

# Illustrator Tutorials

## Draw Hearts



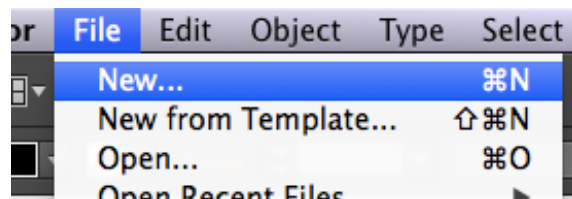
# HOW TO DRAW A HEART SHAPE IN ILLUSTRATOR



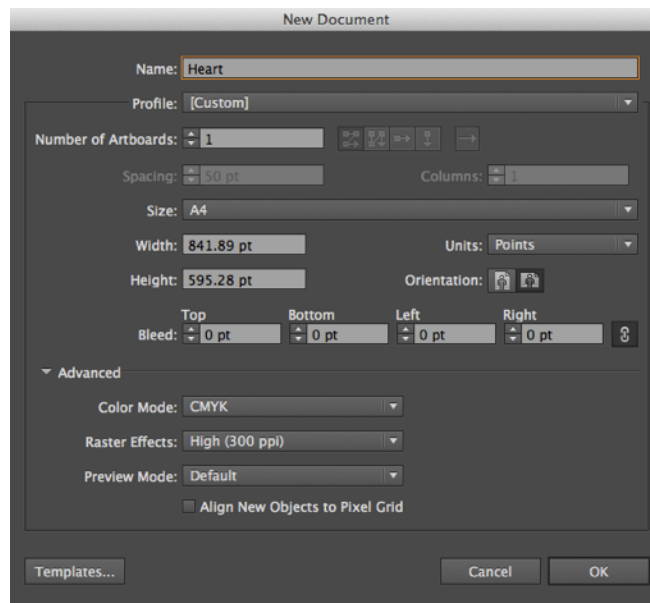
In Adobe Illustrator, you can create several shapes depending on what you fancy. One of the most popular shapes out there is a heart. In this tutorial, we are going to guide you in how to draw your own heart vector.

Follow the steps below:

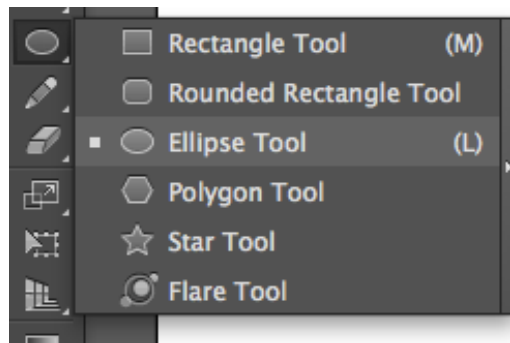
1. Open a NEW DOCUMENT by clicking on FILE -> NEW.



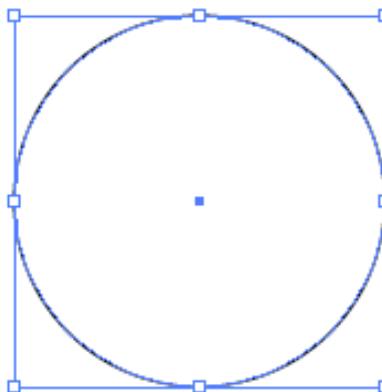
2. In the NEW DOCUMENT window, supply the details for your workspace and art board, click OK.



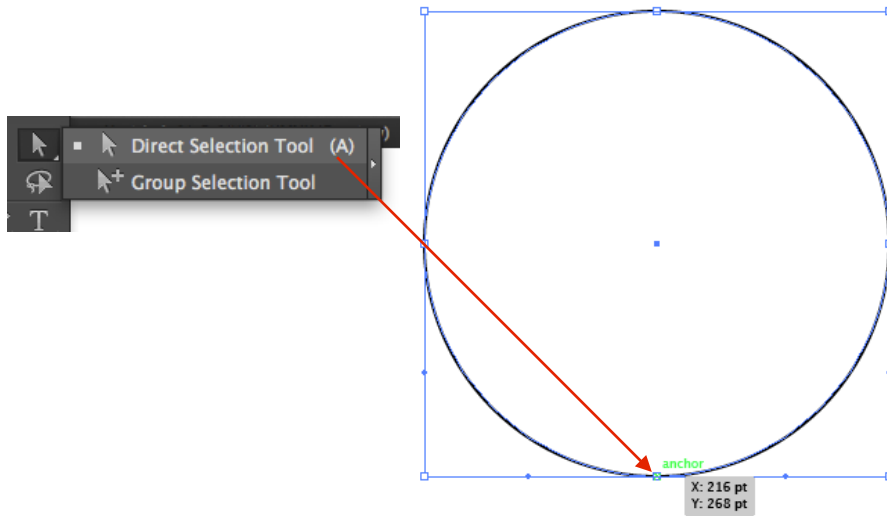
3. Select the ELLIPSE TOOL from the side toolbox.



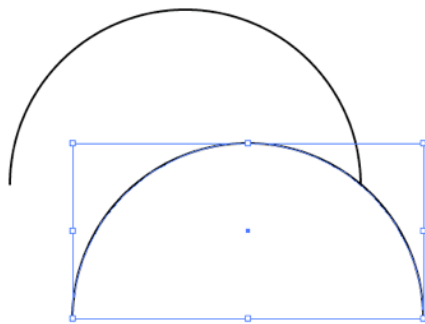
4. Draw a perfect circle in your workspace by holding down the SHIFT key while dragging your mouse.



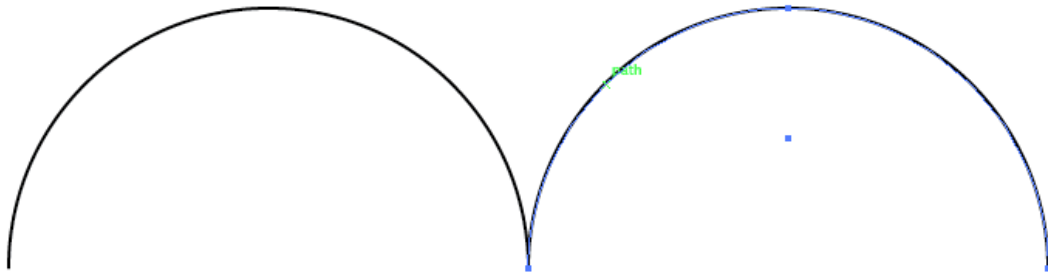
5. You will have to remove the lower half part of the circle. To do this, select the DIRECT SELECTION TOOL from the side toolbox and click on the lower half anchor point and press DELETE on your keyboard.



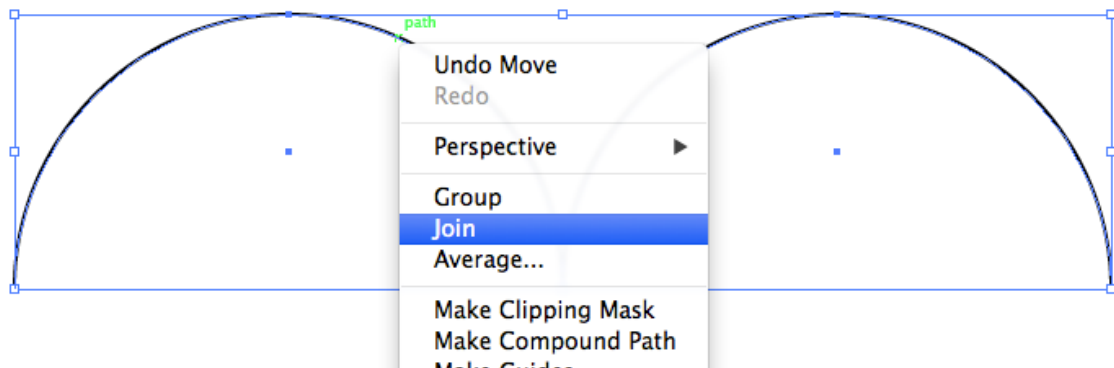
6. Copy the upper arc of the remainder of the circle by pressing COMMAND + C.



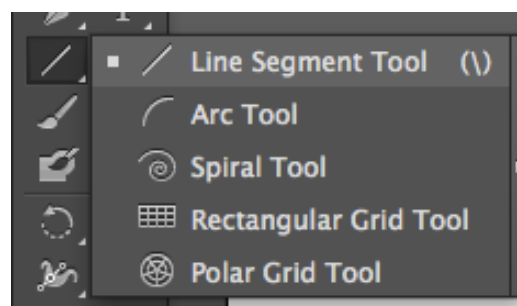
7. Past the copied image by hitting COMMAND + V. You will now have two (2) arches. Place the second arc just beside the first one. Make sure that one of their sides overlap each other.



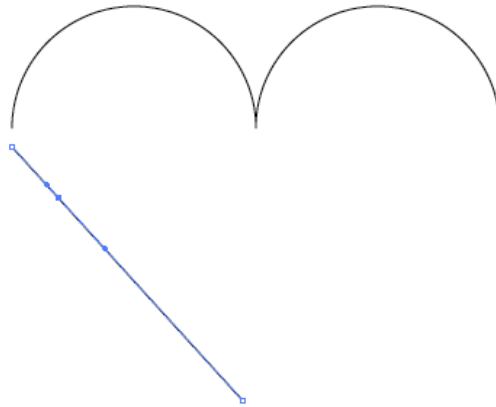
8. To make sure this new shape will not move, select both arcs by choosing the SELECTION TOOL and click on both objects while holding the SHIFT KEY and then right click on your mouse and press JOIN. This will combine both shapes.



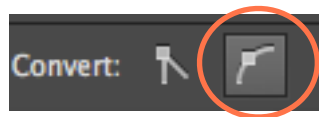
9. You will now need to draw the bottom portion of the heart. Select the LINE SEGMENT TOOL.



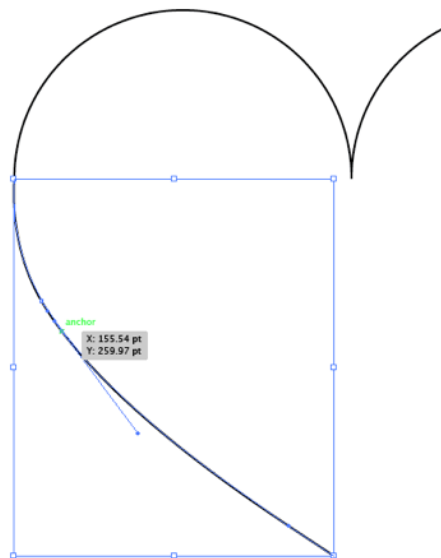
10. Draw a slanted line near the double arc and end it somewhere in the middle of the joined arches.



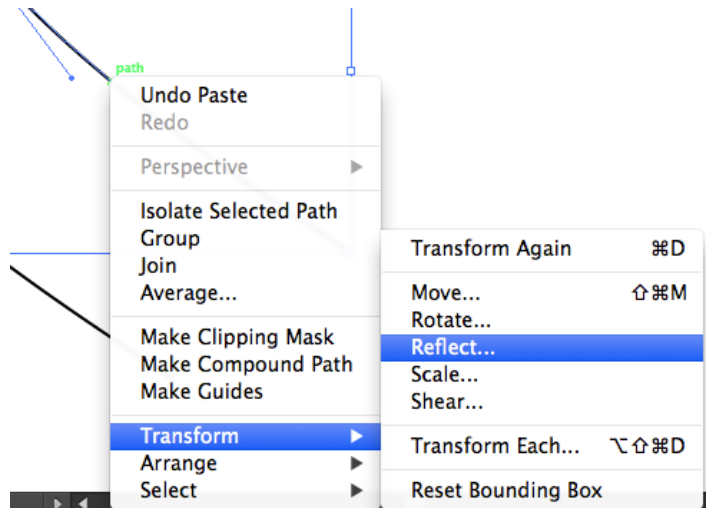
11. After drawing a line, click on the ADD ANCHOR POINT TOOL and create an anchor point near the edge of the line and click on the CONVERT ANCHOR POINTS TO SMOOTH.



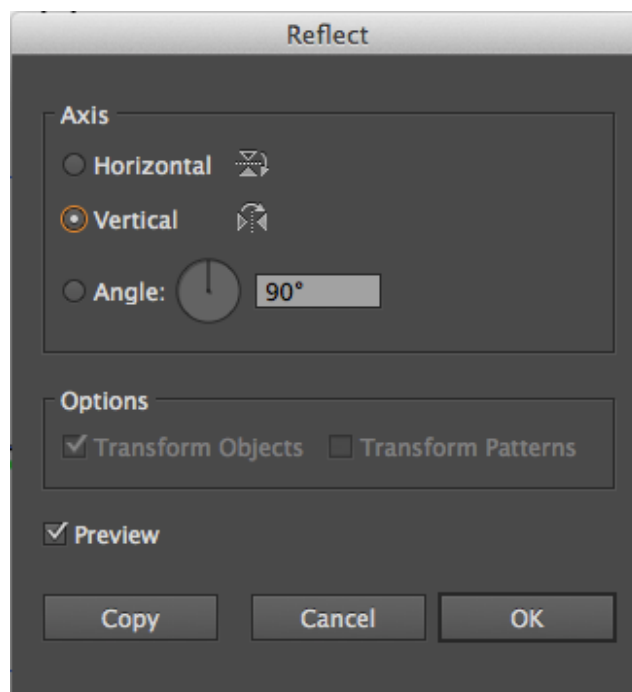
12. Using the DIRECT SELECTION TOOL, start curving your line to perfectly fit the curves of the upper arch.



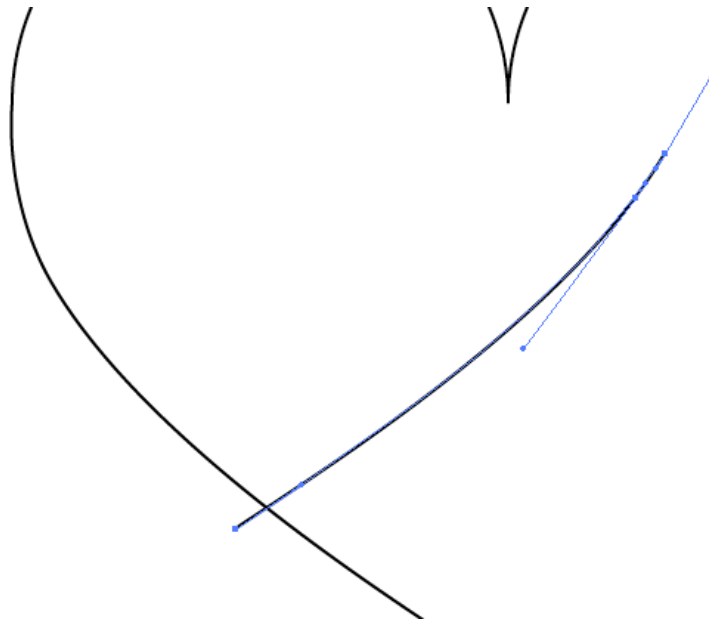
13. Copy the now curved line by hitting COMMAND + C or go to EDIT -> COPY.
14. Paste the copied object by pressing COMMAND + V on your keyboard or press EDIT -> PASTE.
15. To fit the curved line on the other side, we need to reverse the image. Using the SELECTION TOOL to choose the line, right click on it and hit TRANSFORM -> REFLECT.



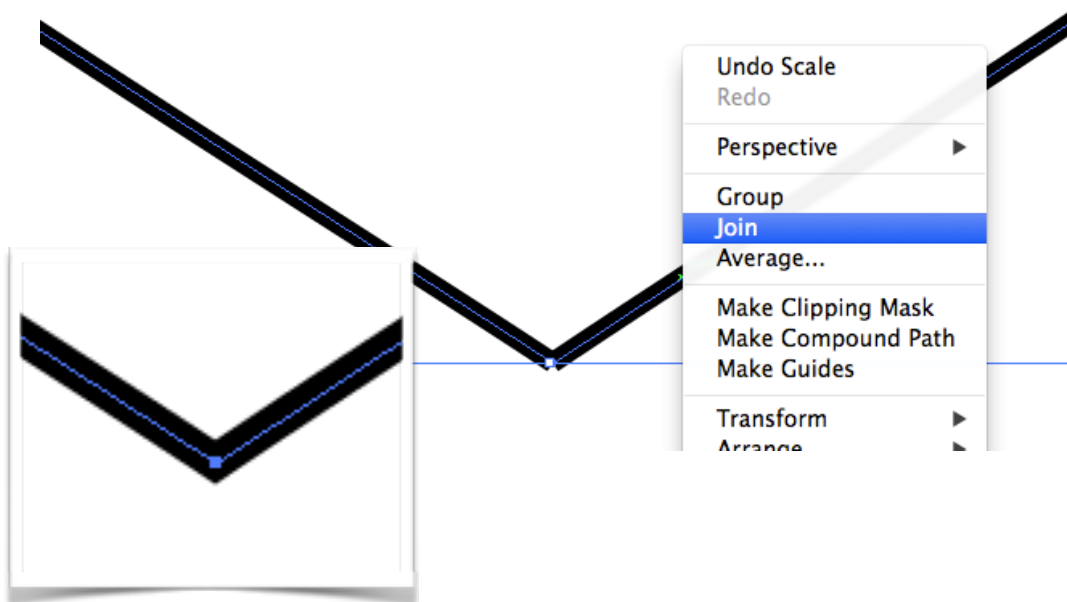
16. In the REFLECT Dialogue box, select VERTICAL AXIS and click OK.



17. The 2nd line will now be flipped Vertically. Arrange the curved line so it fits near the other side of the half circle.

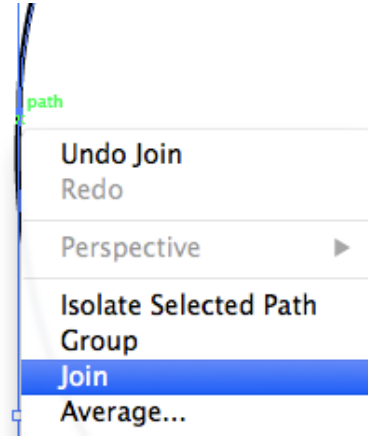


18. Select both curved lines and right click. Press JOIN to combine the objects.





19. Do the same thing for all paths with gap.



20. You now have created your very own heart shaped drawing. Feel free to decorate it or to change the color and stroke.

