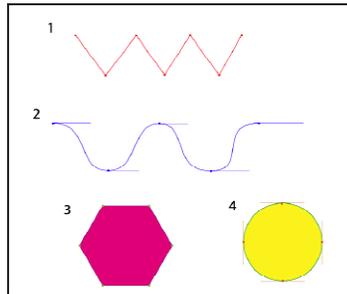


PART I. Learning the Tools

The first part of this tutorial uses basic tools and techniques to take a word and have each character in that word visually represent the word's meaning.

Warm Up: We are going to practice using the pen tool in Illustrator.

First download the attached file under the Illustrator Tutorial Assignment (Tutorial3.ai) on ubLearns



1. Drawing straight polygonal lines (the red line)

- Before you do anything, make sure that you are working on “Layer 2” Go to Window/Layers to find the palette and then select “Layer 2”

- Select the Pen Tool from Illustrator’s tool bar () You will notice that your mouse changes into an icon of an old-fashioned pen nib.

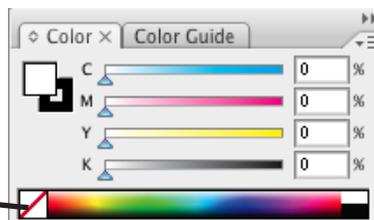
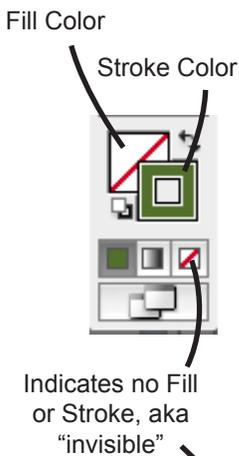
- Choose a color other than red as the Stroke Color

You will adjust the Fill or Stroke Color depending which one is in front of the other one. The example at the left shows the Stroke color in front of the Fill Color.

This is the Color Palette where you can make the color adjustments:

- Make the Fill Color Invisible (aka. Making there be NO Fill color)

1. Now just quickly click your mouse once on each of the small red squares on the red line
Each new point changes where the line goes.



2. After you have clicked on all the points, you will need to deselect the Pen Tool by selecting a different tool - otherwise you would just keep drawing with the pen tool until you closed a shape.

2. Drawing a Curvy Line (the blue line)



- Select the Pen Tool from Illustrator’s tool bar ()

- Choose a color other than blue as the Stroke Color.

1. Start with the left most square on the blue line. Click, hold down the mouse, and drag it to the end of the light blue line to the right of the one you just clicked in - then let go of your mouse. You just dragged handlebars out from your initial point. These handlebars make it so you can adjust the direction of the curve. And even go back later and *re-adjust* the curve.

2. Now continue to click in the remaining blue squares (from left to right) and dragging to the end of the light blue lines to the right of where you just clicked. You will need to deselect the Pen Tool by selecting a different tool - otherwise you would just keep drawing with the pen tool until you closed a shape.

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3. Drawing a Polygonal Shape (Pink Polygon)

- Select the Pen Tool from Illustrator's tool bar ()
- Choose a color other than purple or pink as the Stroke Color.

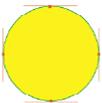
We will add a fill after the shape is finished.

1. Click once, without dragging your mouse, on each of the green squares around the pink polygon in a clockwise or counter-clockwise fashion. You should not get any handlebars.

2. After you have clicked on every green square you will need to click again on the first one you made. You will notice a small circle appear to the right of your pen nib. That means that you are closing a shape.

3. Now select the Selection Tool arrow from the Toolbar () . Click on your polygon and then click on the Fill Color in the Toolbar (to make sure that the Fill color appears in front of the Stroke Color, *see left* - meaning that is the color you will be changing). Find the color Palette and choose a color that you would like to fill your polygon with.

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4. Drawing a Rounded Shape (Yellow Circle)

- Select the Pen Tool from Illustrator's tool bar ()
- Choose a color other than yellow, green, or orange as the Stroke Color.

We will add a fill after the shape is finished.

1. Start with the topmost orange square on the circle. Click, hold down the mouse, drag it to the right, and let go at the right end of the light orange line.

2. Continue to do this in a clockwise manner and drag the handlebar in the direction that you are going (clockwise).

3. To close the shape, just click once on the first point that you made to close the shape.
You should not drag your mouse at all!

4. Now give your circle a Fill Color.

5. Saving your Document

- File/Save As - Name it "lastname_warmUp.ai)
- Please put this file in the appropriate Folder on vs2.buffalo.edu
(CourseWork/ART 250 Intro.../ART250B Calhoon/ Illustrator Tutorial)