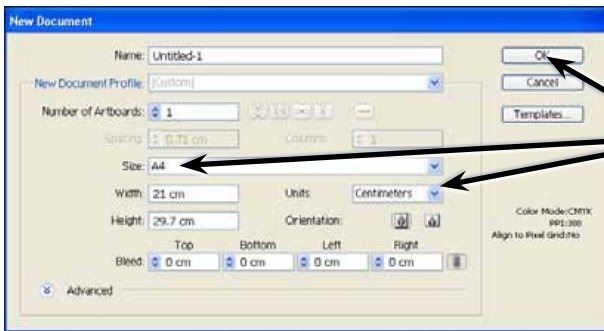


Blends and Paths

Some interesting designs can be created using the BLEND TOOL, the SHAPE BUILDER TOOL and the PATHFINDER panel.

Starting a New Document

- 1 Load Adobe Illustrator CS5 or close the current document.
- 2 Display the FILE menu and select NEW to start a new document.

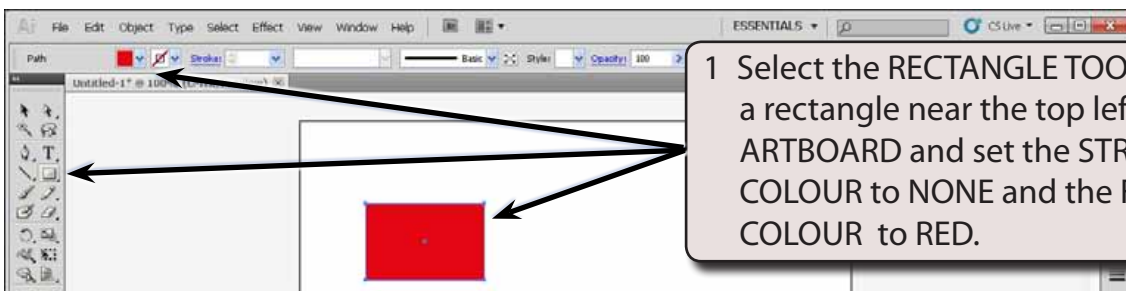


3 Set the SIZE to A4 (or the paper size your printer uses), the UNITS to CENTIMETRES and select OK.

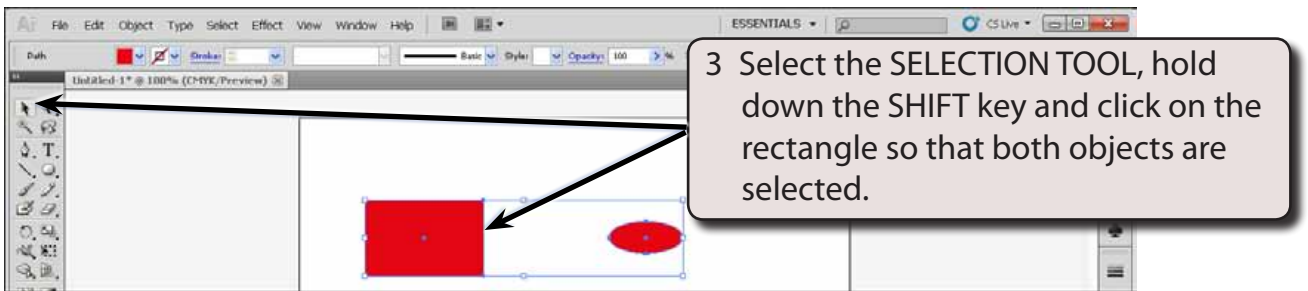
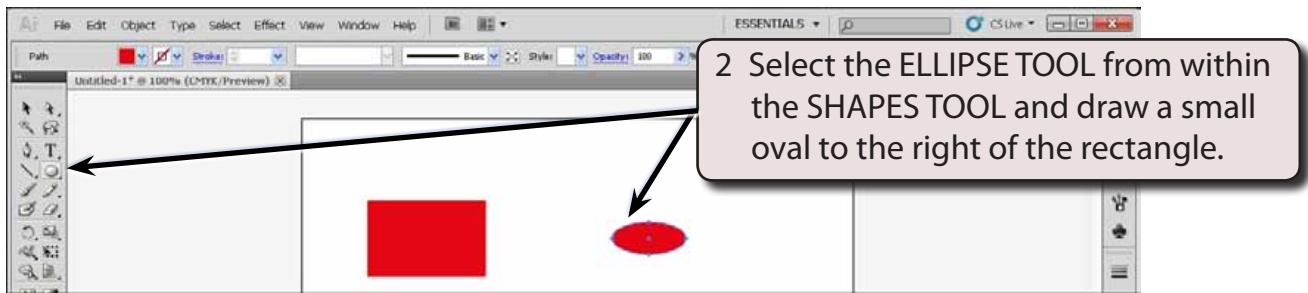
Creating Blends

The contents of one shape can be blended into another.

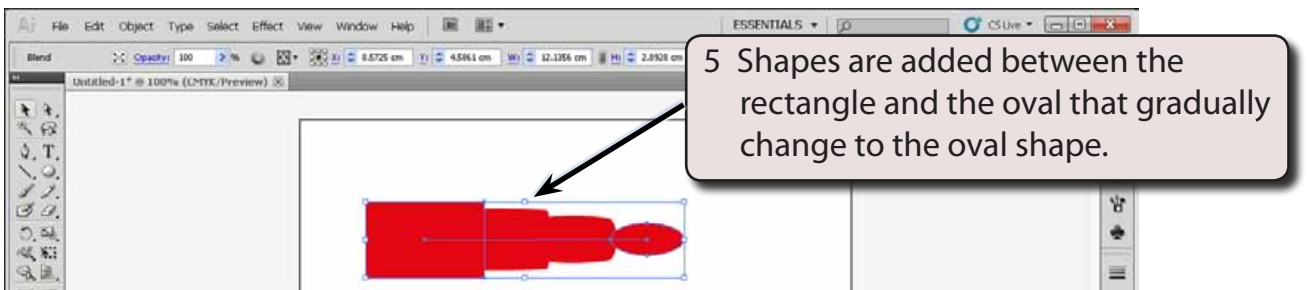
A Simple Blends



1 Select the RECTANGLE TOOL, draw a rectangle near the top left of the ARTBOARD and set the STROKE COLOUR to NONE and the FILL COLOUR to RED.



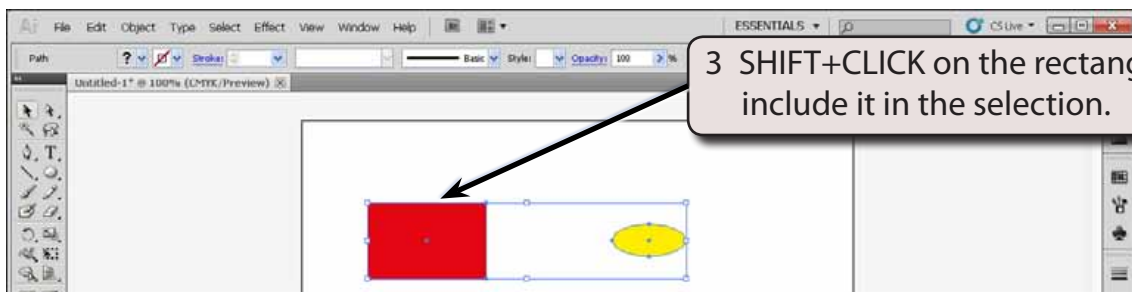
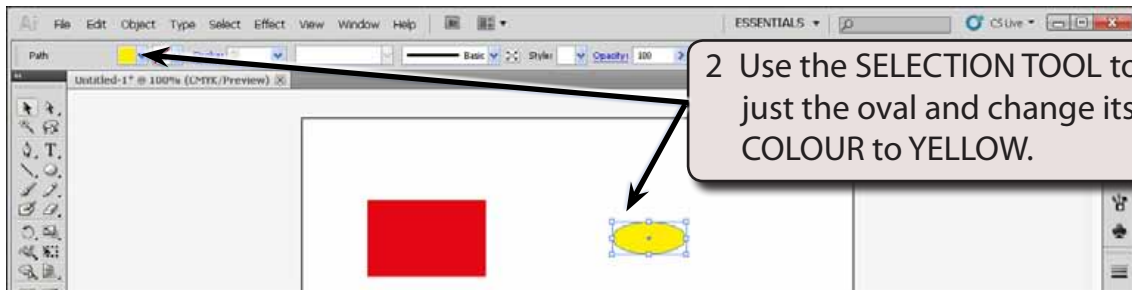
4 Display the OBJECT menu, highlight BLEND and select MAKE.



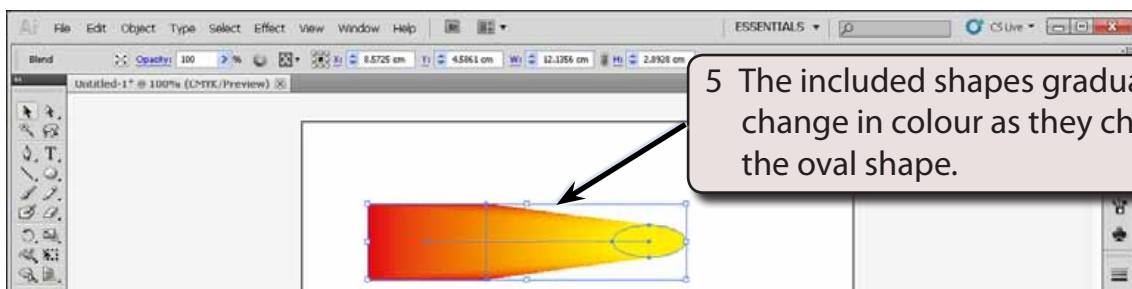
B Blending Colours

You can blend colours.

- 1 Press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the previous blend.



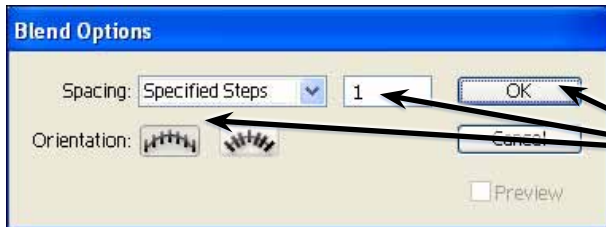
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C Blending Options

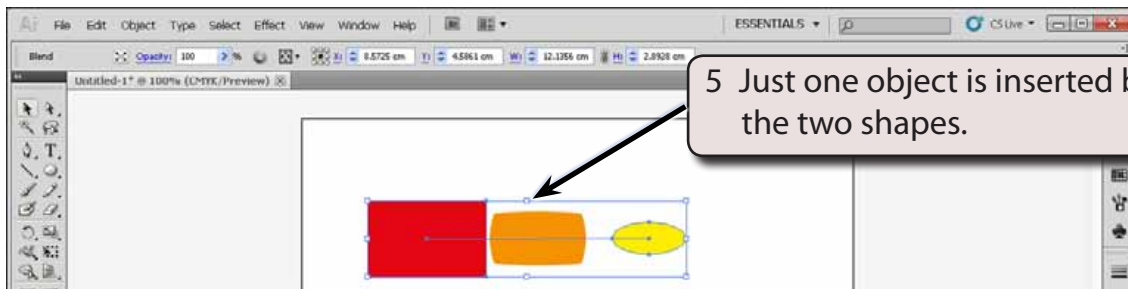
You can control how many objects are inserted between the blended objects.

- 1 Press CTRL+Z or COMMAND+Z to UNDO the previous blend.
- 2 Display the OBJECT menu, highlight BLEND and select BLEND OPTIONS.



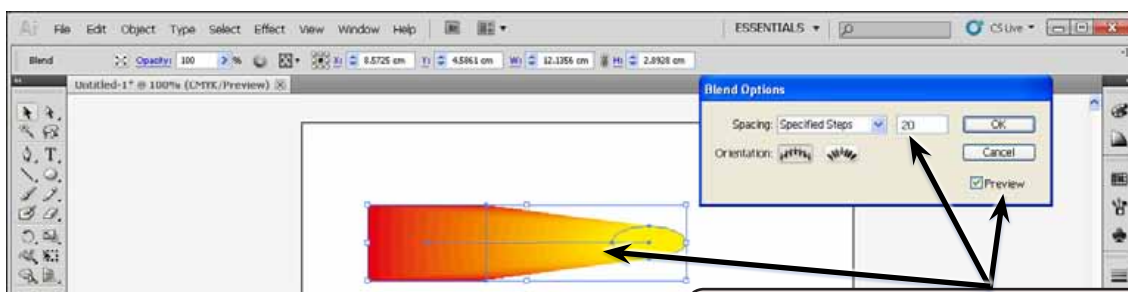
3 Set the SPACING box to SPECIFIED STEPS, enter: 1 in the box next to it and select OK.

- 4 Display the OBJECT menu again, highlight BLEND and select MAKE.



5 Just one object is inserted between the two shapes.

- 6 Display the OBJECT menu again, highlight BLEND and select BLEND OPTIONS.



7 Turn on the PREVIEW box, set the SPECIFIED STEPS to 20 and press the TAB key to see the effect.

- 8 Try some other steps then select OK.