off.

Minigolf editor

Pat's tip: *One level was created without. Pat played it for six hours before realizing it's impossible to finish! I laughed until my wooly hat unknotted.*

Minigolf has its own level editor which is much more complex than the two previous mini games, just as any proper handyman wishes it to be! You can use it to create such complex levels that even Pat&Mat themselves will be amazed.



Before you start the Minigolf level creation, you must set the track's basic options with sliders and then start the editor by pressing (➤)



Put together your own golf course from the tiles you see on the bar at the top of the screen. Hover over a tile with your cursor to get a popup with a description of the item's function.

All necessary rules for lathing a cool course are contained directly in the game itself. The key lies in two things – there must be a ball placed on the course where the game begins, and a hole, where the game ends.

Sharing custom levels (advanced only)

The most skilled of you may like this one – your custom levels can be shared with others easily!

Each saved level appears on your computer as a separate file, that you can send via email, network or on a USB flash drive.

All your custom levels are stored in the "**Documents**" folder under your profile name. The address of the files looks like this:

C:\Documents and Settings\your windows user name\Documents\PATAMAT\Player name

Levels of player "**Dad**" can be found at:

C:\Documents and Settings\Martin\Document\PATAMAT\Dad

The files have different extensions according the mini game they belong to.

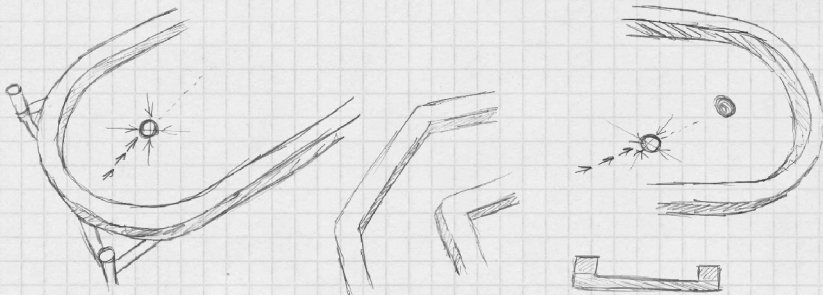
- Level name.puzzle** – your custom Jigsaw Puzzle level.
- Level name.golf** – your custom Minigolf level.
- Level name.photo** – your custom Fashion Show level.

A Minigolf level, called "**The Labyrinth**" will be stored as "**The Labyrinth.golf**" whilst a Fashion Show level, with the funny name "unfinishable" will be stored in "**unfinishable.photo**".

The saved level includes your records on that level, so you may send it including your records and challenge other users to beat you. They may send you the file back as proof of actually beating you, in case this unfortunate event happens.

After you receive levels from some of your friends, just copy them to the folder where your own levels are stored and you can start playing!

We plan to publish your best levels on the web at www.patmat-game.com for everyone to download and try out.



Pat's tip: *it's good to name the levels in an original way so that you do not run into trouble when you try to copy files from more handymen to a single folder. Me and Mat sent each other dozens of levels, but they were all named "best.golf" so they were overwritten each time and we lost all of them :-(*



Pat&Mat's web page

Do you want to stay updated on Pat&Mat news?
Do you want to buy the next installment online?

All this and more awaits you on www.patmat-game.com

The website also contains the player rankings to see who are the best handymen.

Online charts

You will find the best player charts at www.patmat-game.com that can be sorted according to various criteria, like who is best in which installment, who is best of all or who's best in Minigolf.



You can use the same login information on the web, as is used to log into the game. Your player profile will be added to all the charts automatically.

Mat's tip: *it's a shame me and Pat were not allowed to enter the charts. I'm sure I would be the first and Pat second!*



Troubleshooting

In case you run into any trouble with the game – installing, setting up, etc. We would be glad to help. Please use the official form on support@idea-games.com to contact us.

Epilepsy warning

Before you and your children start using the game, read the following carefully:

Some people may be prone to epileptic seizures when exposed to flashing light or common light patterns. These people may have seizures when watching certain TV shows or playing certain computer games. This may happen to a person who never had any such condition before.

If you or any of your family members have had epilepsy-like symptoms (seizures, dizziness, fainting, severe headaches, etc) when exposed to flashing lights, please consult your doctor before using this product.

Parent supervision is highly recommended for children playing the game. Stop playing the game and consult your doctor immediately when you or your children note any of the following symptoms: dizziness, blurred vision, eye or muscle ticks, disorientation, unwilling movements or cramp.

Precautions to follow when playing a computer game:

- Do not sit too close to the screen. Sit at as reasonable a distance as the wiring length allows.
- Play the game on a smaller display if possible.
- Avoid playing when tired or sleepy.
- Ensure the room you play in is well illuminated.
- Rest for 10 to 15 minutes after each hour of gameplay.

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