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Pattern data-like illustrations is stored in a ROM (24) in a printer (200). This pattern data is sent via a communication cable (30) to a digital camera (100) from the printer (200). In the digital camera (100), image data representing a still picture stored in a compressed form in an image memory (9) and pattern data sent from the printer (200) are both expanded by a compressing/expanding section (8) after which they are synthesized with each other, and an image corresponding to the synthesized data is displayed on a color LCD (19). This synthesized data is compressed by the compressing/expanding section (8), and is then sent to the printer (200) from the digital camera (100) via the communication cable (30). The printer (200) expands the compressed synthesized data and then activates a color printer section (26) to print an image corresponding to the expanded synthesized data on a recording sheet.

