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Adobe Illustrator Introduction

As all our courses are tailored to the individual - this course content may vary.

Overview

Adobe Illustrator has become an industry-standard package and is used for producing print, multimedia and on-line graphics. You will gain first hand experience of this amazing software in a modern studio which is set in a tranquil, garden setting. The days training can be tailored to your requirements, so feel free to bring along artwork files so the practice can be based on real examples that are specifically connected to your needs. Your tutor is an experienced practitioner and holds a Certificate in Education so you will be getting first hand industry knowledge taught by a qualified teacher.

Course duration:

1 day - from 10-4pm

Location:

Amber Designs, 9 Kings Park
Canterbury, Kent CT1 1QH

Requirements

Good Mac or PC skills

Price pp:

£250 + vat *

* Price is per person per day and includes refreshments, full lunch and post-training support.

Course Content

Getting started

- Bitmap and vector graphics - explained
- Illustrator documents formats and saving options
- Setting up units of measurement
- Organising palettes

Getting around

- Zoom Tool
- Navigator palette
- Handy basic shortcuts
- Using guides
- Outline and preview mode
- Working with rulers

Drawing and painting Tools

- Setting up the brush tool and loading brush libraries
- Using the pencil tool
- Freeform shapes
- Line segment tool
- Rectangular, polygon, elliptical and star tool

The Pen Tool

- Bezier curves explained
- Creating shapes with the pen tool
- Selecting, moving and deleting anchor points
- Converting anchor points
- Joining line segments

Colours

- Applying fill and stroke
- Working with the colour palette
- Creating and saving swatches
- Producing and applying gradients
- Using gradient meshes
- Understanding the CMYK and RGB colour mode

Objects - how to create and modify

- Using the selection and direct selection tool to select, modify and delete objects
- The magic wand - select objects with similar attributes
- The lasso tool - select points or path segments within objects
- Moving and duplicating

- Rotate, mirror, scale and shear
- Bring to front and send to back command
- Cutting with the knife and scissors tool
- Eraser tool - how to remove unwanted elements
- Transformation
- Aligning and distributing objects

Text handling

- Creating new text with:
 - Type tool
 - Area type tool
 - Type on a path tool
 - Vertical type and area tool
- Styling text
- Creating text outlines

The warp tool

- Understanding the mesh tool

The blend tool

- Creating blends

Live Paint feature

- Working with images using the live paint feature

Using Symbols

- The symbol sprayer tool
- Creating and saving symbols
- Loading symbol libraries

Graphs

- Producing basic graphs

Layers palette

- Creating, arranging and deleting layers
- Selecting and moving layers
- Locking and hiding layers

How Photoshop interacts with Illustrator

Tutor demonstration:

- Moving files between Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator

Review on the day and any questions.