

2026 ADOBE ILLUSTRATOR QUICKSTART

Welcome to Adobe Illustrator 2026 Quickstart. Jumpstart your vector design journey by learning essential tools, core techniques, and AI-powered features—all in just one day. Create with confidence from the start.

Lesson 1: Introduction to Adobe Illustrator

Learn the core concepts of vector design, navigation, and modern Illustrator workflows.

- What's new in Illustrator 2026
- Lecture: Raster vs Vector (real-world usage)
- Lecture: Artificial Intelligence: (Automation vs Generative)
- Creating New Documents, Presets, and Workspaces
- Working with Images: Open, Place, Embed, Export
- Core Vector Design Workflows used in professional projects

Lesson 2: Shape Tool Fundamentals

Create artwork efficiently using shape tools and precision drawing features.

- Working with Shapes, Lines, and Smart Guides
- Hidden Shape Tool features and dynamic controls
- Combining shapes to create clean vector artwork
- Popular graphic design techniques using simple geometry

Lesson 3: Geometric Artwork Basics

Build confidence creating and modifying custom vector artwork.

- From clip art to clean design assets
- Introducing the Pen Tool with no fear required
- Why the Pen Tool is easier than you think
- Anatomy of the Pen Tool: anchors, handles, curves
- No-skills-needed drawing techniques

Lesson 4: Typography Fundamentals

Understand type fundamentals and create professional typography layouts.

- Typography basics in Illustrator and Adobe Fonts
- Paragraph text versus Display text
- Making text look intentional and readable
- Introduction to text effects (shadows, glows, and outlines)

Lesson 5: Fundamental Vector AI Generation

Explore AI-powered vector creation and variation workflows.

- AI fundamentals: automation versus generative systems
- Vector Generative Art panels and menus
- Prompt structure and refinement strategies
- Exploring controlled variations and filters

Lesson 6: Exporting Your Artwork

Export clean, optimized artwork for screen, print, and digital delivery.

- Essential file formats and when to use them
- Exporting for Screen: Web, Social Media, Video
- Exporting for Digital Distribution: PDF and Interactive PDFs
- Exporting for Print: CMYK workflows and best practices

