

Adobe illustrator Shortcut Key

Keys For Selecting Tools

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Shift + O	Artboard tool
02	V	Selection tool
03	A	Direct Selection tool
04	Y	Magic Wand tool
05	Q	Lasso tool
06	P	Pen tool
07	Shift + B	Blob Brush tool
08	+ (plus)	Add Anchor Point tool
09	- (minus)	Delete Anchor Point tool
10	Shift + C	Convert Anchor Point tool
11	T	Type tool
12	\ (backslash)	Line Segment tool
13	M	Rectangle tool
14	L	Ellipse tool
15	B	Paintbrush tool
16	N	Pencil tool
17	R	Rotate tool
18	O	Reflect tool
19	S	Scale tool
20	Shift + R	Warp tool
21	Shift+W	Width Tool
22	E	Free Transform tool
23	Shift+M	Shape Builder Tool
24	Shift+P	Perspective Grid Tool
25	Shift+V	Perspective Selection Tool
26	Shift + S	Symbol Sprayer tool
27	J	Column Graph tool
28	U	Mesh tool
29	G	Gradient tool
30	I	Eyedropper tool
31	W	Blend tool
32	K	Live Paint Bucket tool
33	Shift + L	Live Paint Selection tool
34	Shift + K	Slice tool
35	Shift + E	Eraser tool
36	C	Scissors tool

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
37	H	Hand tool
38	Z	Zoom tool
39	Press Alt	Switch to Smooth tool while using Blob Brush tool

Keys For Viewing Artwork

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	F	Toggle between screen modes: Normal Screen Mode, Full Screen Mode with Menu Bar, Full Screen Mode
02	Double-click Hand tool	Fit imageable area in window
03	Double-click Zoom tool	Magnify 100%
04	Spacebar	Switch to Hand tool (when not in text-edit mode)
05	Ctrl + Spacebar	Switch to Zoom tool in magnify mode
06	Ctrl + Alt + Spacebar	Switch to Zoom tool in reduce mode
07	Spacebar	Move Zoom marquee while dragging with the Zoom tool
08	Control + Alt + Shift + 3	Hide unselected artwork
09	Alt-drag guide	Convert between horizontal and vertical guide
10	Ctrl + Shift-double-click guide	Release guide
11	Ctrl + Shift + H	Show/Hide artboards
12	Ctrl + Alt + R	Show/Hide artboard rulers
13	Ctrl + Alt + 0 (zero)	View all artboards in window
14	Ctrl+Shift+V	Paste in place on the active artboard
15	Esc	Exit Artboard tool mode
16	Shift-drag	Create artboard inside another artboard
17	Ctrl+click	Select multiple artboards in the Artboards panel
18	Ctrl + F6	Navigate to next document
19	Ctrl + Shift + F6	Navigate to previous document
20	Ctrl + Alt + F6	Navigate to next document group
21	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + F6	Navigate to previous document group
22	Esc	Exit Full Screen mode
23	Alt + v	Save multiple artboards to Illustrator CS3 or earlier format

Keys For Drawing

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Shift-drag	Constrain a shape's proportions or orientation
02	spacebar-drag	Move a shape while drawing it
03	Alt-drag	Draw from the center of a shape (except for polygons, stars, and flares)

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
04	Start dragging, then press the Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Increase or decrease polygon sides, star points, arc angle, spiral winds, or flare rays
05	Start dragging, then hold down Ctrl	Keep the inner radius of a star constant
06	Alt-drag	Keep the sides of a star straight
07	Start dragging, then hold down C	Switch between an open and closed arc
08	Start dragging, then hold down F	Flip an arc, keeping the reference point constant
09	Start dragging, then Alt-drag	Add or subtract winds from a spiral while increasing the length of the spiral
10	Start dragging then Ctrl-drag	Change the decay rate of a spiral
11	Start dragging, then press the Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Add or remove horizontal lines from a rectangular grid or concentric lines from a polar grid
12	Start dragging, then press the Right Arrow or Left Arrow	Add or remove vertical lines from a rectangular grid or radial lines from a polar grid
13	Start dragging, then press F	Decrease the skew value for horizontal dividers in a rectangular grid or radial dividers in a polar grid by 10%
14	Start dragging, then press V	Increase the skew value for horizontal dividers in a rectangular grid or radial dividers in a polar grid by 10%
15	Start dragging, then press X	Decrease the skew value for vertical dividers in a rectangular grid or concentric dividers in a polar grid by 10%
16	Start dragging, then press C	Increase the skew value for vertical dividers in a rectangular grid or concentric dividers in a polar grid by 10%
17	Alt-click Live Trace in the Control panel	Create and expand a Live Trace object in one step
18] (right square bracket)	Increase size of Blob Brush
19	[(left square bracket)	Decrease size of Blob Brush
20	Shift	Constrain Blob Brush path horizontally or vertically
21	Shift+D	Switch through drawing modes
22	Select the paths, then press Ctrl+J	Join two or more paths
23	Select the paths, then press Shift+Ctrl+Alt+j	Create corner or smooth join

Keys For Drawing in Perspective

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Shift+P	Perspective Grid Tool
02	Shift+V	Perspective Selection Tool
03	Ctrl+Shift+I	Perspective Grid
04	Press the number 5 key, then click and drag the object	Moving objects perpendicularly
05	Use the Perspective Selection tool and then press 1 for left grid, 2 for horizontal grid, 3 for right grid, or 4 for no active grid	Switching perspective planes
06	Ctrl+Alt+drag	Copying objects in perspective

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
07	Ctrl+D	Repeat transforming objects in perspective
08	Shift+D	Switching between drawing modes

Keys For Selecting

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Ctrl	Switch to last-used selection tool (Selection tool, Direct Selection tool, or Group Selection tool)
02	Alt	Switch between Direct Selection tool and Group Selection tool
03	Shift-click	Add to a selection with Selection tool, Direct Selection tool, Group Selection tool, Live Paint Selection tool, or Magic Wand tool
04	Shift-click	Subtract a selection with Selection tool, Direct Selection tool, Group Selection tool, or Live Paint Selection tool
05	Alt-click	Subtract from selection with Magic Wand tool
06	Shift-drag	Add to selection with Lasso tool
07	Alt-drag	Subtract from selection with Lasso tool
08	Caps Lock	Change pointer to cross hair for Lasso tool
09	Ctrl + Alt + A	Select artwork in active artboard
10	Alt + c + o	Create crop marks around selected object
11	Press Ctrl+click twice	Select behind an object
12	Ctrl+click twice	Select behind in isolation mode

Keys For Moving Selections

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Right Arrow, Left Arrow, Up Arrow, or Down Arrow	Move selection in user-defined increments
02	Shift + Right Arrow, Left Arrow, Up Arrow, or Down Arrow	Move selection in 10x user-defined increments
03	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + 2	Lock all deselected artwork
04	Hold down Shift	Constrain movement to 45° angle (except when using Reflect tool)

Keys For Editing Shapes

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt	Switch Pen tool to Convert Anchor Point tool
02	Spacebar-drag	Move current anchor point while drawing with Pen tool

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
03	Alt-drag	Cut a straight line with Knife tool
04	Shift + Alt-drag	Cut at 45° or 90° with Knife tool
05	Alt + Shape mode	Use shape mode buttons in Pathfinder panel to create compound paths
06	Alt+click the closed region	Erase unwanted closed regions created using Shape Builder tool
07	Shift+M	Select the Shape Builder tool
08	Shift+click+drag	Display rectangular marquee to easily merge multiple paths (when using Shape Builder tool)

Keys For Painting Objects

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	X	Toggle between fill and stroke
02	D	Set fill and stroke to default
03	Shift + X	Swap fill and stroke
04	>	Select gradient fill mode
05	<	Select color fill mode
06	/ (forward slash)	Select no stroke/fill mode
07	Shift + Eyedropper tool	Sample color from an image or intermediate color from gradient
08	Alt + Shift-click + Eyedropper tool	Sample style and append appearance of currently selected item
09	Ctrl + / (forward slash)	Add new fill
10	Ctrl + Alt + / (forward slash)	Add new stroke
11	Ctrl-click gradient button in Tools panel or Gradient panel	Reset gradient to black and white
12	Alt + o + j	Open Mosaic options for selected raster object
13	[Decrease Bristle brush size
14]	Increase Bristle brush size
15	Number keys 1 - 0	Set Bristle brush paint opacity valu

Keys for Working With Live Paint Groups

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-click + Live Paint Bucket tool	Switch to Eyedropper tool and sample fill and/or stroke
02	Alt + Shift-click + Live Paint Bucket tool	Switch to Eyedropper tool and sample color from an image or intermediate color from a gradient
03	Shift + Live Paint Bucket tool	Select opposite Live Paint Bucket tool options (if Paint Fills and Paint Strokes are currently selected, switch to Paint Fills only)
04	Double-click + Live Paint Bucket tool	Fill across unstroked edges into adjacent faces

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
05	Triple-click + Live Paint Bucket tool	Fill all faces that have same fill and stroke all edges that have same stroke
06	Alt-click + Live Paint Selection tool	Switch to Eyedropper tool and sample fill and/or stroke
07	Alt + Shift-click + Live Paint Selection tool	Switch to Eyedropper tool and sample color from an image or intermediate color from a gradient
08	Shift-click + Live Paint Selection tool	Add to/subtract from a selection
09	Double-click + Live Paint Selection tool	Select all connected faces /edges with same fill/stroke
10	Triple-click + Live Paint Selection tool	Select all faces/edges with same fill/stroke

Keys for Transforming Objects

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-click	Set origin point and open dialog box when using Rotate tool, Scale tool, Reflect tool, or Shear tool
02	Alt-drag	Duplicate and transform selection when using Selection tool, Scale tool, Reflect tool, or Shear tool
03	Tilde (~)-drag	Transform pattern (independent of object) when using Selection tool, Scale tool, Reflect tool, or Shear tool

Keys for Creating Variable Width Points

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Shift+click	Select multiple width points
02	Alt+drag	Create non-uniform widths
03	Alt+drag the width point	Create a copy of the width point
04	Shift+drag	Change the position of multiple width points
05	Delete	Delete selected width point
06	Esc	Deselect a width point

Keys For Working With Type

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Right Arrow or Left Arrow	Move one character right or left
02	Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Move up or down one line
03	Ctrl + Right Arrow or Left Arrow	Move one word right or left
04	Ctrl + Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Move up or down one paragraph

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
05	Shift + Ctrl + Right Arrow or Left Arrow	Select one word right or left
06	Shift + Ctrl + Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Select one paragraph before or after
07	Shift-click	Extend existing selection
08	Ctrl + Shift + L, R, or C	Align paragraph left, right, or center
09	Ctrl + Shift + J	Justify paragraph
10	Shift + Enter	Insert soft return
11	Ctrl + Alt + K	Highlight kerning
12	Ctrl + Shift + X	Reset horizontal scale to 100%
13	Ctrl + Shift + > or <	Increase or decrease type size
14	Alt + Up or Down Arrow (horizontal text) or Right or Left Arrow (vertical text)	Increase or decrease leading
15	Ctrl + Alt + Q	Reset tracking/kerning to 0
16	Alt + Right or Left Arrow (horizontal text) or Up or Down Arrow (vertical text)	Increase or decrease kerning and tracking
17	Ctrl + Alt + Right or Left Arrow (horizontal text) or Up or Down Arrow (vertical text)	Increase or decrease kerning and tracking by five times
18	Alt + Shift + Up or Down Arrow (horizontal text) or Right or Left Arrow (vertical text)	Increase or decrease baseline shift
19	Shift	Switch between Type and Vertical Type, Area Type and Vertical Area Type, and Path Type and Vertical Path Type tools
20	Alt	Switch between Area Type and Path Type, Vertical Area Type and Vertical Path Type tools

Keys For Using Panels

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-click New button	Set options (except for Actions, Brushes, Swatches, and Symbols panels)
02	Alt-click Delete button	Delete without confirmation (except for Layers panel)
03	Shift + Enter	Apply value and keep text box active
04	Shift-click	Select range of actions, brushes, layers, links, styles, or swatches
05	Ctrl-click	Select noncontiguous actions, brushes, layers (same level only), links, styles, or swatches
06	Tab	Show/Hide all panels
07	Shift + Tab	Show/Hide all panels except the Tools panel and Control panel

Keys For the Actions Panel

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01	Alt-click expansion triangle	Expand/Collapse entire hierarchy for action set
02	Double-click folder icon	Set options for action set
03	Ctrl-click Play Current Selection button	Play a single command
04	Alt-click New Action button	Begin recording actions without confirmation

Keys for The Brushes Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Double-click brush	Open Brush Options dialog box
02	Drag brush to New Brush button	Duplicate brush

Keys for the Character and Paragraph Panels

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Increase/decrease the selected value by a small increment
02	Shift + Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Increase/decreases the selected value by a large increment
03	Ctrl + Alt + Shift + F	Highlight the font name field in the Character panel

Keys for The Color Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Ctrl-click color bar	Select the complement for the current color fill/stroke
02	Alt-click color bar	Change the nonactive fill/stroke
03	Ctrl + Alt-click color bar	Select the complement for the nonactive fill/stroke
04	Ctrl + Shift-click color bar	Select the inverse for the current fill/stroke
05	Ctrl + Shift + Alt-click color bar	Select the inverse for the nonactive fill/stroke
06	Shift-click color bar	Change the color mode
07	Shift-drag color slider	Move color sliders in tandem
08	Double-click to right of a numerical field	Switch between percentage and 0-255 values for RGB

Keys For The Gradient Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-drag	Duplicate color stops
02	Alt-drag color stop onto another stop	Swap color stops
03	Alt-click swatch in the Swatches panel	Apply swatch color to active (or selected) color stop
04	Ctrl-click Gradient Fill box in the Gradient panel	Reset the gradient fill to default black and white linear gradient
05	Ctrl + Alt + G	Show/Hide gradient arrow
06	Alt-drag end point of gradient annotator	Modify angle and end-point together

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
07	Shift-drag	Constrain Gradient tool or Gradient annotator while dragging
08	G	View Gradient annotator in selected gradient filled object

Keys For the Layers Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-click layer name	Select all objects on the layer
02	Alt-click eye icon	Show/hide all layers but the selected one
03	Ctrl-click eye icon	Select Outline/Preview view for the selected layer
04	Ctrl + Alt-click eye icon	Selects Outline/Preview view for all other layers
05	Alt-click lock icon	Lock/unlock all other layers
06	Alt-click expansion triangle	Expand all sublayers to display entire hierarchy
07	Alt-click New Layer button	Set options as you create new layer
08	Alt-click New Sublayer button	Set options as you create new sublayer
09	Ctrl + Alt-click New Sublayer button	Place new sublayer at bottom of layer list
10	Ctrl-click New Layer button	Place layer at top of layer list
11	Ctrl + Alt-click New Layer button	Place layer below selected layer
12	Alt-drag selection	Copy the selection to a layer, sublayer, or group

Keys for The Swatches Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Ctrl-click New Swatch button	Create new spot color
02	Ctrl + Shift-click New Swatch button	Create new global process color
03	Alt-drag a swatch over another	Replace swatch with another

Keys for The Transform Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Shift + Enter	Apply a value and keep focus in edit field
02	Alt + Enter	Apply a value and copy object
03	Ctrl + Enter	Apply a value and scale option proportionately for width or height

Keys for The Transparency Panel

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	Alt-click on mask thumbnail	Change mask to grayscale image for editing
02	Shift-click on mask thumbnail	Disable opacity mask
03	Shift-click on disabled mask thumbnail	Re-enable opacity mask

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
04	Click opacity field + Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Increase/decrease opacity in 1% increments
05	Shift-click opacity field + Up Arrow or Down Arrow	Increase/decrease opacity in 10% increments

Function Keys

Sr.No	Shortcut Key	Description
01	F1	Invoke Help
02	F2	Cut
03	F3	Copy
04	F4	Paste
05	F5	Show/hide Brushes panel
06	F6	Show/hide Color pane
07	F7	Show/hide Layers panel
08	F8	Create new symbol
09	Ctrl + F8	Show/hide Info panel
10	Ctrl + F9	Show/hide Gradient panel
11	Ctrl + F10	Show/hide Stroke panel
12	Ctrl + F11	Show/hide Attributes panel
13	F12	Revert
14	Shift + F5	Show/hide Graphic Styles panel
15	Shift + F6	Show/hide Appearance panel
16	Shift + F7	Show/hide Align panel