

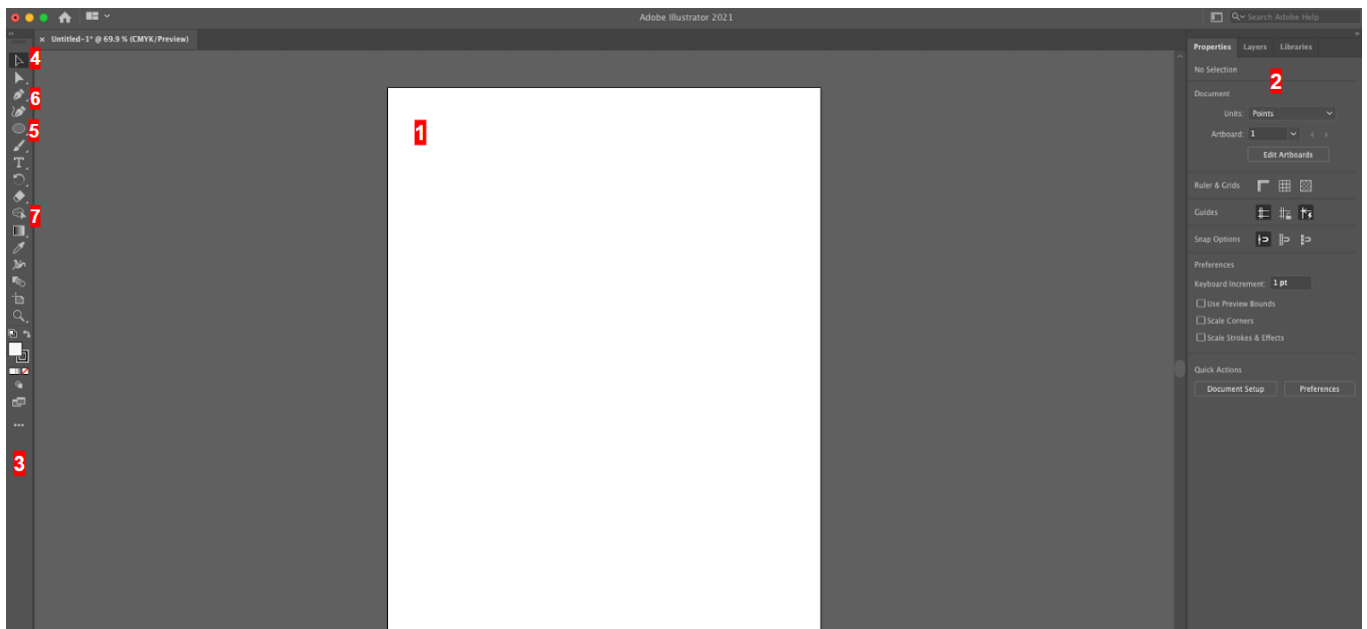
# Simple Illustrator Kickstart Tutorial

This tutorial is designed for college students looking for a kickstart of the basics in Adobe Illustrator. The tutorial should take about 20-30min and doesn't require watching a video, just following the steps. The tools you will use today are below.


**Read the instructions carefully, they are very detailed and every step is extremely important in order to complete the tutorial.**

## Your workspace

- 1** This is your **artboard**. The white box in the middle is where you can do your work.
- 2** The right side of the screen has your **panels**. For today's tutorial, we will only be using the **properties** panel and the **layers** panel. In properties, you will be able to change the properties of the shapes you make. In layers, you will be able to lock your layers whenever you are instructed to do so.
- 3** The far left is the **tool bar**. All the following tools can be found in the toolbar on the left-hand side of the screen.

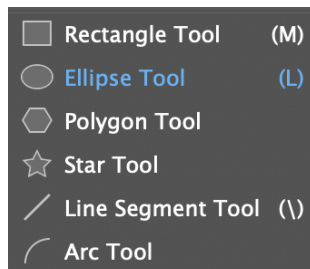



## Your tools


**4 The selection tool:** This tool looks like this . It is used to select anything you have created on Illustrator. Selecting something can allow you to move it or change features about it, like the color or stroke line.

**5 The ellipse tool:** We will use the ellipse shape tool which looks like this .

To find this tool it will be under any of the following shapes and to change shapes simply hold down your pointer and click the ellipse tool. The ellipse tool creates circles and ovals.



**6 The pen tool:** This tool looks like this.  It is used to draw unnatural shapes and is primarily used for drawings in Illustrator. It is the most important tool we will be using today.

**7 The shape builder tool:** This tool looks like this.  It is used to merge shapes together and separate colors in one shape.

## Graphic icon tutorial

1. These are all the tools we will be using today. The link to the image is below.

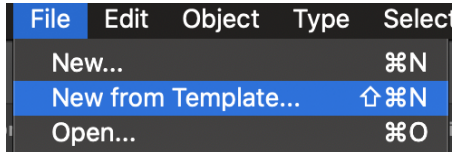
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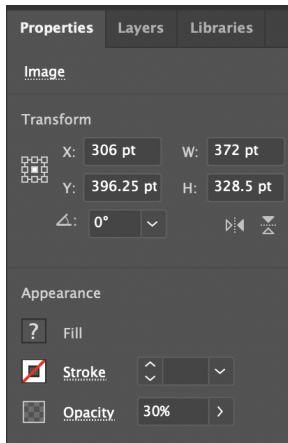
2. Save this image as is to your computer.
3. Open up Adobe Illustrator and create a file. The basic letter format will be fine. It looks like this.



4. In the top left corner of the document press file and then **new from template**. Then find the saved photo and insert it.



5. Next, select your image and go to the **preference panel** from the panels on the right hand side of the screen (2). Change the opacity of the image to 30%.




6. Press the **layers** button next to the properties one and **lock your layer**. Then add a new one at the bottom of the panel. Select layer 2 to work on.


**Note: You will have to create a second layer on top of the locked layer in order to place any content. If you try to work on the locked first layer instead of the unlocked second layer, you will not be able to use the tools.**

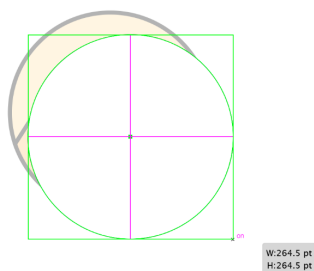
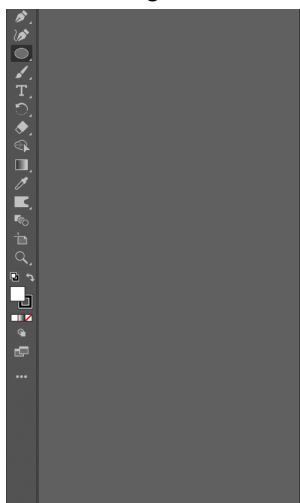



Right now your image should look like this:



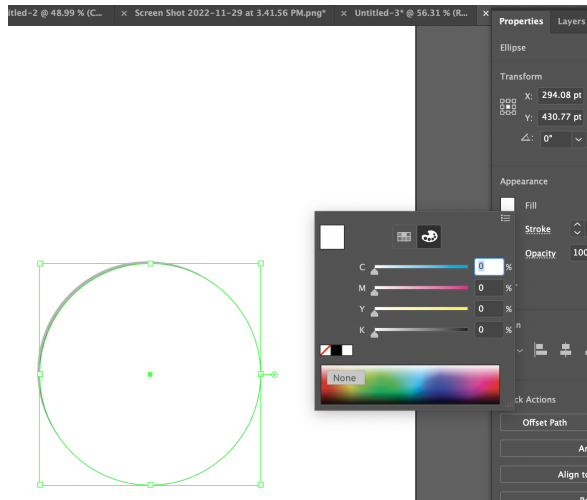
Before getting started with the tools, go back into your **properties** panel and make sure you are switching to the selection tool  to move things, select things, and click off of things. If you make a mistake simply press **command Z** to undo it just like you would in any document.

7. Next, select the ellipse tool . Over the large circle in the image, hold down and create a large circle. By pressing the **selection** tool you can move it directly over the image and resize if needed.



8. Change the fill of the circle to empty by pressing the fill box and then the empty box. 

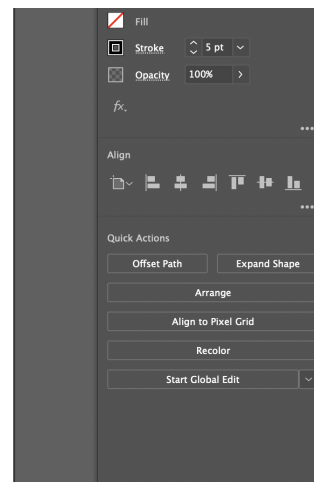
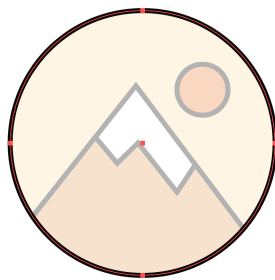




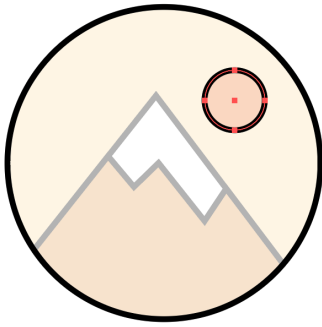
- Using the selection tool, go to the properties panel and change the circle's **stroke** to 5pt.




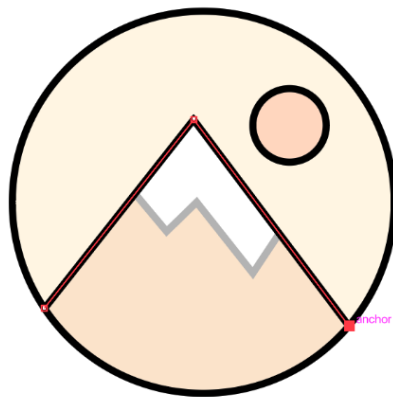
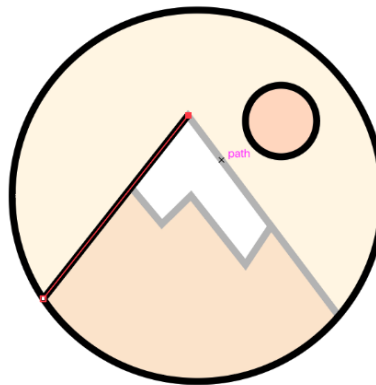
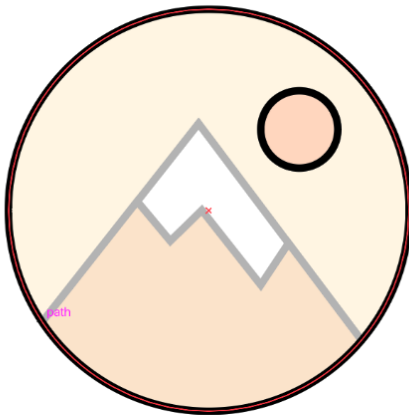
You can also change the color by selecting this box. Make it any color you like.



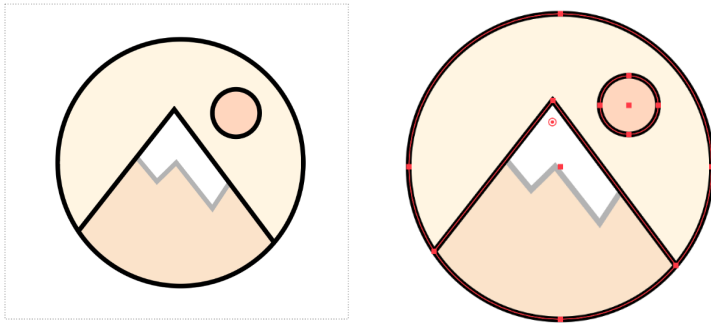
- Repeating the same method, create another circle using the ellipse tool about the size of the sun. Place it on top of the sun in the photo. Change the fill to empty if needed and the stroke to 5. The software will likely do this automatically. Your image should look like this:



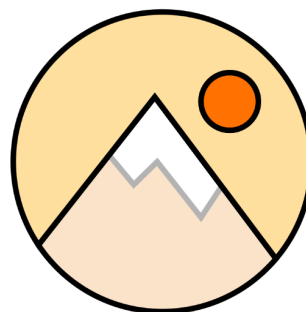
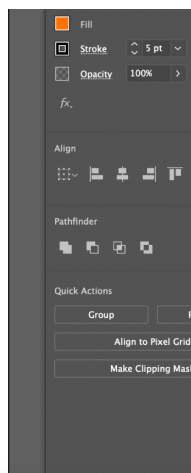
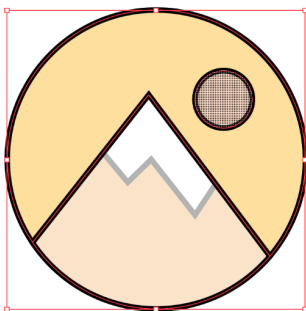
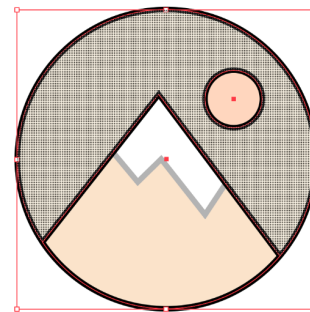
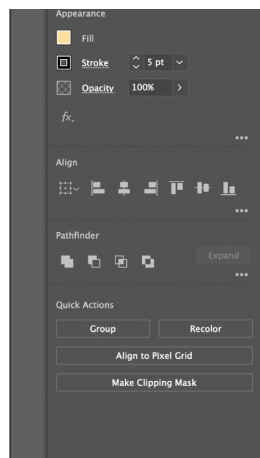
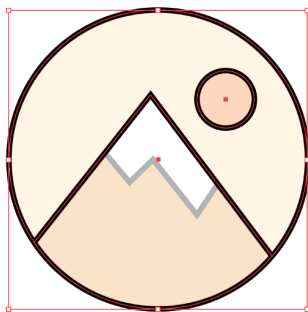
11. It is now time to use the pen tool.  Select the tool and click the outer corner of the circle. **Make sure the pointer says *path* or *intersect* right where you are about to click.** Click at each corner or turn on the mountain from left to right. The steps for the mountain are shown below in photos.



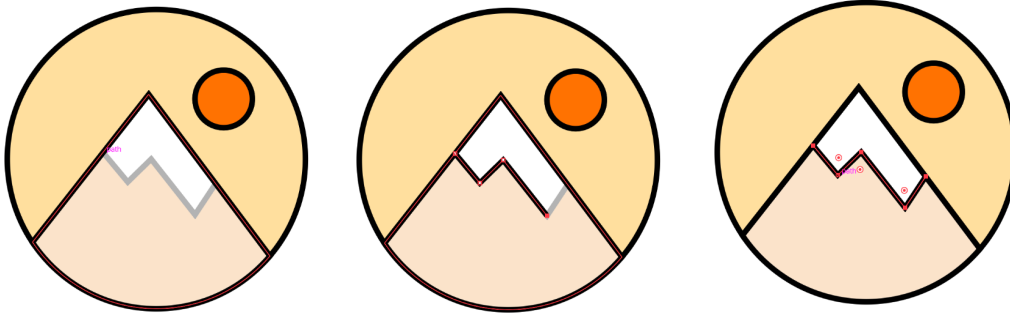
12. Now using the selection tool, **highlight your entire drawing by holding down on the page and dragging across the image.**



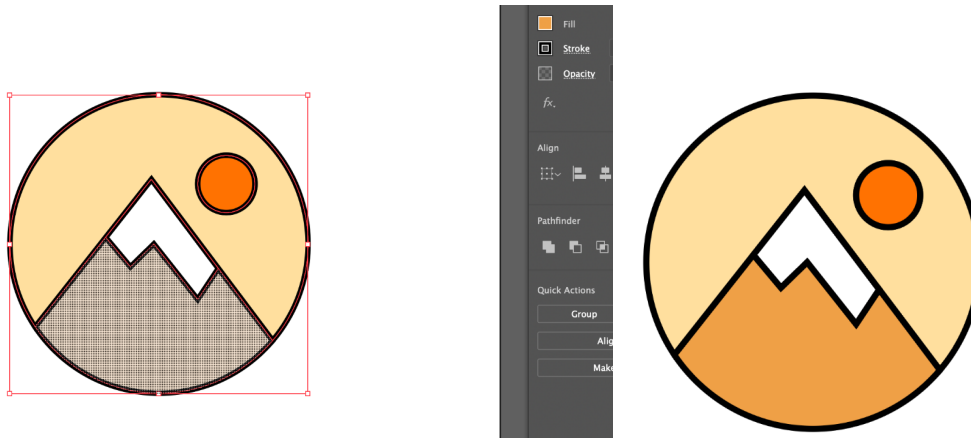
13. Select the shape builder tool. Choose a fill color of your choice, and click the background of the image. Using a different fill color, do the same to the sun. The steps are shown in the images below.



14. Then using the pen tool, create the mountain top by clicking the same way as making the mountain. Make sure that your **fill is empty** before beginning.



15. Using the selection tool highlight the entire image again. Then using the shape builder fill your mountain in any color you like.



16. Click off of your image and congratulations you finished the tutorial! If something didn't go right or is wrong make sure to retrace your steps and look back through the instructions.