

ILLUSTRATOR ACTIVITY

BASIC SHAPES

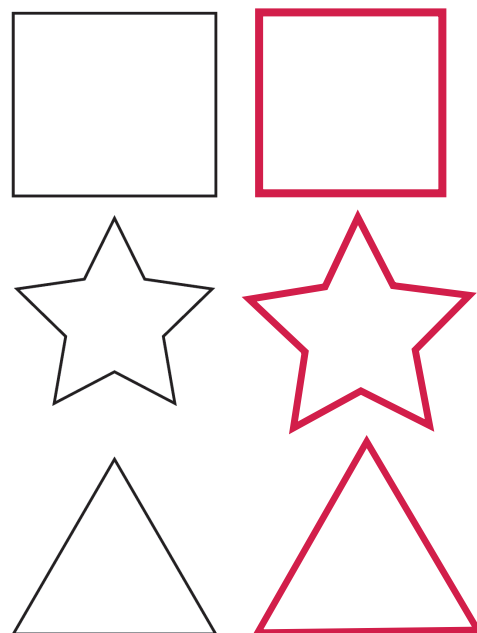
Let's begin our adventures in Illustrator by starting off with some basic shapes. re-create the shapes you see here and place them next to the existing shape. Choose a different color for the stroke.

These are accessed through the shape tool. On your toolbar, look for a little square that matches this:



As you go through these shapes, it is important in Illustrator to hold SHIFT. This will keep things proportional.

To create a triangle, start with a star shape. Click and drag, but don't let go yet! While holding still, hit the up and down arrows on your keyboard to add/remove points on the star. Hit down enough and you'll get a triangle.



MANIPULATING SHAPES

A really cool part of Illustrator is that we can completely manipulate the shapes to be exactly what we want.

To move things around, use the selection tool (has an arrow outline, shortcut V)

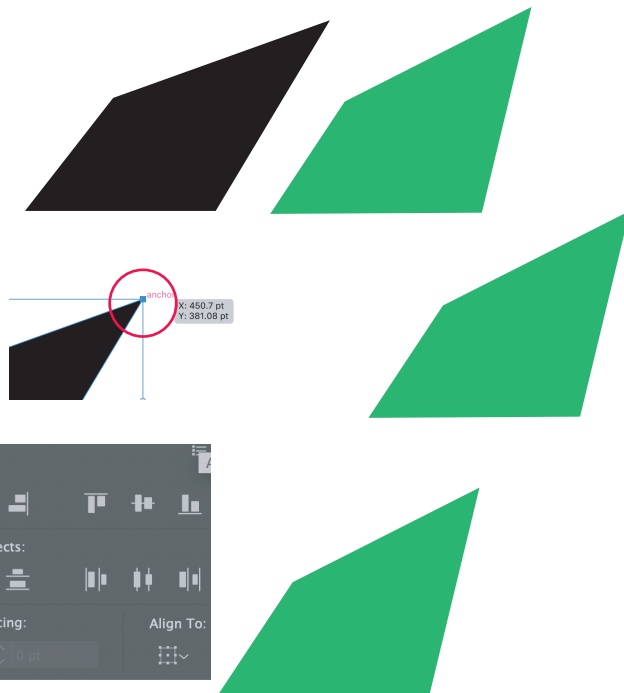
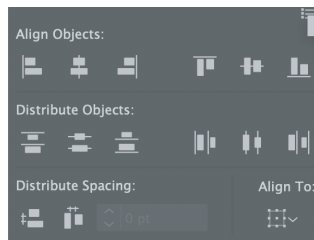
The direct selection tool (white filled in arrow, shortcut A).

The direct selection tool is pretty powerful. To learn how it works, recreate this shape (in your color of choice).

First draw a square (hold shift to keep it proportional). Then select the direct selection tool, and click once on the shape. Then click once on the Anchor Point in the corner of the shape. Anchor points are corners of the shape that make up how it is created. So with the direct selection tool, click once on the anchor point to activate it. Then click a second time but this time click, hold, and drag- and that will move the anchor point.

Here's a fun trick. To duplicate a shape, hold the alt key, select the shape with the selection tool, and drag off.

You can also line things up in Illustrator. Duplicate your shape from that you distorted with the direct selection tool so you have 3 copies. Then use the selection tool to select all three, and you should see in the properties palette a spot to align them all in different ways.



LET'S ADD SOME ART BOARDS

For the rest of this activity, there are a series of tutorials to help you learn some functions in Illustrator. You need to add an additional artboard for each tutorial you complete.

Click on the artboard tool on the toolbar. Then look for the paper icon in the upper toolbar- this will create a new artboard.

