Illustrator package

Lets illustrate

learn character, whatever

Illustrating Children Characters

Lesson no. 1 - The digital side of things

what did you learn?

- Learning how to use artboards
- Using the shape tool to key
- How do we use the vector tool

Artboards

Ex. An artboard is the canvas you create your illustration on. Here we are using A5 size. Children's books are usually small illustrations so I would recommend an art board up to A3 size.

Tip - Go to Insert Artboard Paper Sizes A5

Ex. You can change the name of the artboard and double click on it in the page tab.

Shapes

Ex. The shape tool is a very important tool we have characteristics be made up of mainly shapes and shapes are quite simple and easy to illustrate.

Tip - It's fun!

Now I'm going to give you the opportunity to experiment with some of the shape tools so you can understand how to use them.

Vector

Ex. Vectors are lines that are created using points. However curves are made up of vector points.

Ex. You can also fill back to add colour to the shape and change the line colour.

Tip - Go to Insert > Vector

I want you to copy this image have a based on this right of a snowman using shapes and the vector tool. Use your imagination and be as creative as you can to make it look. Look at the section below on colour for guidance.

Colour

Ex. Below are some of the various colours I used for my characters illustrations.

Tip - Be Creative

You've completed lesson one

Are you ready for lesson two?

Now you know how to use all the key tools, lets create your first step by step character.

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Lesson two - Your first character

what did you learn?

This lesson will be a fun one as we learn how to create our first character. So all be a pro at using the key tools after this lesson.

To begin

Ex. Hopefully you remember that you have gotten to grips with the Pathfinder option tool.

Ex. Next, we are going to create our first character. Choose a bear.

Ex. Hopefully you remember that we have created a bear using shapes and the pathfinder tool.

Ex. Now we are going to create a bear using the line tool.

Ex. Create a new character name it what you wish, make sure it's an A4 board and get ready.

You've completed lesson two

Are you ready for lesson three?

You have created your first character, next we are going to create your second character and focus on emotions through facial expressions.

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Lesson three - Bobby emotion

what did you learn?

- How to create your human character
- Different emotions
- How to change your characters emotion

Creating your first human character

Ex. We are going to be using mainly the shape tool and the pen tool to create our characters.

Ex. The emotion we are focus is going to be "happiness".

Ex. So create a new artboard name it what you wish, make sure it's an A4 board and get ready.

Ex. Now we are going to create a human character using the shape tool. Use the pen tool to create the hair, ears and nose. Use the line tool to create the mouth and eyes.

Ex. Now we are going to change the name of the layers to make it easy to find the different parts of the character