

Adobe Illustrator

Toolbar

Selection Tool

Pen Tool
like "connect the dots"

Line Tool

Text Tool
draw text frame, then type

Shape Tools

Paintbrush
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Fill Selector
when "on top", fill (inside) of shape/text is being modified

Stroke Selector
when "on top", stroke (border) of shape/text is being modified

Line Tool Sub-Tools:

- Line Segment Tool (V)
- Arc Tool
- Spiral Tool
- Rectangular Grid Tool
- Polar Grid Tool

Shape Tools Sub-Tools:

- Rectangle Tool (M)
- Rounded Rectangle Tool
- Ellipse Tool (L)
- Polygon Tool
- Star Tool
- Flare Tool

Palettes

Color Guide
choose colors from pre-made coordinating sets of colors

Color Creator
create your own colors using the color slider

Brushes
different types of strokes to use with the paintbrush or shapes

Swatches
select basic colors quickly

Stroke Type
change the weight (thickness) of the stroke and add dashes

Symbols
random symbols and little graphics

Transparency
make graphics/shapes transparent

Gradient
create gradient colors

Formatting Menu

Fill Color
change the color of the fill (inside) of a shape/text

Stroke Weight
change the weight (thickness) of the stroke (border)

Opacity
change the transparency of a shape/object

Stroke Color
change the color of the stroke (border) of a shape/text

Brushes
different types of strokes to use with the paintbrush or shapes