Illustrator in a Day

Learn the fundamentals of Adobe Illustrator to start creating and editing vector graphics. Get practice using the standard drawing tools, building custom shapes, applying color, converting pixel-based graphics into vector, and more. Perfect for beginners who want get started quickly with Illustrator.

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Course Outline

Section 1

Drawing with Basic Shape Tools
- Drawing Ovals & Perfect Circles
- Creating Precise Shapes
- Setting Fill & Stroke Color
- Using the Eyedropper to Copy Formatting
- Navigating a File: Zooming & Scrolling
- Outline & Preview Views

Shape Controls
- Rounded Rectangles
- Polygon Tool & Triangles
- Star Tool
- Scaling Corners & Strokes

Line Tools, Variable Width Strokes, & Rotate Tool
- Line, Arc, & Spiral tools
- Width tool & Variable Width Strokes
- Rotate tool
- Flipping Horizontally

Building Complex Shapes with Basic Shapes
- Using the Direct Selection Tool to Move Individual Points
- Using the Pen tool to Remove Anchor Points
- Deleting Anchor Points
- Joining

- Aligning
- Working with Groups

Section 2

Pathfinder
- Comparing Pathfinders
- Pathfinders vs Shape Modes
- Live Compound Shapes

Image Trace
- Image Trace
- Converting Hand-Drawn Sketches into Vectors
- Adding Color with Live Paint

Social Media Graphics with Type, Photos, & Vectors
- Importing Photos
- Sample Colors with the Eyedropper Tool
- Adding Type
- Adding Vector Shapes
- Using the Curvature Tool to Curve Lines
- Working with Multiple Artboards
- Saving Illustrator Files That Contain Linked Photos

Exporting as JPEG, PNG, & SVG
- Exporting SVG Files
- Exporting Multiple Artboards with "Export for Screens"
- Exporting Parts of a File Using "Assets Export"