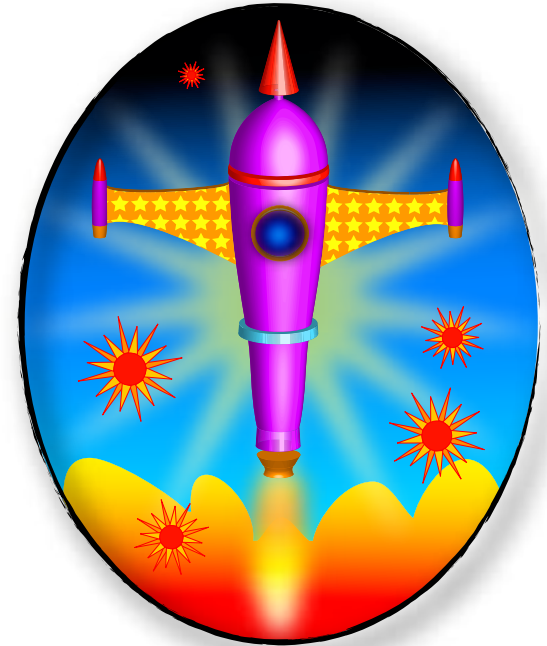
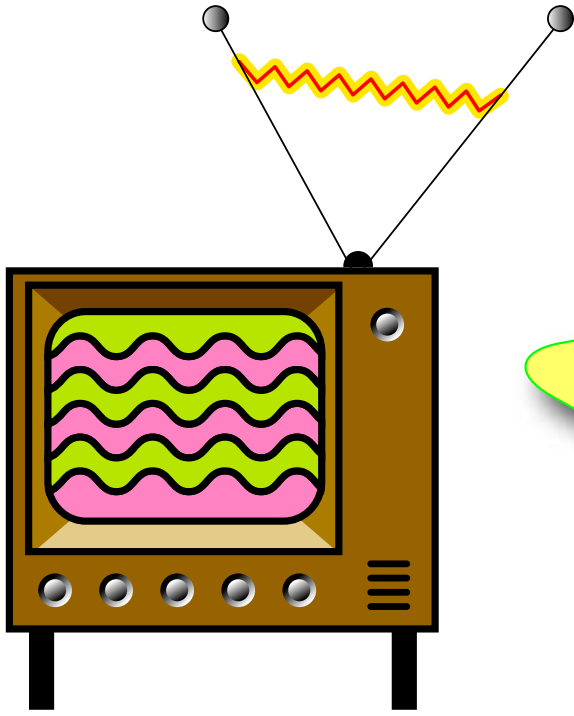
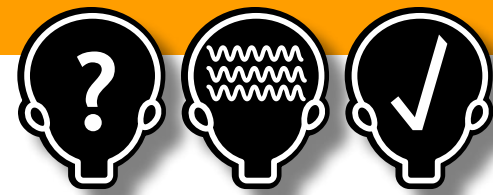


Introduction to

Adobe Illustrator

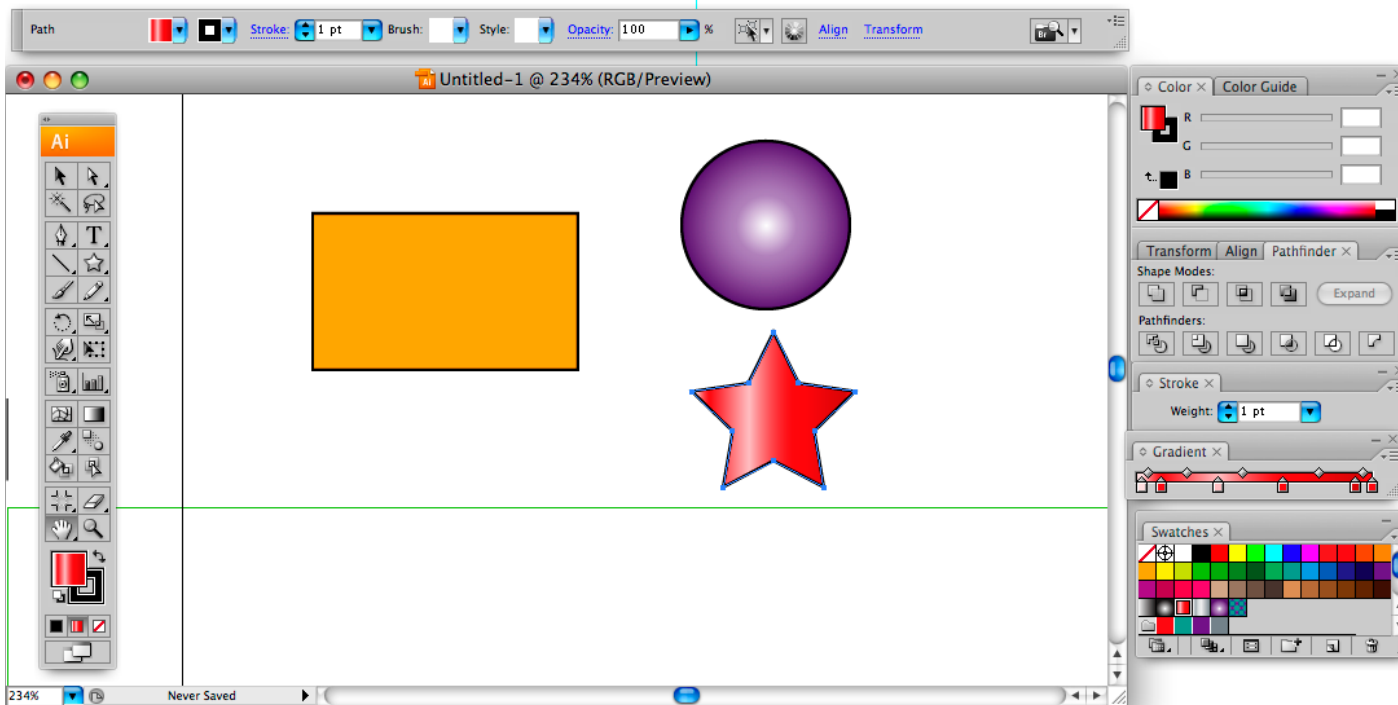
Level One



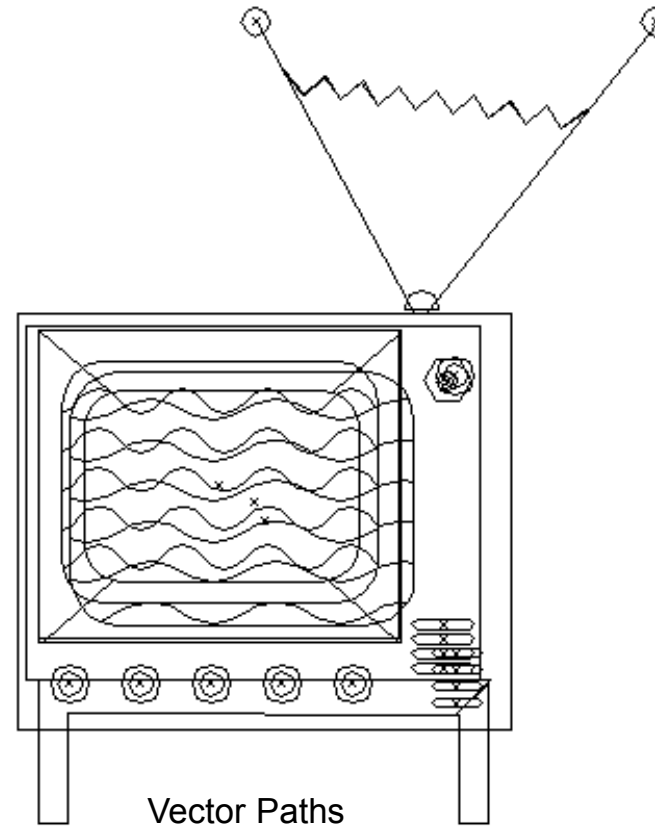
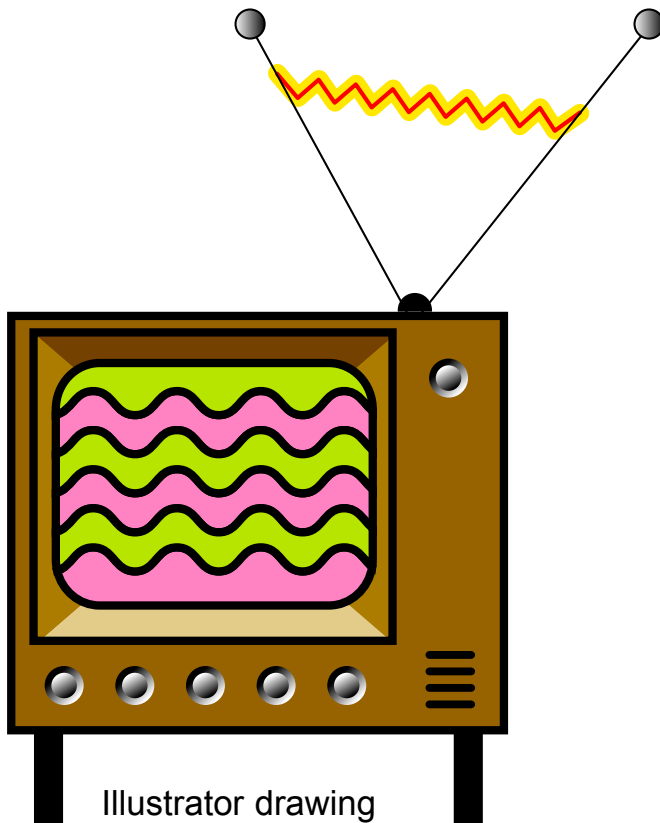
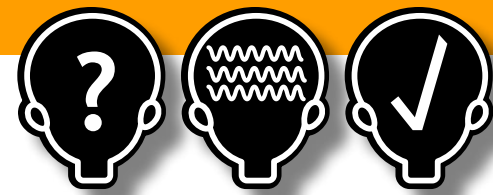


Adobe Illustrator® is a multi-purpose drawing program that provides professional illustrators and designers a wealth of tools and methods to create an unlimited variety of graphic styles.

Adobe Illustrator can be divided into three levels.
In each level you will learn an expanding set of skills.

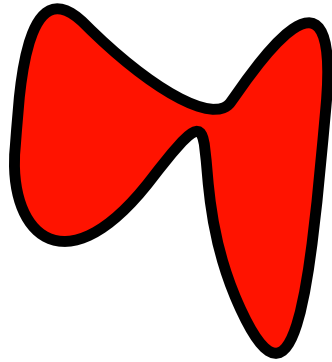


In level 1, you will start by learning the basic tools, palettes, and keyboard commands needed to create basic drawings.



Basic Concept

The key to Adobe Illustrator® is that all drawings are made by creating **vector paths**. These vector paths appear as colored shapes and lines on the screen, but are actually mathematical descriptions hiding just below the surface.

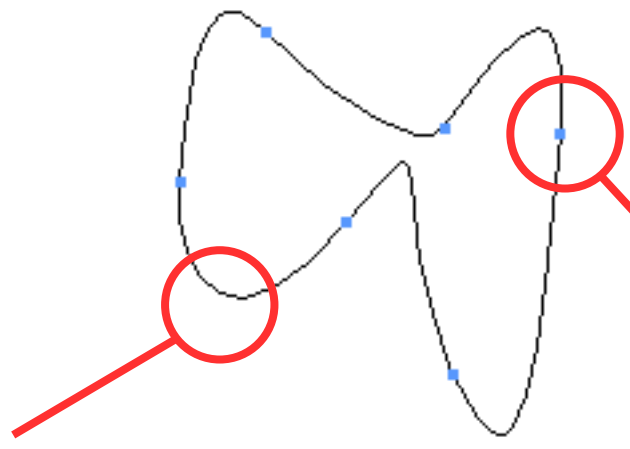
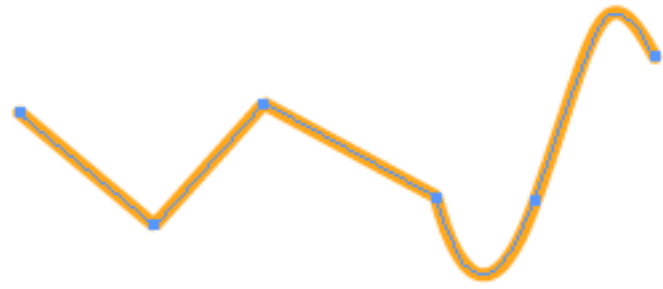


Closed path



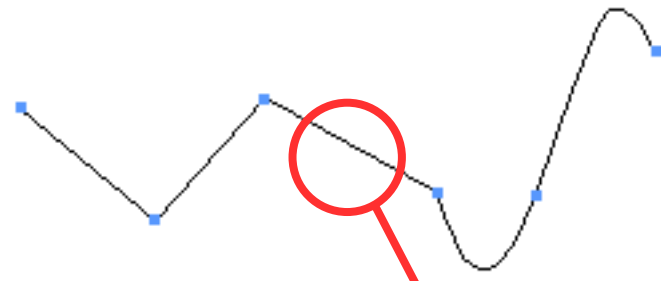
Open path

There are two basic types of paths, **Closed paths** and **Open paths**.
Closed paths are continuous and have no ends.
Open paths have two end points.



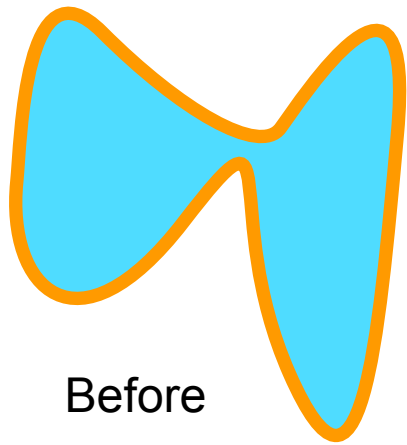
Anchor Point

Bézier Curve

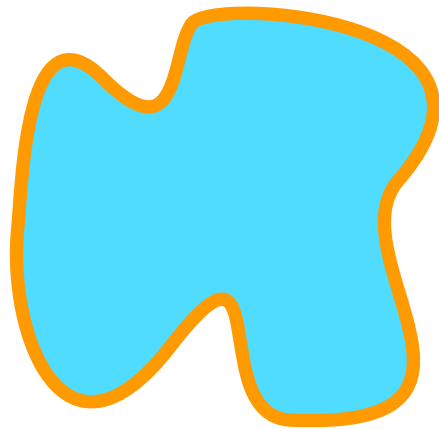


Line Segment

Every path can be made of a combination of Bézier curves, anchor points, and line segments.



Before



After

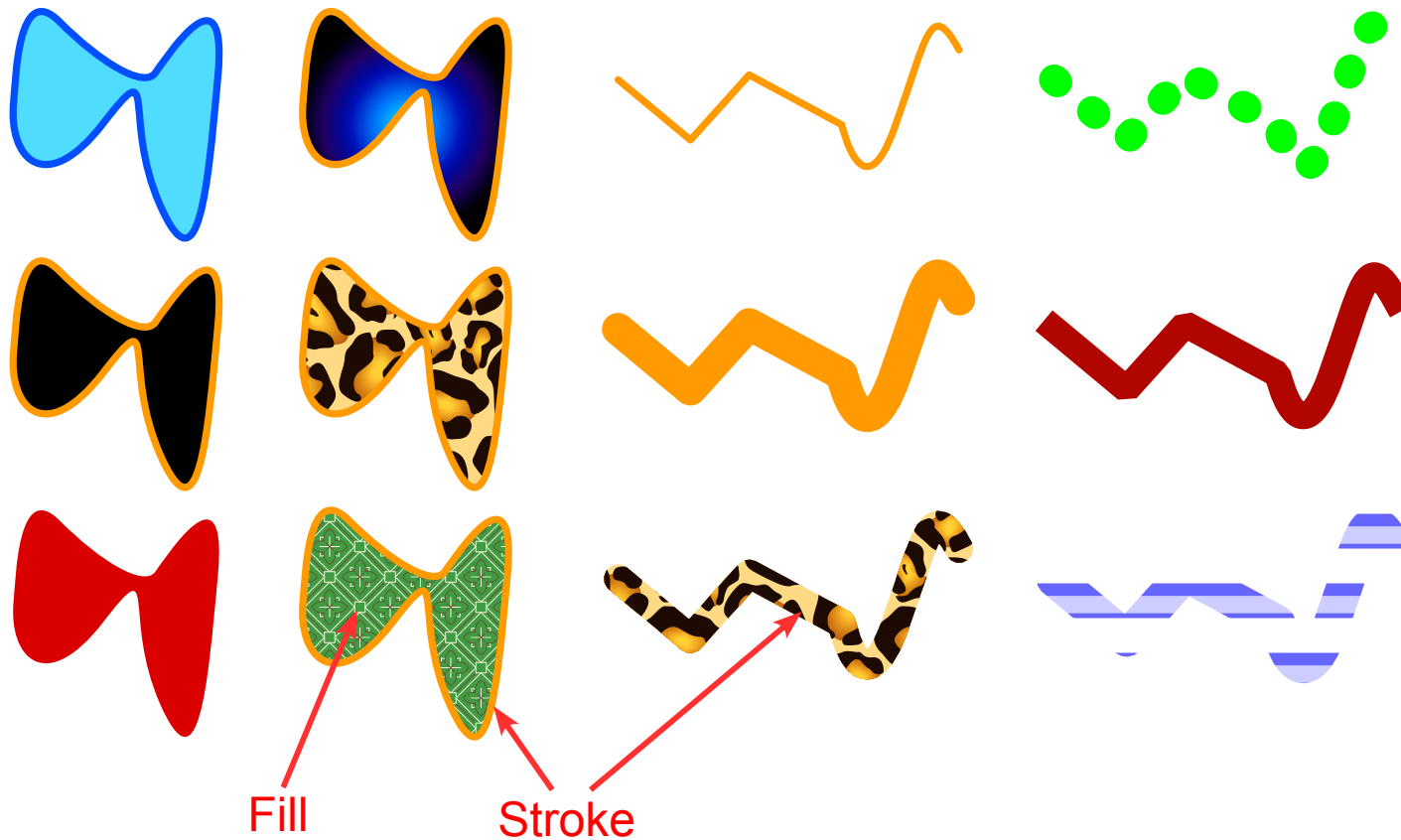
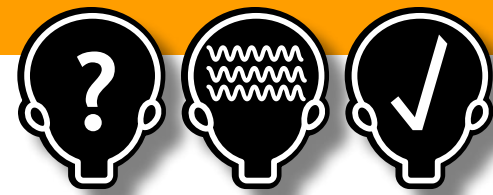


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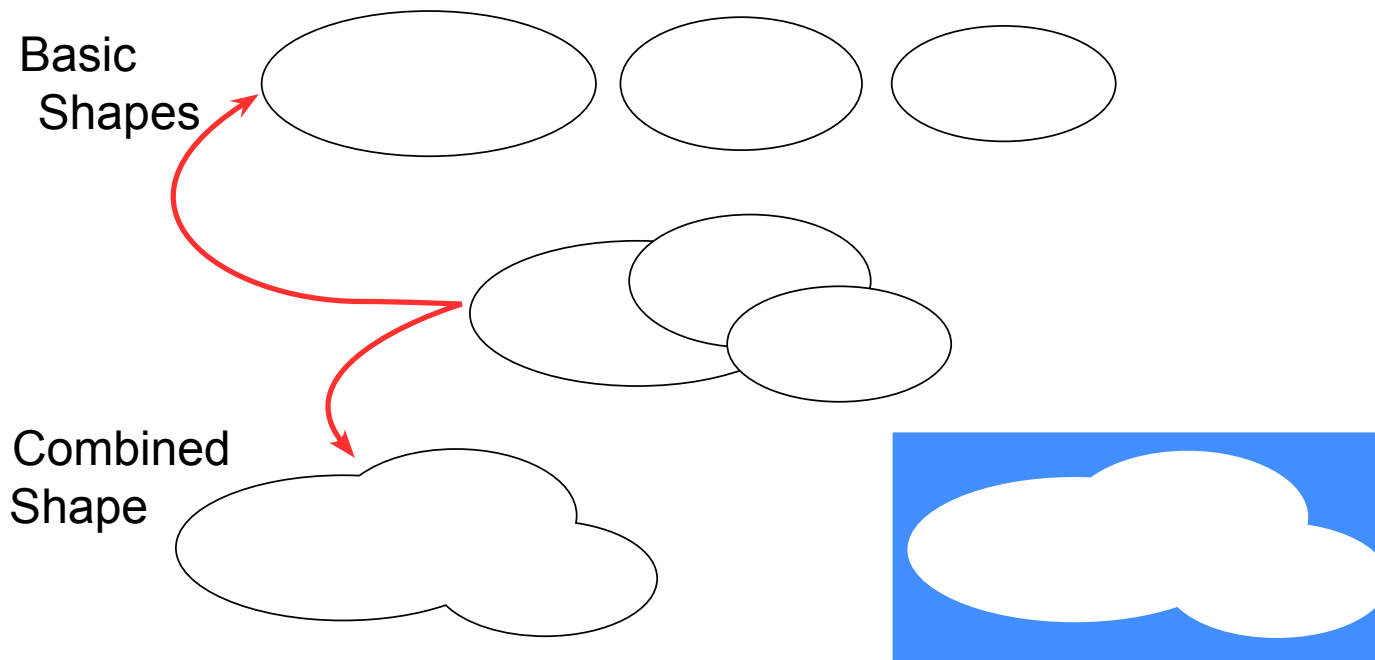


After

You can change the shape of a path by moving and adjusting the points.

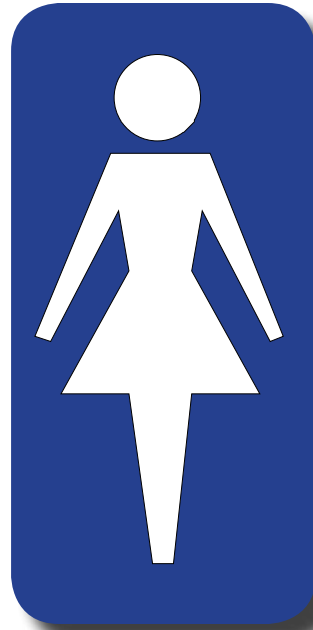
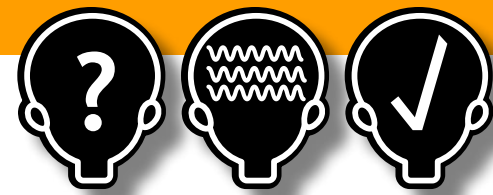


There are many ways to add and change the look of paths.
Color added to the inside of a path is called a **Fill**.
Adding color and thickness to the path itself is called a **Stroke**.

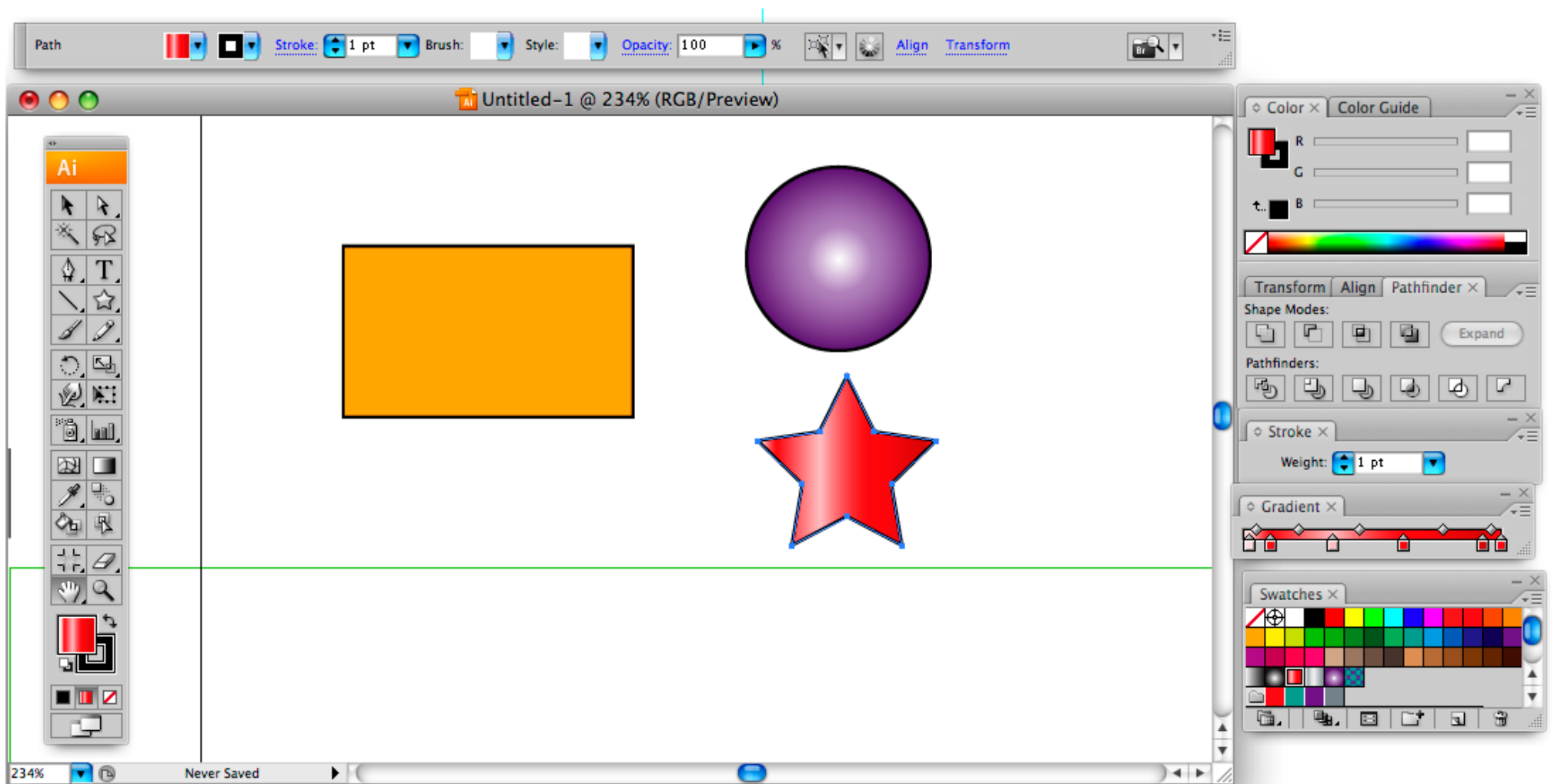
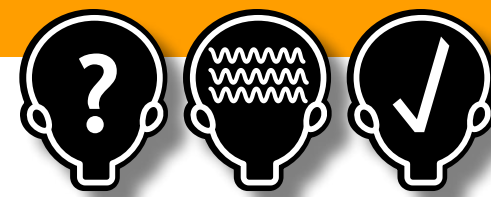


Basic Concept

In Level 1, you will learn to make basic shapes which can then be combined to make more complex shapes.



A graphic symbol is a simple picture used to communicate without words.
These Graphic Symbols can be drawn with Adobe Illustrator using Level 1 operations.



Here is a quick look at the Adobe Illustrator CS3 interface.

**iMAG Training**

Adobe Illustrator CS3 Exercise 1

Welcome to Adobe Illustrator CS3. This powerful program will help you create some really great artwork. This is the first in a series of exercises that will take you through the essentials. In Level 1, you will learn a simple, straightforward method of creating simple drawings. Please view the presentation: Intro to Adobe Illustrator before you begin these exercises.

Do this now

Always save a copy of your work. Go to the menu bar at the top of the screen and:
Menu-->File-->Save As...

Include your name as part of the file name example:
exercise_1_JackAdams

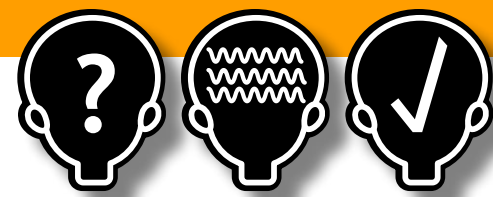
Navigation



Select the HAND TOOL (H). Your screen cursor will change to CLICK, HOLD and DRAG the page around.

You can also use the scroll bars, located on the right and bottom of the window, or the Scroll Wheel on your mouse to move around the window.

You will learn the basics of Adobe Illustrator CS3 level 1 by completing a series of exercises and projects. The screen shot above shows the exercisers look like.



The shopping cart on the left is an example of a simple drawing completed using Adobe Illustrator level on operations but the watch on the left is might seem more complicated bu was also completed using simple level one skills.