Shapes, effects and drop shadows

Drawing a shape

You already know that you can use the Polygon Tool to draw shapes. But sometimes you need to draw them in a different way.

1. Set up a new Artboard (**File** > **New**). Add a grid to it (**View** > **Show Grid**)

2. Chose the **Pen Tool** from the <u>left toolbar</u>.

3. <u>Click once</u> on the grid to set the start point. Then **click at least twice more** to create a shape. Use the grid to help you.

4. <u>IMPORTANT:</u> you <u>**MUST** click back on the start point</u> to complete the shape.

Adding effects to a shape

You can use these with any shape, including the built in ones. Try the options out – you can always undo them (**Edit** > **Undo**)

1. Chose the **Selection Tool** (the top arrow) and click to select the shape

2. Use a **fill colour** to colour the shape.

3. Click **Effect** > choose the top **Stylize** (in the Illustrator effects section) > **Round corners** > **OK**

4. Click **Effect** > **Stylize** > **Inner Glow** > **OK**

5. Click **Effect** > **Stylize** > **Drop Shadow** > **OK**

There are lots more effects you can experiment with.

Drop shadows

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1. Type some words on an artboard. Make them nice and big.

2. Click the **Selection Tool** and select the words (<u>**don't**</u> highlight them)

3. Click **Effects** > **Stylize** > **Drop Shadow**

    Interesting, but it's probably not what you were looking for… Don't undo this.

4. At the <u>**top**</u>, click **Window** > **Appearance**

5. Click on the words **Drop Shadow** and change the settings to the ones on the screenshot > **OK**

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