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We present an elementary construction of certain affine open subschemes (the U_μ introduced by M. Haiman in [*t, q-Catalan Numbers and the Hilbert Scheme*, Discrete Mathematics 193 (1998), pp. 201-224]) of the Hilbert scheme of n points of the affine plane. Starting from scratch, we recover U_μ by constructing an affine variety U and, over U , a finite and flat family of 0-dimensional, length n subschemes of the affine plane that satisfies the universal property that characterizes U_μ . Since the U_μ cover the entire Hilbert scheme of n points, the latter can be constructed by pasting the U 's together along overlaps. (Received October 03, 2000)