
Making Pen Blends

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Getting Started

For this project, you will be making **2 or more** images using the *pen* and *shape* tools.

After completing the design of the image, you will then alter, or change your flat, 2-dimensional design into a 3-dimensional form, by using the *blend* tool.

HINT: After completing the design of your images with the pen and shape tool, **SAVE** your work as a different document so you do not need to start from scratch if you make a mistake with blending!

Setting up your document

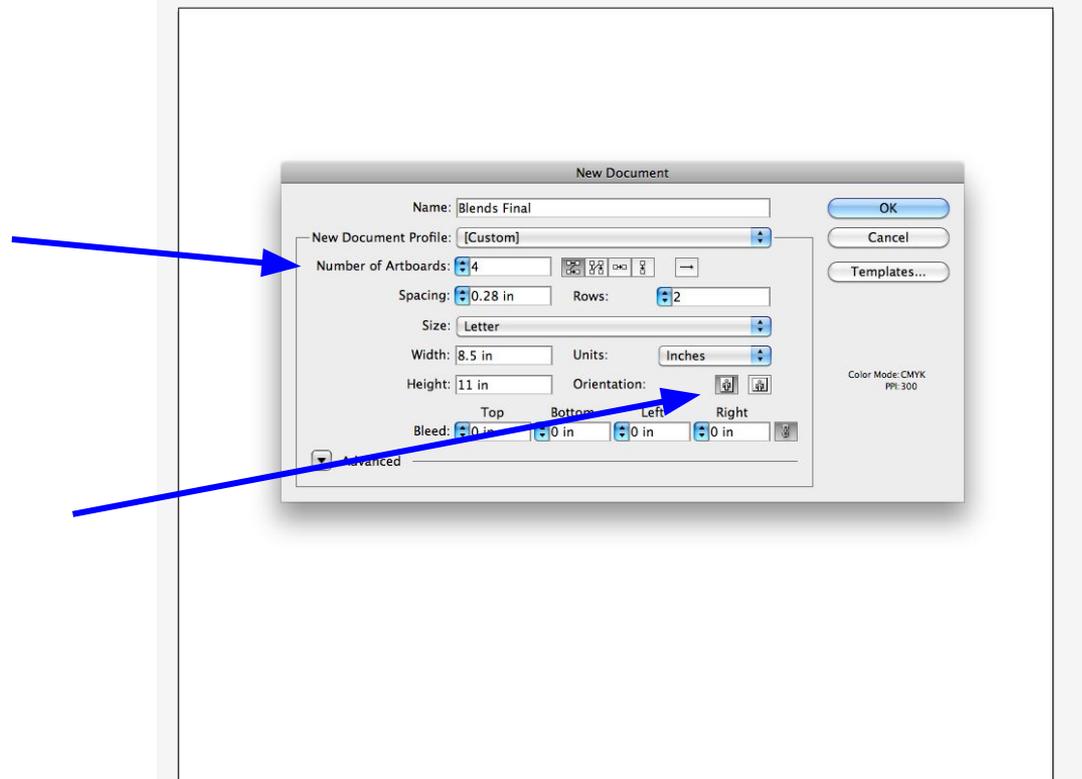
Change the number of artboards
BEFORE creating your document

You need 4 or more artboards

8.5" X 11" each

Orientation can be either VERTICAL
(up and down / portrait style) or
HORIZONTAL (left to right / landscape
style)

Color settings should be set to RGB



Choosing your Theme & Images

1. Pick a theme that is relatively easy and has multiple objects you can search images for (NO PEOPLE)
 - Nature (leaves, shells, trees, flowers)
 - Hands (sign language, symbols that are school appropriate like a peace sign)
 - Animals (bones, skulls, antlers)
 - Technology (game controller, phone, headphones)
 - Transportation (cars, trains, airplanes, boats)

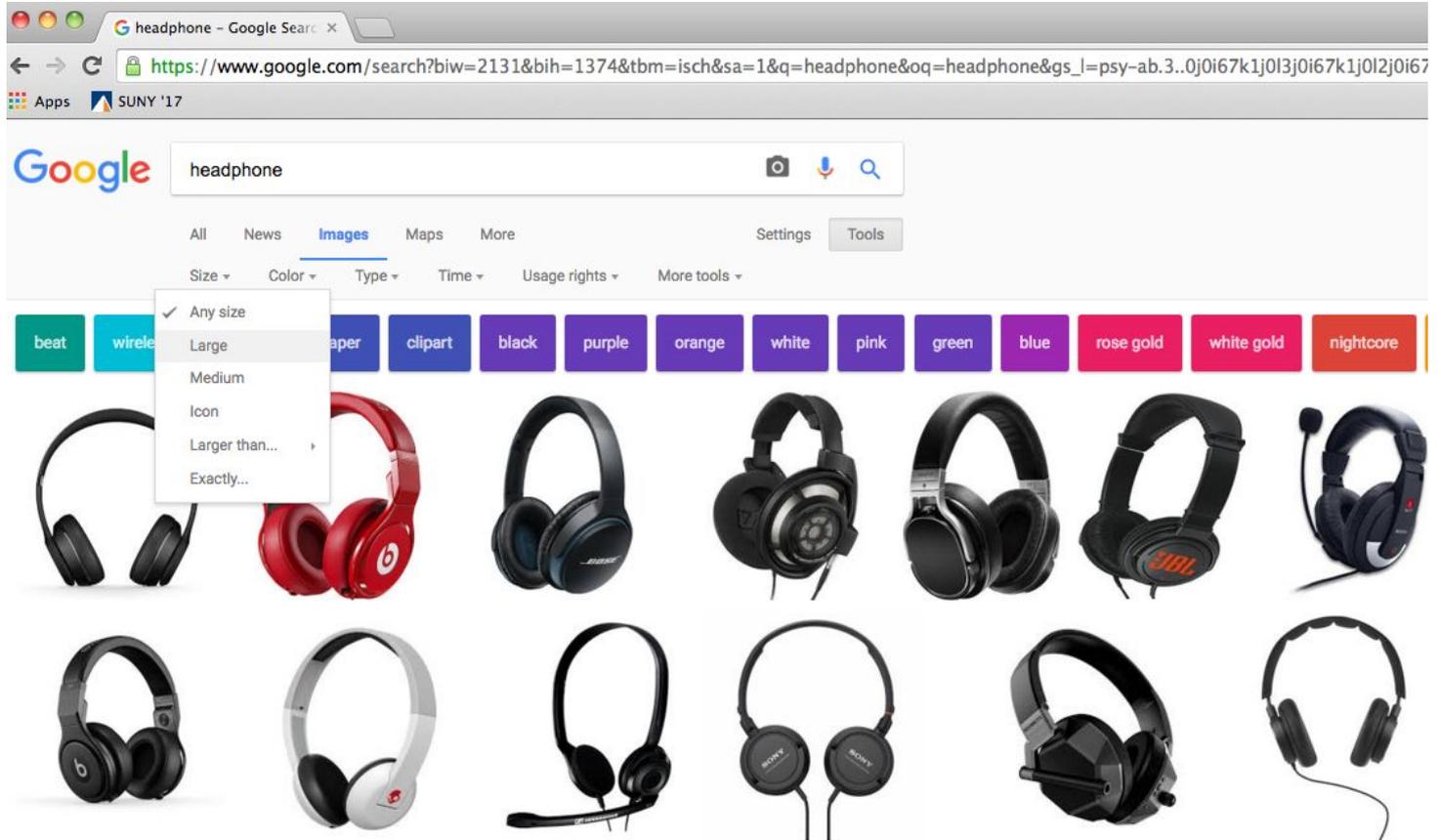
Choosing your Theme & Images

Google search
your object

Images

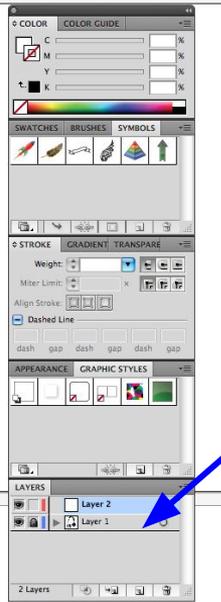
Tools

Size = Large

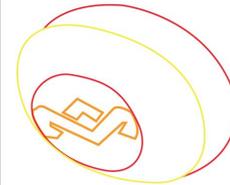
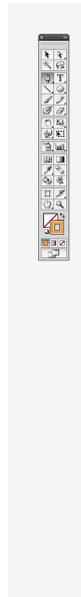


Designing your Image

1. Copy & paste your image into AI
 2. Resize your image to fit onto 1 artboard
 - Be sure to leave some room around the edges / border of your paper
 3. For any simple shapes found in your image (circles for my headphones) use your shape tool
 - Everything else will be used with your pen tool
- ** OUTLINE ALL IMPORTANT PARTS THAT MAKE YOUR OBJECT INTERESTING!
- *** IF YOUR OBJECT IS PERFECTLY SYMMETRICAL, ONLY OUTLINE ½ OF YOUR OBJECT SO YOU CAN DUPLICATE IT, TRANSFORM IT, AND REFLECT IT!



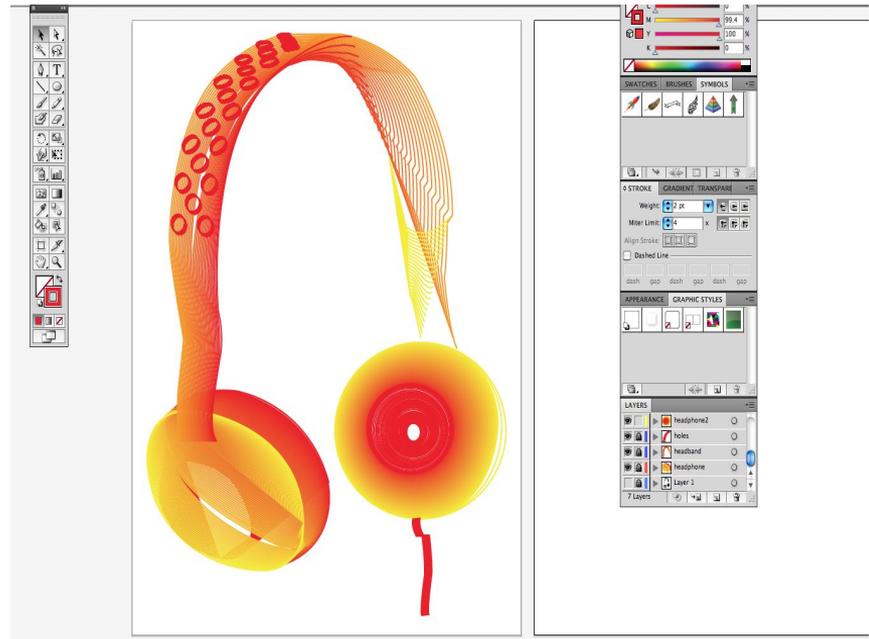
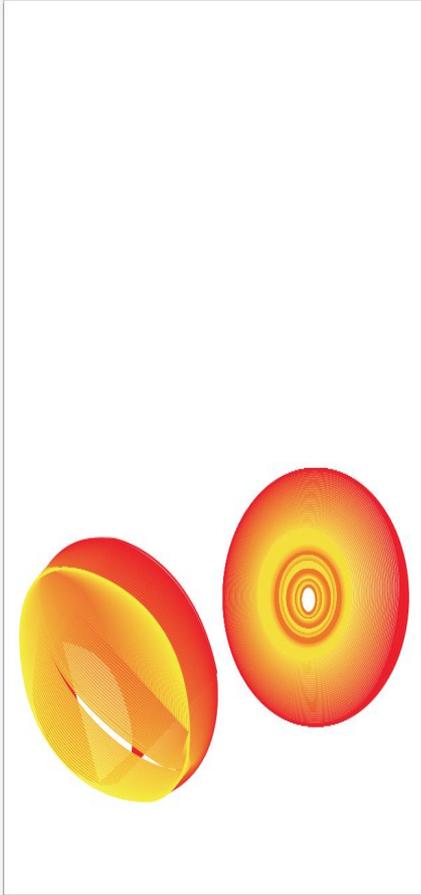
**** Remember to make new layers and lock the ones you aren't using**



Pen tool one area of your object at a time like I did with the headphone - your lines can be different colors, sizes, and styles!

SAVE your document **BEFORE** continuing (FILE > SAVE AS > title your work)

Play around with the Blend tool until you get an effect that you like



Outline your design

SAVE your outlines and/or duplicate them

Create blends by color, steps, or distance
Do this for at least 2 image designs in
your theme

REMEMBER...

- You need 4 art boards or more with the blend designs
 - **NOTHING** can be 2-dimensional or flat!
- 2 or more of your images must be different but related to your theme
 - If you decide to only make 2 different images,
 - 1. You must complete 4 or more artboards by duplicating your images
 - 2. The duplicated images **MUST** be changed, or altered, in some way to make it look a little different (colors, type of blends used, background colors, transformation)

- BE CREATIVE!!

- Do not be afraid to think outside the box!