

Illustrator Tutorials

Dashed Lines

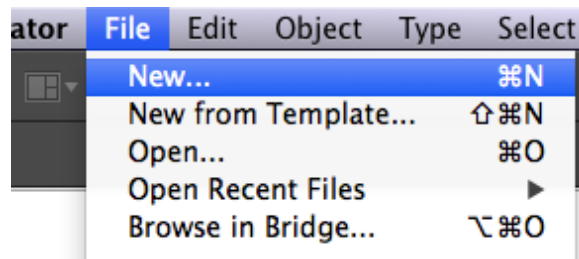


HOW TO CREATE A DASHED LINE IN ILLUSTRATOR

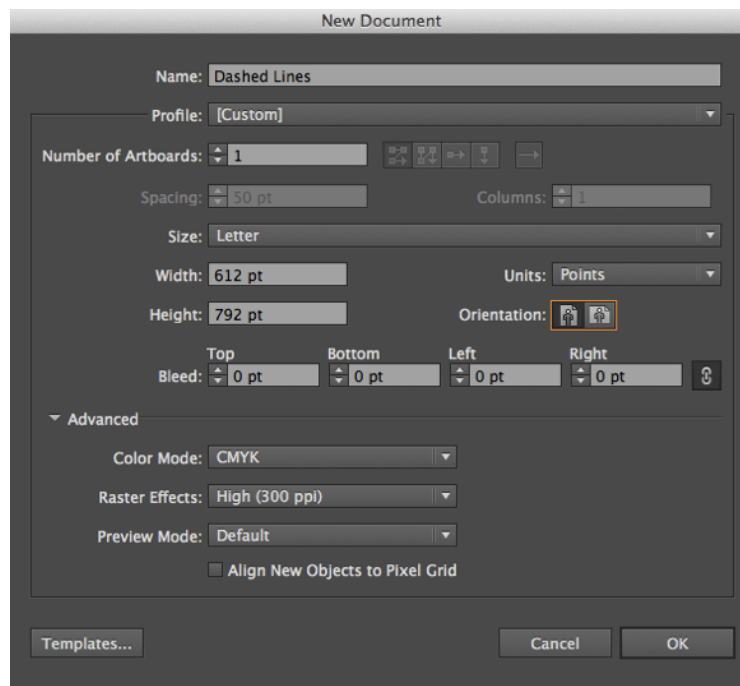


Creating and drawing Dashed Lines in Adobe Illustrator isn't hard. In fact it is quite easy. With a few simple steps, you'll be on your way to creating a customized dashed line. Below are the simple steps:

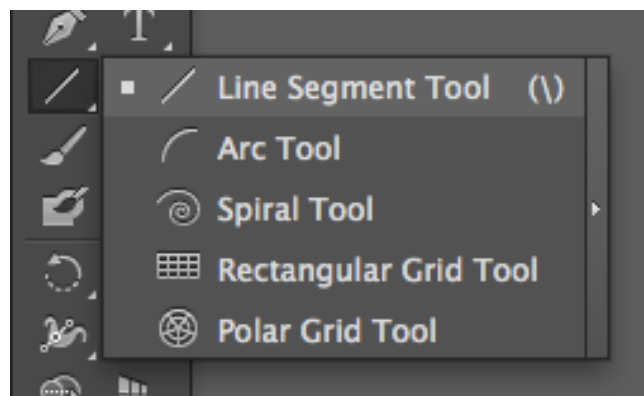
1. Open a New Document by clicking on FILE -> NEW.



2. In the NEW DOCUMENT window, supply all necessary details and values for your art board/canvas.



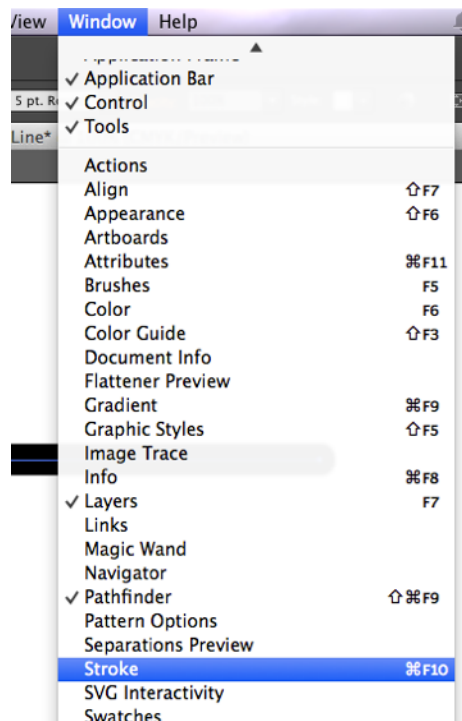
3. Once done, select the LINE SEGMENT TOOL located on the left side of the Illustrator window.



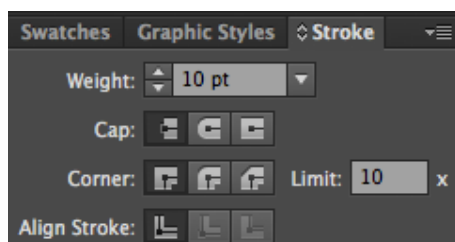
4. Drag a line on your art board by hold clicking the left button on your mouse. Release the left click button when done.



5. Open the STROKE PANEL by selecting WINDOW -> STROKE.



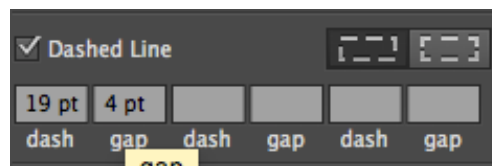
6. Use the SELECTION TOOL and in the STROKE PANEL, adjust the STROKE WIDTH according to your preference. In this example, we are setting the width to 10pt.



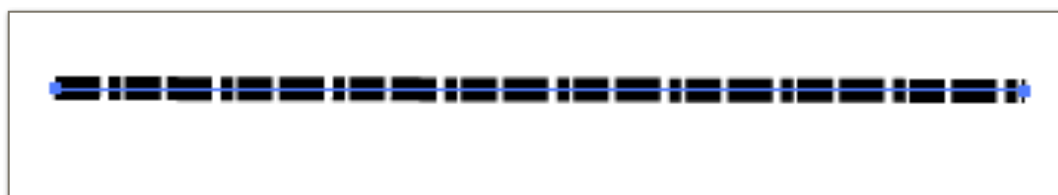
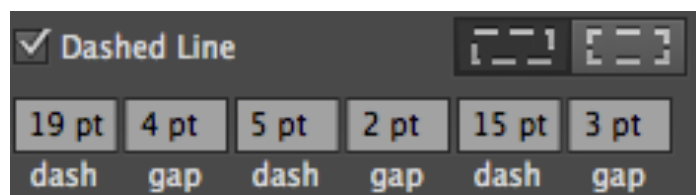
7. Check the box beside DASHED LINE.



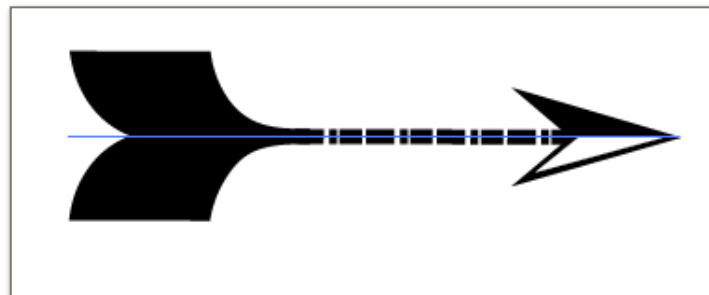
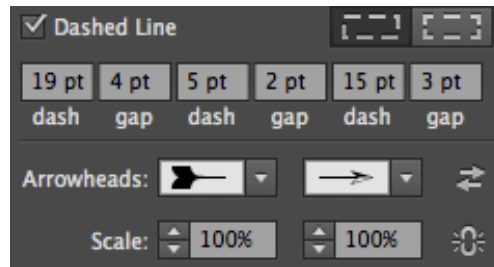
8. Supply a value in the DASH and GAP fields. Take note that the larger the value, the bigger dash and longer gap your line will have. In this example we've input a Dash value of 19pt and Gap value of 4pt.



9. Keep on experimenting with the values for the dash and gap until you find your desired look for your line. Supplying values in the succeeding dashes and gap fields will create a varied dash look such as the one below:



10. You can also place arrowheads on your dashed line by choosing a design from the ARROWHEADS selection of the STROKE PANEL.



11. After settling with the kind of dash and gap, you can now customize your dashed line by changing the color, width or adding more elements such as vector graphics.