



Adobe Illustrator CS6, Introduction

In this introductory Adobe Illustrator course, you will learn how to create high quality illustrations, logos, and other custom artwork. Along the way, you'll discover how to draw and transform vector shapes, add color to drawn objects, use layers to organize your artwork, and export Illustrator files.

Getting to Know the Workspace

- Exploring the interface
- Choosing a workspace
- Opening a file
- Using artboards
- Changing your view
- Zooming and scrolling
- Using tools and panels
- Exploring the Control panel
- Working with panels and the dock
- Saving workspaces and shortcuts

Illustrator CS6 Essentials

- Using the shape tools
- Repositioning and visually resizing shapes
- Putting the Transform panel to work
- Constraining a shape
- Entering exact dimensions
- Selecting artwork
- Using the shape and transform tools
- Introducing layers
- Cutting and pasting objects
- Repeating transformations

Adding Color

- Exploring the Appearance panel
- Changing colors
- Adding effects
- Using Live Paint
- Adding a symbol
- Saving swatches
- Selecting the same color
- Creating a color group
- Using the Color panel
- Adding Pantone colors

Working with the Drawing Tools

- Understanding the Pen tool
- Drawing straight, curved and hinged lines

- Tracing images
- Creating a tracing template
- Working with Image Trace
- Using the Line, Pencil and Eraser tools
- Editing existing paths
- Adding and removing points
- Cutting and joining paths
- Combining shapes with the Shape Builder

Exploring Additional Color Options

- Adding tonal values with gradients
- Customizing an existing gradient
- Saving a gradient
- Using the Gradient panel
- Updating a gradient
- Creating a pattern
- Applying a pattern
- Editing a pattern
- Locating existing patterns
- Using the Color Guide

Working with and Formatting Text

- Formatting text
- Paragraph formatting
- Using paragraph and character styles
- Editing styles
- Putting text on a path
- Warping text
- Putting text in a shape
- Creating outlines
- Checking spelling
- Using Find and Replace

An Introduction to Layers

- Getting to know the Layers panel
- Using layers to organize an illustration
- Using the Layers panel to make selections
- Creating new layers
- Showing and hiding layers



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Locking and unlocking layers
Rearranging layers
Moving items between layers
Remembering layers when pasting
Creating a template layer