COURSE SYLLABUS

Sketch Bootcamp

Discover the essential features of Sketch. You get hands-on experience designing on a grid system, creating reusable symbols, exporting graphics, building clickable prototypes, and using useful plugins to enhance workflow.

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Course Outline

Section 1

Creating New Files & Designing on a Grid System

- Creating a new file
- Inserting Artboards
- Setting up a layout grid
- Creating colored backgrounds for text
- Importing text

Inserting & Masking Photos

- Importing photos
- Cropping a photo (masking)
- Customizing the Amount of Rounding for Each Corner

Inserting Vector Graphics, Fills, Shadows, & More

- Importing & modifying vector graphics
- Making grouped objects easily selectable
- Layer opacity vs. fill opacity
- Aligning & distributing layers
- Copying & pasting appearance
- Adding a drop shadow

Section 2

Color Variables & Layer Styles (Reusable Appearance)

- Creating & Using Color Variables (Color Swatches)
- Creating a layer style
- Making a style to darken full-width background photos

- Renaming, Grouping, & Deleting Styles

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Text Styles (Reusable Appearance)

- Creating text styles
- Editing text styles
- Renaming styles & organizing into folders

Symbols (Reusable Components)

- Creating & editing symbols
- Customizing content inside a symbol
- Controlling the layout & resizing of symbols
- Renaming symbols
- Moving symbols between pages

Exporting Assets: SVG & PNG

- Exporting artboards
- Exporting for web as SVG & PNG
- Exporting into folders

Exporting Assets: 1x & 2x JPEG

- Exporting as JPEG
- Properly setting JPEG quality

Section 3

Symbols: Overrides & Custom Data

- Controlling Symbol Overrides
- Overriding Images Within a Symbol
- Custom Data Sources
- Linked Data (with a .json file)

Symbols: Nested Layer Styles & Nested Symbols

- Using Layer Styles in Symbols
- Nesting Symbols

Smart Layout

- Using the Tidy button
- Adjusting Symbol Spacing
- Reordering Content

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Shared Libraries (Symbols, Styles, & Color Variables)

- Creating & Using Shared Libraries
- Color Variables

Section 4

Vector Drawing & Graphics Tips & Tricks

- Drawing Custom Vector Shapes
- Borders: End & Join Options
- Multiple Borders
- Multiple Ways to Rotate
- Copying & Pasting Layer Style
- Rounding Specific Vector Corners

Creating a Clickable Prototype

- Creating a Prototype
- Linking between artboards
- Creating Overlays
- Fixed Position Elements

Sharing Prototypes & Workspace Documents

- Sharing a Prototype with Others
- Workspace Documents