

Affinity Designer Cheatsheet

Overview

Affinity Designer is a vector graphics editor developed by Serif. It is a professional-grade tool for creating graphics, illustrations, and designs. Some of its features include:

- A powerful pen tool for precise vector drawing
- A wide range of vector brushes for adding texture and depth
- Advanced layer management for organizing your work
- Support for importing and exporting a variety of file formats
- A pixel persona for creating and editing raster graphics
- Non-destructive editing with adjustment layers and live filters

Basic Tools

Move Tool

- Shortcut: V
- Used for moving, scaling, rotating, or shearing objects.

Artboard Tool

- Shortcut: A
- Used for creating and manipulating artboards.

Rectangle Tool

- Shortcut: M
- Used for drawing rectangles and squares.

Ellipse Tool

- Shortcut: M
- Used for drawing circles and ellipses.

Pen Tool

- Shortcut: P
- Used for creating precise vector paths.

Node Tool

- Shortcut: A
- Used for manipulating vector nodes.

Text Tool

- Shortcut: T
- Used for creating and editing text objects.

Panels

Layers Panel

- Shortcut: Ctrl + Shift + L
- Used for organizing objects and applying effects to them.

Swatches Panel

- Shortcut: Ctrl + 3
- Used for selecting colors and creating color palettes.

Effects Panel

- Shortcut: Ctrl + Shift + F
- Used for applying and modifying live effects.

Stroke Panel

- Shortcut: Ctrl + Shift + O
- Used for setting the stroke properties of objects.

Appearance Panel

- Shortcut: Ctrl + Shift + F
- Used for modifying the appearance of objects.

Advanced Tools

Vector Brush Tool

- Shortcut: B
- Used for creating textured and natural-looking vector strokes.

Pencil Tool

- Shortcut: N
- Used for creating freehand vector drawings.

Gradient Tool

- Shortcut: G
- Used for applying and editing gradients.

Symbols

- Used for creating reusable vector objects.

Shortcuts

- Ctrl + Shift + L: Show/hide Layers Panel
- Ctrl + Shift + O: Show/hide Stroke Panel
- Ctrl + Shift + F: Show/hide Effects Panel
- Ctrl + 3: Show/hide Swatches Panel
- Ctrl + Alt + C: Copy selected object(s) with style
- Ctrl + Alt + V: Paste object(s) with style

Resources

- [Official Affinity Designer Tutorials](#)
- [Affinity Designer Workbook](#)
- [Affinity Designer Forum](#)