Shapes & Icons in Illustrator

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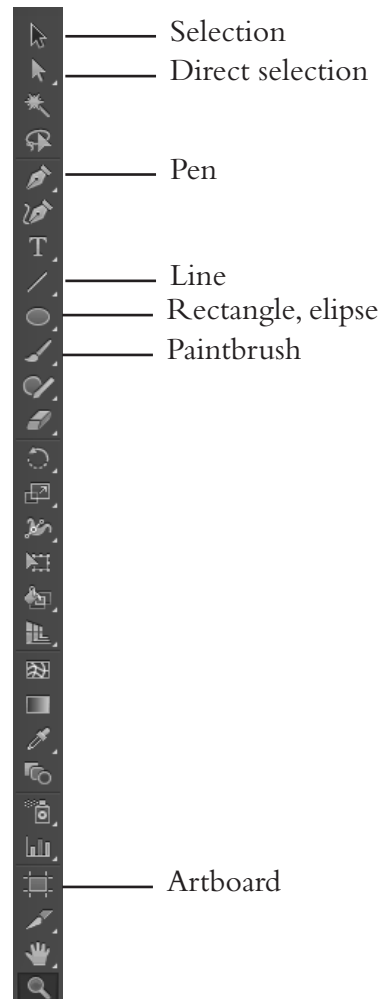919.962.4194

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- Ask at the UL Research & Design Desk
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- Sign up for a design consultation on our webpage *www.library.unc.edu/house/designlab*
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File Formats

AI   Editable Illustrator file
SVG   Vector format (good for sharing on web)
EPS   Vector format (can embed in MS programs)
PDF   Good for printing and sharing (preserves vector graphics)

Tools We'll Use Today

—— Selection
—— Direct selection
—— Pen
—— Line
—— Rectangle, elipse
—— Paintbrush
—— Artboard

Keyboard Shortcuts

Use Control on PCs, Command on Macs

Ctrl z   Undo
Ctrl +   Zoom in
Ctrl –   Zoom out
Ctrl c   Copy
Ctrl v   Paste
Ctrl g   Group
Alt+drag   Make a copy of object

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Lesson Outline

Orange alien
Use Rectangle, Elipse, and Line Tools to create head.
Use Pen Tool to create left half of body. Select, copy and paste. Object>Transform>Reflect to flip right half. Use Pathfinder (Window>Pathfinder) Unite to make body one shape.
Use Line Tool to make arms.
Rectangle Tool to make leg. Use Selection tool and Alt+drag to duplicate rectangle for second leg.
Use Paintbrush Tool to draw feet.
Select all shapes and group.

Purple alien
Use Elipse Tool and Pathfinder to create head/body.
Use Elipse Tool to make an arm. Use Add Anchor Point Tool to add three points to create thumb. Use Direct Selection tool to make hand shape. Copy and paste shape for second arm.
Use Pen Tool to make hair. Line Tool to make legs.

Create background
Add new layer for background. Move below alien layer. Lock alien layer.
Use Pen Tool to create mountains and ice caps.
Use Paintbrush Tool to create ground line. Use Pen Tool to extend shape to bottom of artboard.
Use Rectangle Tool to create sky. Apply a gradient fill color. Use Gradient palette to adjust gradient colors. Right-click and Arrange>Send to Back.
Use Ellipse Tool and Pathfinder to create moon.

Saving your document
Save as AI
Save As for other vector formats. Export for other file formats (JPG, PNG).