3D Paintbrush: Local Stylization of 3D Shapes with Cascaded Score Distillation

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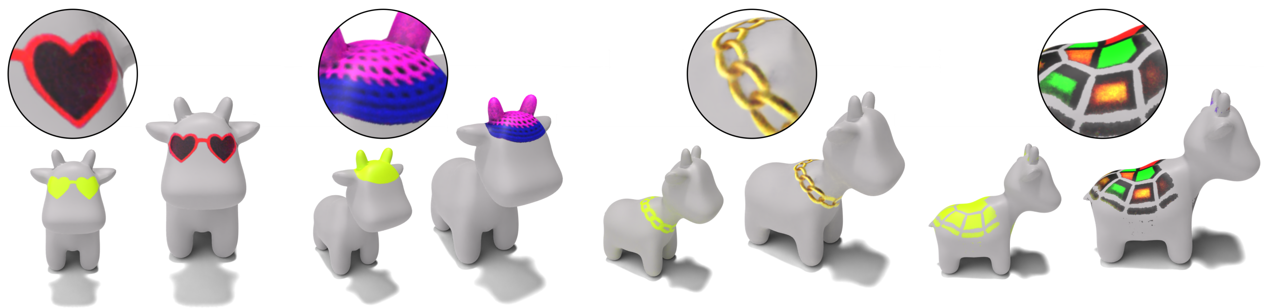

Heart shaped sunglasses | Colorful crochet hat | Gold chain necklace | Stained glass turtle shell

Figure 1. Utilizing only a text prompt as guidance, 3D Paintbrush seamlessly generates local stylized textures on bare meshes. Our approach produces a localization map (yellow regions) and a highly detailed texture map which conforms to it.

Abstract

We present 3D Paintbrush, a technique for automatically texturing local semantic regions on meshes via text descriptions. Our method is designed to operate directly on meshes, producing texture maps which seamlessly integrate into standard graphics pipelines. We opt to simultaneously produce a localization map (to specify the edit region) and a texture map which conforms to it. This approach improves the quality of both the localization and the stylization. To enhance the details and resolution of the textured area, we leverage multiple stages of a cascaded diffusion model to supervise our local editing technique with generative priors learned from images at different resolutions. Our technique, referred to as Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD), simultaneously distills scores at multiple resolutions in a cascaded fashion, enabling control over both the granularity and global understanding of the supervision. We demonstrate the effectiveness of 3D Paintbrush to locally texture different semantic regions on a variety of shapes. Project page: `https://threedle.github.io/3d-paintbrush`

1. Introduction

The ability to edit existing high-quality 3D assets is a fundamental capability in 3D modeling workflows. Recent works have shown exceptional results for text-driven 3D data creation [32, 38, 48, 53, 58, 59], but focus on making *global* edits. While some progress has been made on local editing using an explicit localization of the edit region [49, 67], these regions are often coarse and lack fine-grained detail. Highly-detailed and accurate localizations are important for constraining the edits to be within a specific region, preventing changes unrelated to the target edit. Furthermore, while meshes with texture maps are the de facto standard in graphics pipelines, existing local editing work does not natively operate on meshes nor produce texture maps for them.

In this work we develop 3D Paintbrush, a method for automatically texturing local semantic regions on meshes via text descriptions. Our method is designed to operate directly on meshes, producing texture maps which seamlessly integrate into standard graphics pipelines. 3D Paintbrush is controlled via intuitive, free-form text input, allowing users to describe their edits using open vocabulary on a wide range of meshes. Specifically, given an input mesh and a text prompt, 3D Paintbrush produces the corresponding high-quality texture map and a localization region to confine it. To enhance the details and resolution of the locally textured area, we introduce Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD) which leverages multiple stages of a cascaded diffusion model. Our explicit localization masks can be used to layer our edit texture onto existing textures.

We opt to represent both our localization map and texture map as neural fields encoded by multi-layer perceptions. Our method synthesizes both a fine-grained localization mask and high-quality texture in tandem. Simultane-

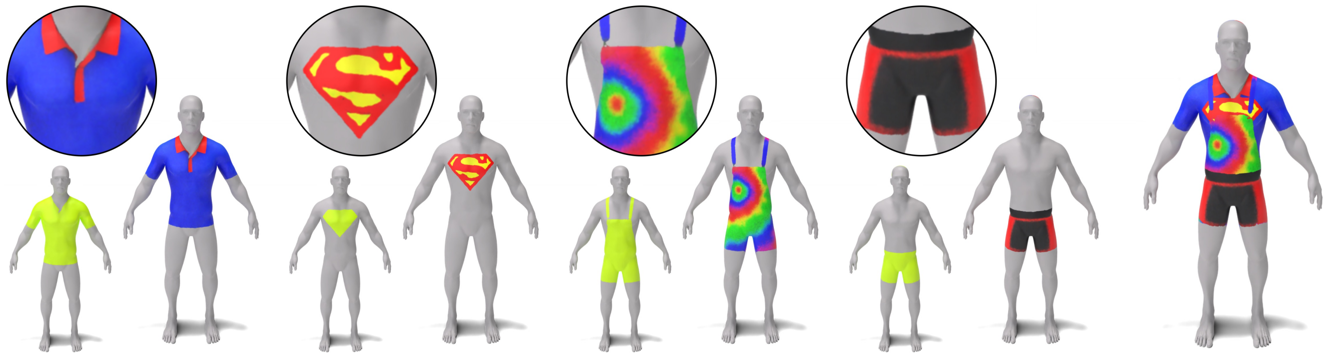

Figure 2. **Precise composition of multiple local textures**. 3D Paintbrush produces highly-detailed textures that effectively adhere to the predicted localizations. This enables seamlessly compositing local textures without unwanted fringes (right).

ously generating the localization and texture maps improves the quality of each. The texture map drives the localization to become more detailed and intricate. The localization explicitly masks the texture, ensuring a coherent local style which respects the localization boundary.

Our local stylization operates in small regions, necessitating higher resolution supervision compared to global generative techniques. Existing approaches leverage pre-trained text-to-image diffusion models with Score Distillation Sampling (SDS) to supervise text-driven optimizations [31, 58]. Text-to-image diffusion models often contain multiple cascaded stages in order to achieve high resolution [21], but standard SDS only utilizes the first low-resolution stage of the cascaded model. Our technique, referred to as Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD), simultaneously distills scores at multiple resolutions in a cascaded fashion, enabling control over both the granularity and global understanding of the supervision. Since cascaded stages are trained entirely independently, our insight is to formulate a distillation loss that incorporates all stages in tandem.

In summary, our method enables local text-driven stylization of meshes. By explicitly learning a localization in tandem with the texture, we ensure that our edits are bounded by the localized region. Using our CSD, which leverages all stages of the diffusion model, we can control the granularity and global understanding of the supervision achieving higher resolution textures and localizations than standard SDS. We demonstrate that 3D Paintbrush yields diverse local texturing on a variety of shapes and semantic regions and outperforms baselines both qualitatively and quantitatively.

2. Related Work

A large body of work has studied stylization and analysis of 3D content. Existing work uses neural networks and optimization [6, 15, 19, 22, 23, 30, 33, 37–39, 41, 42, 51, 60, 62] for mesh stylization. Other works use a neural radiance field NeRF [40] for stylization [11, 34, 64]. Yet, these works focus on stylization rather than localization. Large 2D models have been used for analytical tasks in 3D such as localization and segmentation [1, 2, 10, 17, 27, 28, 54, 57, 67], however, none of these works produce textures. Furthermore, only [1, 2, 10, 67] aim to produce a tight localization on meshes and we find that these approaches still produce relatively smooth localization regions that cannot capture the high frequency details needed for sharp local edits.

Text-driven generation and editing. Existing works have leveraged pre-trained 2D models to generate 3D representations that adhere to a text prompt [4, 12, 16, 25, 29, 39, 41, 63]. Many recent methods [9, 26, 32, 44, 50, 53, 53, 58, 66] use score distillation [44, 58] from 2D models to generate both geometry and styles from scratch, while other works optimize the texture of an existing, fixed geometry [8, 38, 39, 47]. Other work aims to generate 3D representations from images [14, 35, 36, 45].

Existing text-to-3D generative methods [38, 44, 58, 59] can be used to perform global edits [18, 48, 67]. However, since these approaches do not have explicit edit localizations, they struggle to perform highly specific local edits without changing other components of the 3D representation's appearance. Different from our objective, these works aim to generate or globally manipulate existing 3D representations, while our work focuses on local editing.

Text-driven local editing. Many approaches can perform global 3D edits and progress has been made on local editing in images and videos [5, 7, 13, 20]. Yet, few works have addressed the task of precise, local editing for 3D representations. Local editing is challenging since, in addition to synthesizing the edit, methods need to localize the edit region. FocalDreamer [31] obtains precise user defined edit regions at the cost of requiring additional, tedious user input compared to strictly text-driven approaches. Vox-E [49] (operating on voxel representations) and DreamEditor [67] (operating on NeRFs) both use attention maps to localize an edit

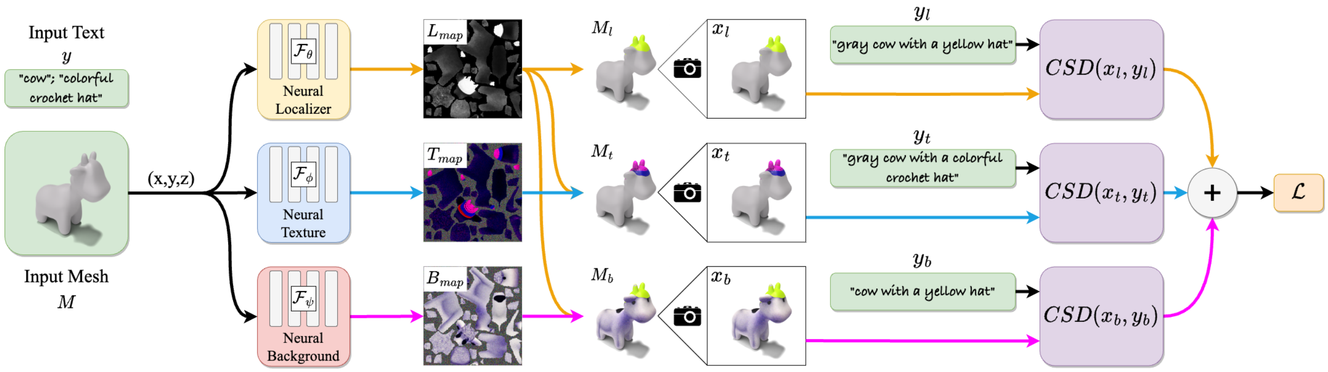

Figure 3. **Overview of 3D Paintbrush**. Each point on the surface of the mesh is passed into three different branches to produce a localization probability, texture map, and background map. We texture three different variants of the same mesh with the localization, texture, and background maps and render them from the same viewpoint. Each image along with the corresponding text condition is used to compute the CSD loss.

region and thus the localization has no visual meaning in isolation. Our approach imposes a visual loss on our localizations in order to enforce sharp boundaries that are tightly coupled with our texture edits. Additionally, since existing purely text-driven local editing approaches only work on voxels and NeRFs, our approach is the first to enable text-driven local editing on meshes.

High resolution text-to-3D. Several works have explored techniques to increase the resolution for text-to-3D. Many recent works apply SDS to latent diffusion models [32, 38, 58, 59, 66]. Recent works backpropagate the gradient through the encoder to get gradients in higher resolution 512x512 RGB space [32, 59, 66]. Other works use timestep annealing to give less noisy supervision towards the end of the optimization, thus increasing the detail of the generations [24, 59]. HiFA [66] proposes denoising over multiple successive timesteps each iteration to provide better gradients and achieve high fidelity appearance. While all of these approaches have shown impressive improvements to the resolution of SDS supervision, SDS only utilizes the base stage (not super-resolution stages). Thus, these proposed improvements are orthogonal to ours and can be incorporated at the super-resolution stages using CSD as well.

3. Method

We show an overview of our method in Fig. 3. The inputs to our system are a mesh M and a text description y of the desired local edit. Our system produces a local texture on the mesh M that adheres to the text prompt y. To supervise our optimization, we use score distillation with a pretrained text-to-image diffusion model. However, local editing requires higher detail than standard generation due to the small size and granularity of the desired edits. In order to further improve the detail of our localization and texture, we introduce Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD), a technique that distills scores at multiple resolutions of the 2D cascaded model. This approach enables leveraging all stages of a cascaded model and provides control over both the detail and global understanding of the supervision.

3.1. Local Neural Texturing

3D Paintbrush represents local textures as neural texture maps over the surface of a mesh M defined by vertices $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 3}$ and faces $F \in \{1, ..., n\}^{m \times 3}$. Extracting an explicit texture map from our neural textures is trivial, making our representation compatible with existing graphics pipelines. Furthermore, using texture maps enables producing high resolution textures (i.e. sub-triangle values) without a computationally expensive high resolution mesh. A straight-forward approach of directly optimizing texture values results in texture maps with artifacts and noise (see supplemental material). To mitigate this, we leverage the smoothness of neural networks [46]. However, a straight-forward application of an MLP to a 2D texture map $((u, v) \to (r, g, b))$ is inherently invalid at the texture seams (*e.g.* erroneous interpolations at boundaries), which may lead to texture discontinuities on the rendered mesh.

We instead formulate our MLPs to operate on 3D coordinates leading to predictions in 3D that are inherently smooth and without any seam discontinuities. To do so, we invert the UV mapping $\psi(x, y, z) = (u, v)$ to get a map $\psi^{-1}(u, v) = (x, y, z)$ from 2D texels to 3D coordinates on the surface of the mesh. We optimize our MLPs with the 3D coordinates obtained from the 2D texel centers. We employ two primary networks, one for localization and one for texturing. Our neural *localization* MLP is a function $\mathcal{F}_\theta$ that maps a 3D coordinate $\mathbf{x} = (x, y, z)$ to a probability p (which we map back to a 2D localization map). Similarly, our neural *texture* MLP is a function $\mathcal{F}_\phi$ that takes in a 3D coordinate and outputs an RGB value (which we map back to a 2D texture image). Our architecture first passes the 3D

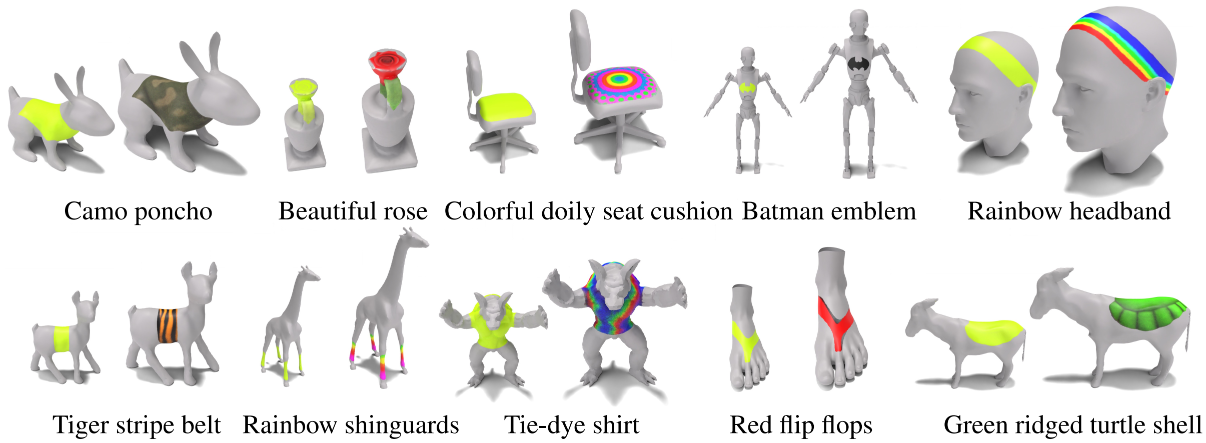

Figure 4. 3D Paintbrush produces highly detailed textures and localizations for a diverse range of meshes and prompts. Our method synthesizes meaningful local edits on shapes, demonstrating both global and local part-level understanding.

coordinates through positional encoding [52] before going through a 6-layer MLP. This formulation of using MLPs defined on the 3D surface leads to a neural texture which produces smoothly varying outputs in 3D, even though our 2D texture maps have discontinuities at the texture seams. The smoothness provided by the MLPs reduces artifacts, produces less noisy textures, and provides super resolution capabilities. Although we optimize our MLPs with 3D coordinates mapped from 2D texel centers, during inference, we may query the MLP for any value (*i.e.* sub-texels that enable super resolution texture maps even across seams).

3.2. Visual Guidance for Localized Textures

We guide our optimization using three distinct losses that encourage both the localization and texture towards visually desirable results. Each loss is visualized as a branch in Fig. 3 – top branch: localization loss, middle branch: local texture map loss, bottom branch: background loss.

Local texture map loss. First, we obtain our localization map $L_{map} \in [0,1]^{H\times W}$ from the neural localization MLP $L_{map} = \psi(\mathcal{F}_\theta(\mathbf{x}))$ and the texture map $T_{map} \in [0,1]^{H\times W\times 3}$ from the neural texture MLP $T_{map} = \psi(\mathcal{F}_\phi(\mathbf{x}))$. We use the localization L_{map} to mask the texture T_{map} to get a local texture map T'_{map} which only contains textures inside the localization region. We apply the masked texture T'_{map} to our mesh M to get a locally-textured mesh M_t and construct a local-texture text prompt y_t from the input text y (middle branch Fig. 3). We then supervise our optimization using a text-conditioned visual loss (cascaded score distillation, see Sec. 3.4) on M_t and y_t. By applying a visual loss to the localization-masked texture, we get informative and meaningful gradients for both our texture MLP and our localization MLP.

Localization loss. Using only the texture loss allows for trivial solutions where the mask contains a region that includes, but is much larger than, the desired localization region. To encourage the localization region to be meaningful, we employ a visual loss on the localization region in isolation (similar to 3D Highlighter [10]). Specifically, we blend a (yellow) color onto the mesh according to the localization map to get a localization-colored mesh M_l (top branch Fig. 3). From the text input y, we derive a target localization prompt y_l describing the localized region in the format used in 3D Highlighter [10]. We then use M_l and y_l as input to the text-conditioned visual loss. Using this loss significantly improves the detail and quality of the localization (see supplemental material).

Background loss. Using only the top two branches in Fig. 3 leads to broader localizations that incorporate superfluous elements characteristic of the input 3D model (*i.e.* a bill on a duck), in addition to the desired localization region (see supplemental material). To mitigate this, we learn a background texture $B_{map} \in [0,1]^{H\times W\times 3}$ that intentionally contains these characteristic elements of the input 3D shape in the inverse of the localization region $1 - L_{map}$ (the area outside the localization region). Specifically, we blend both the background texture B_{map} (using $1 - L_{map}$) and a yellow color (using L_{map}) to get a composited texture $B'_{map} = L_{map}(\text{YELLOW}) + (1 - L_{map})B_{map}$ (bottom branch in Fig. 3). We apply the composited texture B'_{map} to the mesh to get M_b and then supervise the background MLP using a visual loss conditioned on both M_b and a target text y_b (derived from y). The target text y_b describes the generic object class (*i.e.* 'cow' in Fig. 3) with a (yellow) colored localization region. See supplemental material for more details. The third loss directly encourages incorporating the superfluous elements in the background texture which *discourages* the localization region from incorporating such undesired elements (since L_{map} and $1 - L_{map}$ are inverse masks).

Key to our method is the simultaneous optimization of the localization map (that specifies the edit region) *and* the

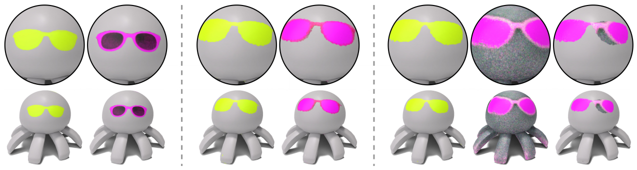

Figure 5. **Impact of simultaneous optimization**. Simultaneously optimizing the localization and texture (left) results in higher-detailed textures which effectively conform to the predicted localization. If we first optimize the localization, then optimize the texture within the localization region (middle), both the localization and texture are less detailed. Independent (right): if we optimize the localization independently (independent: left) and the texture independently (independent: middle), the texture does not align with the localization and thus the masked texture contains fringe artifacts (independent: right).

texture map that conforms to it. This approach improves the quality of both the localization and the stylization. The texture map drives the localization to become more detailed and intricate, while the localization explicitly masks the texture, ensuring a coherent local style which respects the localization boundary (see Fig. 5).

3.3. Score Distillation and Cascaded Diffusion

Score Distillation. To guide our local stylization, we leverage powerful pretrained text-to-image diffusion models. Existing approaches use these models in conjunction with Score Distillation Sampling (SDS) to supervise text-driven optimizations [44, 58]. For each iteration of an optimization of an image x that we want to supervise with diffusion model ϕ and text prompt y, SDS [44] proposes the following gradient:

$$\nabla_x \mathcal{L}_{SDS}(\phi, x, y) = w(t)(\epsilon_\phi(z_t, t, y) - \epsilon) \tag{1}$$

where timestep $t \sim \mathcal{U}(\{1, \ldots, T\})$ is sampled uniformly and noise $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ is Gaussian. The noisy image z_t is obtained by applying a timestep-dependent scaling of ϵ to the image x. The weight $w(t)$ is a timestep-dependent weighting function and $\epsilon_\phi(z_t, t, y)$ is the noise predicted by the diffusion model conditioned on z_t, t, and y. Note that Eq. (1) omits the U-Net Jacobian term (not needed in practice [44]). This objective is similar to the objective used in diffusion model training, however, instead of optimizing the weights of the model, the gradient is applied to the image x.

Cascaded Diffusion. Text-to-image diffusion models often contain multiple cascaded stages at different resolutions in order to achieve high resolution outputs [21]. These cascaded diffusion models consist of a base stage ϕ^1 (stage 1) and some number of super-resolution stages $\phi^{i>1}$ (stages 2-N). The base stage is identical to a standard diffusion model, predicting noise $\epsilon_{\phi^1}(z_t^1, t, y)$ conditioned on noisy image z_t^1, timestep t, and text prompt y. However, the super-resolution stages are conditioned on two differently-noised images: one at the current resolution (z_t^i with timestep t and noise ϵ^i) and one at the lower resolution (z_s^{i-1} with timestep s and noise ϵ^{i-1}). The predicted noise for the super-resolution stage is given by $\epsilon_{\phi^i}(z_t^i, t, z_s^{i-1}, s, y)$. During inference, the lower resolution input image is obtained by adding noise to the output of the prior stage. However in training, both the high and low resolution images are obtained by sampling a single image from the training dataset and rescaling it to different resolutions.

Standard SDS [44] only utilizes the first, low-resolution base stage, thus neglecting the full potential of the cascaded model. It is not immediately obvious how to formulate a score distillation technique for all stages of a cascaded diffusion model since super-resolution stages take multiple resolution inputs and, at inference, they require a fully denoised output from the prior stage [21]. We take inspiration from SDS and use the perspective of *diffusion training* as opposed to inference, and extend it to the training of cascaded diffusion models. To our knowledge, we are the first to consider score distillation using the cascaded super-resolution stages.

3.4. Cascaded Score Distillation

CSD overview. Our technique, referred to as Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD), simultaneously distills scores at multiple resolutions in a cascaded fashion (illustrated in Fig. 6). Since the stages of a cascaded diffusion model ϕ are trained entirely independently of one another, our insight is to formulate a distillation loss that incorporates gradients from all stages $(\phi^1, ..., \phi^N)$ simultaneously. We observe that different stages of the cascaded model provide different levels of granularity and global understanding (Fig. 7). Controlling the influence of each stage provides control over the details and the corresponding localization of the supervision (Fig. 8).

CSD Formalization. Consider a mesh M_θ with a neural texture parameterized by an MLP θ (This MLP could be either $\mathcal{F}_\theta$, $\mathcal{F}_\phi$, and $\mathcal{F}_\psi$ in Sec. 3.2). We first render M_θ at N different resolutions using a differentiable renderer g to get multiple images $g(M_\theta) = \mathbf{x} = \{x^1 \ldots x^N\}$ such that x^i is the same resolution as stage ϕ^i. For the base stage ϕ^1, we perform standard SDS using Eq. (1) on x^1 and prompt y to get a gradient ∇_{x^1}. For all stages ϕ^i for $i > 1$, we sample two timesteps $t, s \sim \mathcal{U}(\{1, \ldots, T\})$, noise $\epsilon^i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ at the resolution of stage ϕ^i, and noise $\epsilon^{i-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ at the resolution of stage ϕ^{i-1}. Using timestep-dependent schedule coefficients α and σ, we compute a noisy image $z_t^i = \alpha_t x^i + \sigma_t \epsilon^i$ by applying a timestep-dependent scaling of ϵ^i to the image x^i. Similarly, we compute $z_s^{i-1} = \alpha_s x^{i-1} + \sigma_s \epsilon^{i-1}$ by applying a timestep-dependent scaling of ϵ^{i-1} to the image x^{i-1}. We then use

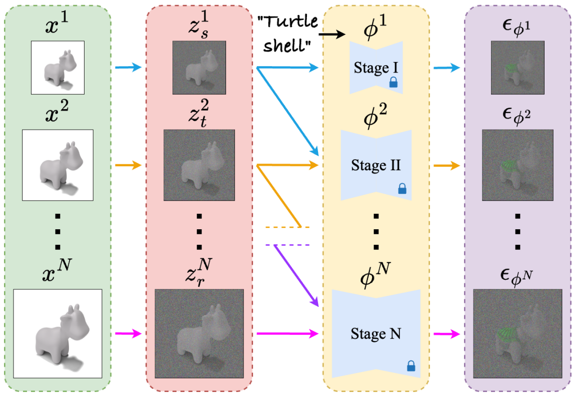

Figure 6. **Cascaded Score Distillation (CSD)**. We simultaneously distill scores across multiple stages of a cascaded diffusion model in order to leverage both the global awareness of the first stage and the higher level of detail contained in later stages. The difference between the predicted noise and sampled noise is the image gradient for each stage.

ϕ^i to predict noise $\epsilon_{\phi^i}(z_t^i, t, z_s^{i-1}, s, y)$ conditioned on the noisy images, timesteps, and text prompt. Our gradient ∇_{x^i} for stage ϕ^i for $i > 1$ is the difference between the predicted noise and the (higher-resolution) sampled noise ϵ^i, weighted by the timestep-dependent function $w(t)$:

$$\nabla_{x^i}\mathcal{L}_{CSD^i}(\phi^i, x^i, x^{i-1}, y) = w(t)(\epsilon_{\phi^i}(z_t^i, t, z_s^{i-1}, s, y) - \epsilon^i). \quad (2)$$

With all gradients $\nabla_{x^1}, \ldots, \nabla_{x^N}$ computed, we weight each gradient ∇_{x^i} with a user defined λ^i to provide control over the impact of the supervision from each stage of the cascaded model. Thus our full gradient with respect to any given neural texture θ can be described by:

$$\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_{CSD}(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{x} = g(\theta), y) = \lambda^1 \nabla_{x^1}\mathcal{L}_{SDS}(\phi^1, x^1, y)\frac{\partial x^1}{\partial \theta} + \sum_{i=2}^{N} \lambda^i \nabla_{x^i}\mathcal{L}_{CSD^i}(\phi^i, x^i, x^{i-1}, y)\frac{\partial x^i}{\partial \theta}. \quad (3)$$

Note that just as in SDS [44], we can avoid computing the U-Net Jacobian term $\frac{\partial \epsilon_\phi(z_t^i, t, z_s^{i-1}, s, y)}{z_t^i}$ (not shown in Eq. (3)) since each stage is entirely independent and our gradient is only with respect to the high-resolution image x^i. Thus, we directly apply $\lambda^i \nabla_{x^i}$ to the image x^i without having to compute the costly backpropagation through the U-Net. Using the gradient $\nabla_\theta \mathcal{L}_{CSD}(\boldsymbol{\phi}, \mathbf{x} = g(\theta), y)$, we update the weights of our MLP θ.

4. Experiments

We demonstrate the capabilities of 3D Paintbrush on a wide variety of meshes (from different sources [55, 56, 61, 65]) and prompts. We highlight key properties of our method such as localization precision and edit specificity. We then demonstrate the importance and capabilities of our CSD loss including its high resolution supervision and intuitive controls. Finally, we evaluate our system against other localization and editing baselines and ablate the key components of our method. In our experiments, we use DeepFloyd IF [3] for our cascaded model. Our unoptimized PyTorch [43] implementation takes 4 hours on a standard A40 GPU, typically achieving satisfactory results within 2 hours.

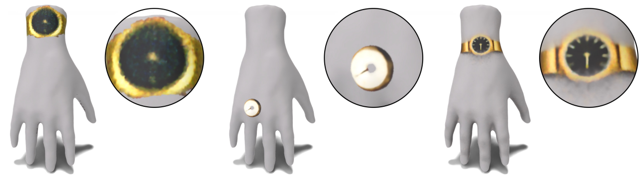

Figure 7. **Impact of cascaded stages**. Different stages of the cascaded model provide different levels of granularity and global understanding. Using only the (low resolution) stage 1 model gives a low-resolution result in the correct location. While the (high resolution) stage 2 model gives a high-resolution result, it is placed in the incorrect location. Our CSD simultaneously uses stage 1 and 2, resulting in a highly-detailed texture in the appropriate location.

4.1. Properties of 3D Paintbrush

3D Paintbrush generality. 3D Paintbrush is capable of producing highly detailed localizations and textures on a diverse collection of meshes and prompts (Fig. 4). Our method is not restricted to any category of meshes and we show results on organic and manufactured shapes. Furthermore, our local textures can be specified with open vocabulary text descriptions and are not limited to any predefined categories or constraints. This includes “out-of-domain” local textures such as the rainbow shinguards on a giraffe which are not naturally seen in the context of these objects, yet are precisely placed in semantically meaningful locations with highly detailed textures.

3D Paintbrush precision and composition. 3D Paintbrush produces precise localizations and highly-detailed textures that effectively adhere to these predicted localizations (see Fig. 2). The tight coupling between the localization and texture (see the gold chain necklace in Fig. 1) enables seamless composition of multiple local textures simultaneously on the same mesh without any layering artifacts. For example, the sharp localization boundary of the “Tie-dye apron” (in Fig. 2) allows us to composite this local texture on top of other textures without obstructing these textures in regions outside of the apron’s boundary.

3D Paintbrush specificity and effectiveness. 3D Paintbrush produces accurate and high resolution local edits that closely adhere to the text-specification (see Fig. 10). Our

Figure 8. **Granular control with CSD**. Varying the weight between stage 1 and stage 2 results in control over the details and corresponding localization. Only using stage 1 (leftmost) is rather coarse; only using stage 2 (rightmost) is highly detailed with an incorrect localization. Increasing the stage 2 weight (moving left to right) progressively increases the detail and granularity of the supervision, enabling smooth and meaningful interpolation between stage 1 and 2.

method's fine-grained results contain intricate details (*i.e.* the badge on "Barcelona jersey") and reflect the subtle differences in the text prompts (*i.e.* the "cape" on the dog is more tapered than the boxier "poncho"). This specificity allows us to produce many diverse and distinct local styles. We show multiple local edits on the same mesh for multiple different meshes, demonstrating the effectiveness of our method on diverse prompts and meshes.

4.2. Importance of Cascaded Score Distillation

Impact and granular control of CSD. Our cascaded score distillation (CSD) simultaneously distills scores at multiple resolutions in a cascaded fashion. We observe that different stages of the cascaded diffusion model give different levels of granularity and global understanding (Fig. 7). Using only the (low resolution) stage 1 model is equivalent to SDS. Though SDS produces an accurate localization and coherent texture, the result is low-resolution (see Fig. 9). Conversely, using only the (high resolution) stage 2 model gives a high-resolution result, but often fails to properly localize the texture leading to undesirable results. Our CSD simultaneously combines the supervision from stages 1 and 2, resulting in a highly-detailed texture in the appropriate location. Increasing the stage 2 weight (moving left to right in Fig. 8) progressively increases the detail and granularity of the supervision, demonstrating smooth and intuitive interpolation between stage 1 and 2. In our experiments, we use a fixed weighting scheme, but this result demonstrates that our method works for a broad range of weights. Quantitative evidence supporting the importance of the CSD loss can bee seen in Tab. 1.

Localization Average Score ↑		SATR 1.89	3D Highlighter 2.03	**Ours 4.80**
Local Edits Average Score ↑	Latent Paint 2.14	Vox-E 2.15	Ours (SDS) 4.06	**Ours 4.88**

Table 1. **Quantitative evaluation.** We conduct a perceptual study where users evaluate our localizations and local edits compared to baseline methods (3D Highlighter [10], SATR [2], Latent Paint [38], Vox-E [49], and our method with standard SDS loss).

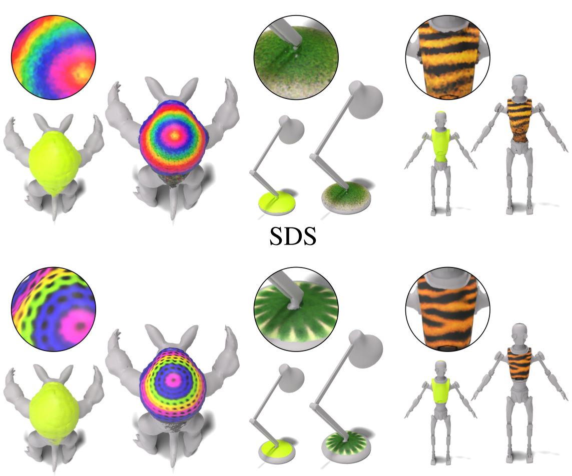

Figure 9. **Importance of super-resolution stage in CSD.** Using stage 1 only (equivalent to SDS) lacks fine-grained details. Incorporating the second super-resolution cascaded stage from our CSD increases the resolution and detail. Input text prompts (from left to right): Colorful crochet shell, Cactus base, Tiger stripe shirt.

4.3. Evaluation

Simultaneous localization and texture. We demonstrate the importance of simultaneously optimizing the localization region and texture in tandem in Fig. 5. We observe that simultaneous optimization results in highly detailed textures which effectively conform to the predicted localization regions (Fig. 5, left). Furthermore, the resulting localization region is sharp and intricate. Alternatively, we optimize the localization region first and use the predicted localization to learn a texture which is confined to the (precomputed) localization region (Fig. 5, middle). In this case, the texture is less detailed, and the localization region is less intricate. Finally, we can learn the texture and localization region independently (Fig. 5, independent). This results in a texture (Fig. 5 independent, middle) that is completely decoupled from the localization region (Fig. 5 independent, left). When masking the texture with the localization region, we observe a misaligned texture with fringe artifacts (Fig. 5 independent, right).

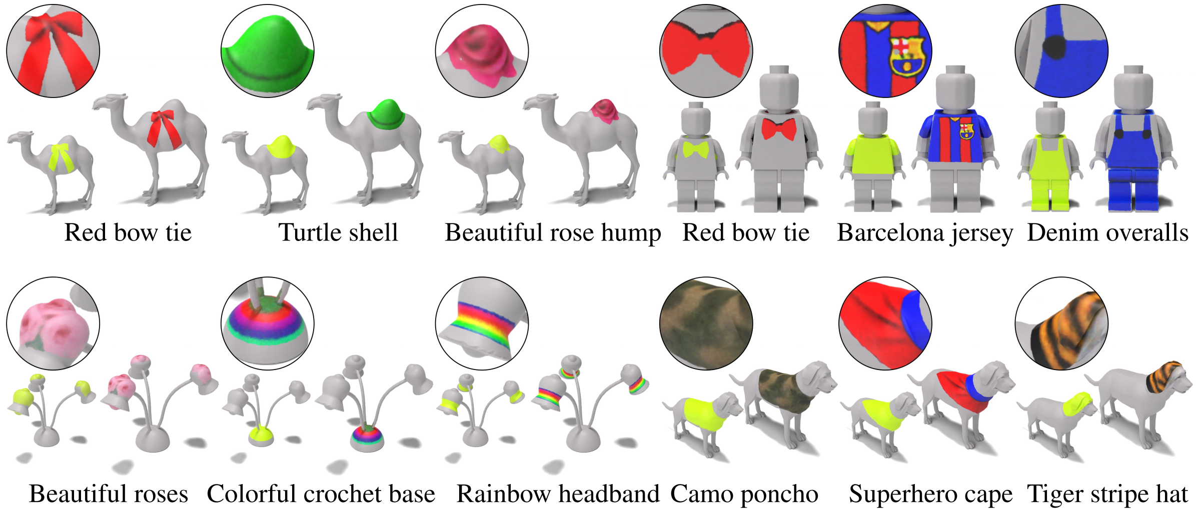

Figure 10. 3D Paintbrush is capable of producing a variety of local textures on the same mesh. Each result contains an accurate localization map (to specify the edit region) and a texture map that conforms to it.

Quantitative evaluation. 3D Paintbrush is the only method geared towards local editing that natively operates on meshes. We compare to the closest mesh-based methods which perform localization (3D Highlighter [10], SATR [2]) and texturing (Latent Paint [38]). We also compare to a voxel NeRF approach for local 3D editing (Vox-E [49]).

To evaluate our method against these baselines, we conduct a perceptual study where 39 users rate the effectiveness of each method for 9 different meshes (see Tab. 1). 3D Paintbrush consistently scores the highest for both localization and local editing, producing sharper localizations than 3D Highlighter and SATR and higher resolution textures than Latent Paint and Vox-E. Further quantitative evaluation using CLIP R-Precision and qualitative comparisons to these baselines are shown in the supplemental material.

Limitations. We illustrate a limitation of our method in Fig. 11. In cases where the desired local texture has strong semantic connections to additional components, these auxiliary components can sometimes be included in the localization and local texture. For example, a "Pharaoh headdress" is closely associated with Egyptian necklaces and thus our method also localizes and styles this component as well. Our method also suffers from the Janus effect common to many text-to-3D methods that use 2D supervision.

5. Conclusion

We presented 3D Paintbrush, a technique that produces highly detailed texture maps on meshes which effectively adhere to a predicted localization region. Our system is capable of *hallucinating* non-obvious local textures on a wide variety of meshes (such as heart-shaped sunglasses on a cow). Our localizations are detailed and accurate, enabling seamless post-processing (such as compositing textures without unwanted fringe). We proposed cascaded score distillation, a technique capable of extracting supervision signals from multiple stages of a cascaded diffusion model. We observe that each stage controls different amounts of detail and global understanding. Further, varying the weights for each stage provides control over the resulting local textures. We show the effectiveness of CSD to locally texture meshes; yet, CSD is general and can be applied to other domains (such as images, videos, and alternative 3D representations). In the future, we are interested in extending localized editing to capabilities beyond texturing (such as deformations, normal maps, and more).

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Figure 11. In cases where the desired localization carries a strong semantic context, elements from that context can also appear in the localization and style. For example, when adding a pharaoh headdress, 3D Paintbrush also adds an Egyptian necklace since they are commonly associated with pharaohs.

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