

Working with shapes – create a leaf

Setup

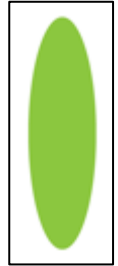
1. **File > New** to create a new Artboard. 100mm by 100mm is a good size.

Draw a basic ellipse

2. Use the shape tool on the left toolbar

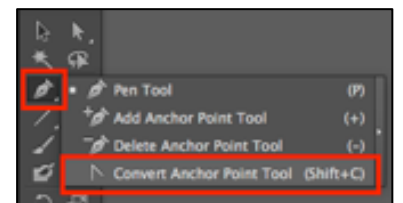
Draw an **ellipse** – a long circle

- make the **fill colour** lime green
- make the **stroke** transparent



Warping the shape

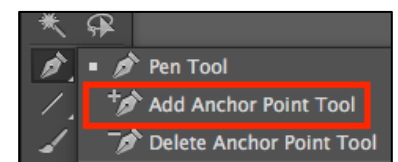
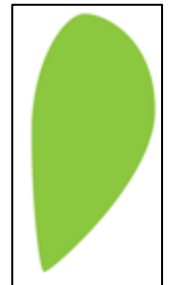
3. Select the circle
4. Find the **Pen tool** on the **left toolbar**. **Hold down** the mouse on the pen tool and choose the **Convert Anchor Point Tool**



5. **HOLD DOWN SHIFT** – this is **REALLY IMPORTANT!** – and drag the anchor points to create a leaf shape

This is quite tricky, but keep at it

6. You can use the **add anchor point tool** to add more points if you need to



Add a stem

7. Click and **hold** the **Shape tool** and pick the **Polygon Tool** (the hexagon)
8. **Click once** on the canvas and change **Sides** to **3** > **OK**

This creates a triangle

9. Use a wood **brown fill** and no stroke
10. Now use the **Selection tool** (the top arrow) to make the triangle long and really thin to act as a stem for the leaf

You can use the same technique to add veins to the leaf as well

11. Try and use a gradient fill for the leaf to get a better look

