



Adobe Illustrator Course

The course is split into 2 sessions to accommodate different skill levels:

Day 1: Basic/novice users

Day 2: Intermediate/advanced

Day 1: Basic/novice users

Intro

- About Illustrator
- Vector vs Bitmap
- Opening Illustrator
- CC and older versions

Start

- Opening and creating new documents
- Layout and workspaces
- Icons and menus
- Shortcuts
- Paths, points and handles
- *Exercise - editing shapes – pen tool

Tools

- Selection arrows (also group selection/isolation mode)
- *Exercise
- Fill and stroke
- Pen tool
- Basic Text
- Lines
- Shapes
- Rotate
- Eyedropper

Creating cut lines, drawing around objects, merging objects, boundaries, shaping windows

- Layers panel – windows menu
- Swatches – Roland DG
- Spot and process
- Basic Layers
- Pathfinder
- Text/paragraph
- Align

Menu options to look at (back to front)

Others

- Offset in object > path
- Group/join - scissors
- Arrange
- Place/embed
- Copy and paste
- Expand
- Saving/exporting
- Basic save options



- EPS PDF
- Save for web

Day 2: Intermediate/advanced

Day 1 review

Tools

- Selection arrows (also group selection/isolation mode)
- Pen tool & curvature tool
- Advanced Text
- Shapes & shaper (CC only)
- Magic Wand
- Lasso
- Brushes
- Eraser
- Eyedropper
- Artboards
- Gradient
- 3D extrude and bevel

Creating cut lines, drawing around objects, merging objects, boundaries, windows

- Layers panel – windows menu
- Other spot libraries
- Advanced Layers & Groups
- Brushes
- Pathfinder
- Transparencies
- Gradients
- Text/paragraph
- Align

Menu options to look at (back to front)

Others

- Offset in object > path
- Group/join - scissors
- Arrange
- Clipping masks
- Compound path
- Live trace
- Live paint
- Place/embed
- Preferences
- Rasterize
- Flatten transparencies
- Expanding

Saving/exporting

- Advanced save options
- Save for web