

Creating Multimedia SWF Products

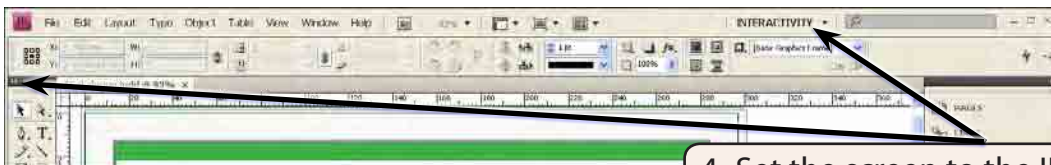
InDesign can be used to create multimedia products that combine movie clips, sounds, images and animations into professional products that can be distributed on CD, DVD or as SWF files that can be included on web sites. Buttons can be used to allow the user to move to specific parts of the product.

In this chapter you will create an online product catalogue for a sports store and export it as a SWF file so that the file can be viewed from a web page.

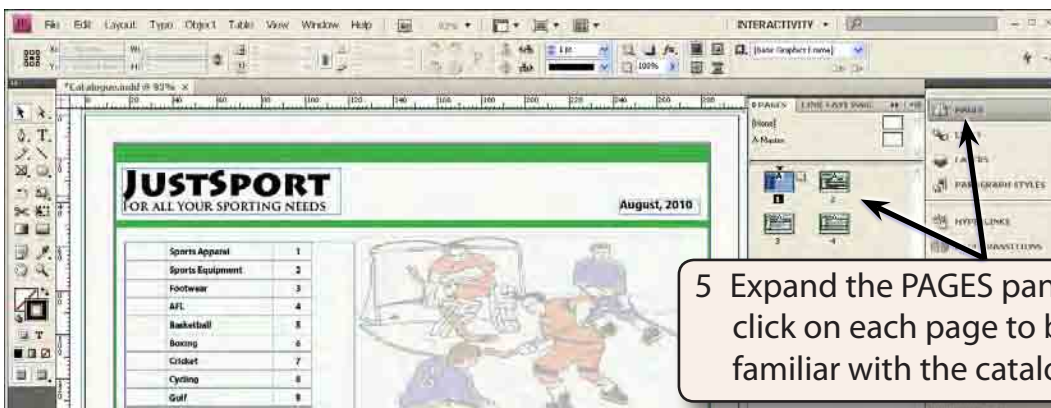
Creating an Online Catalogue

A simplified catalogue for a sports store has been prepared for you. It will need navigation buttons added to it then it will be exported to a SWF (ShockWave Format) file so that it can be viewed in a browser.

- 1 Load Adobe InDesign or close the current document.
- 2 Display the FILE menu and select OPEN or click on OPEN in the OPEN A RECENT ITEM section of the START SCREEN.
- 3 Access the IDcs4 SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 13 folder and load the CATALOGUE file.



4 Set the screen to the INTERACTIVITY workspace and the TOOLS panel to 2 columns.



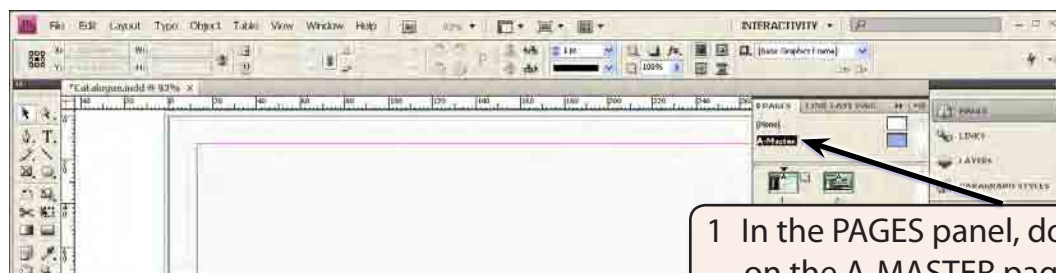
5 Expand the PAGES panel and double click on each page to become familiar with the catalogue.

Drawing Navigation Buttons

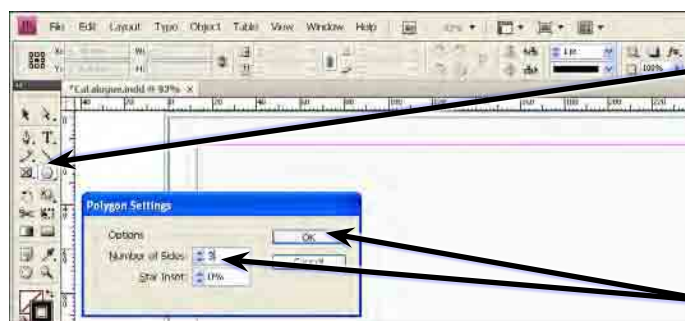
Any object within InDesign can be converted into a button or you can use some of the sample buttons provided by InDesign. In this case triangles and a circle will be drawn using the SHAPES tool and converted to buttons to allow the user to go to the next page, the previous page and return to page 1.

When creating buttons that will be used on all pages of a document, it is more efficient to create those buttons in the MASTER page so that they automatically appear on all pages.

A Drawing a Triangle



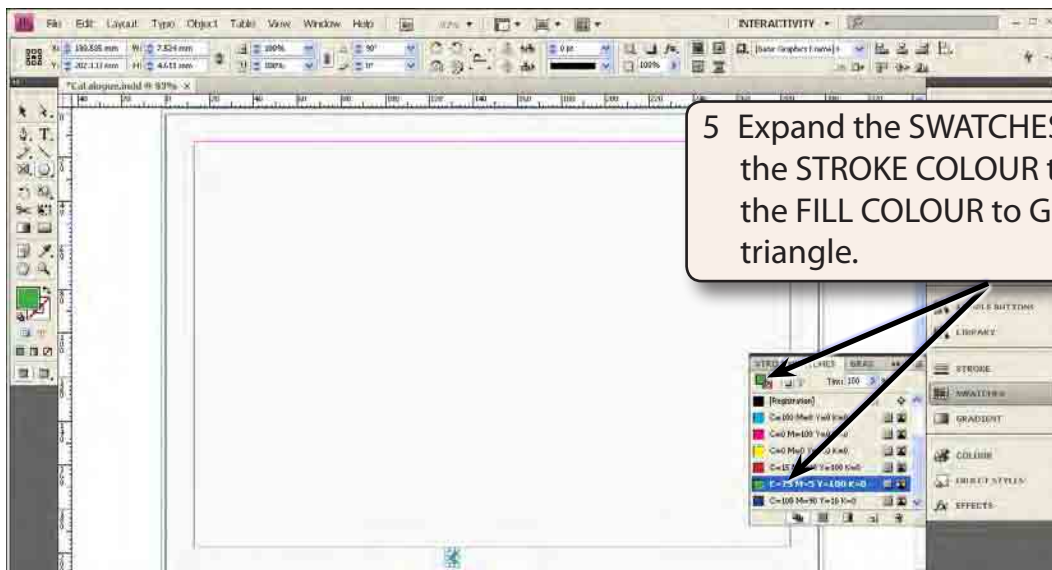
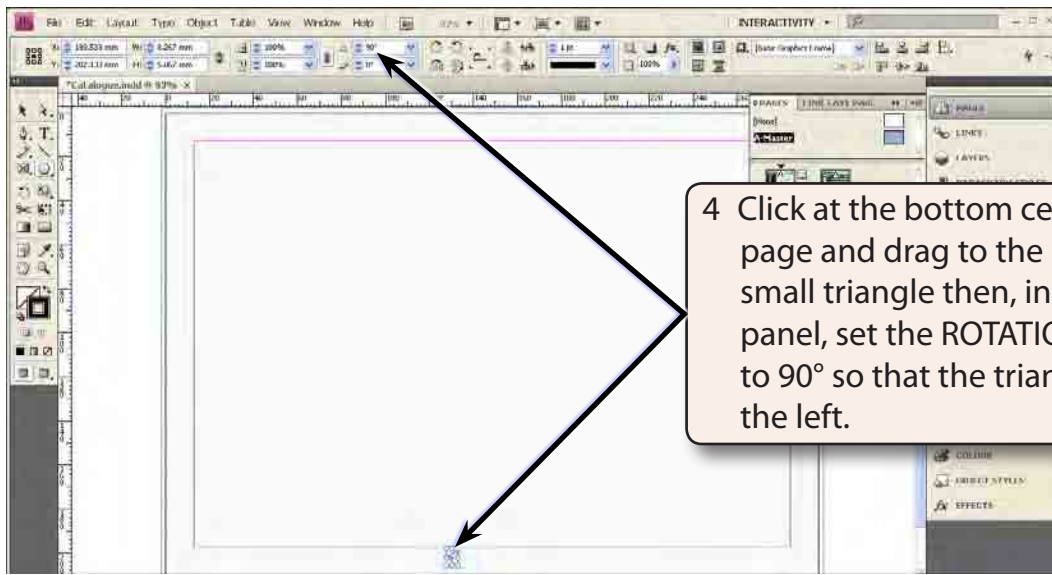
1 In the PAGES panel, double click on the A-MASTER page to open the MASTER PAGE.



2 Click and hold on the SHAPES TOOL in the TOOLS panel and set it to the POLYGON TOOL.

3 Double click on the POLYGON TOOL to open the POLYGON SETTINGS dialogue box, set the NUMBER OF SIDES to 3 and select OK.

NOTE: Setting the NUMBER OF SIDES to 3 means that every shape drawn by the POLYGON TOOL will be a triangle.

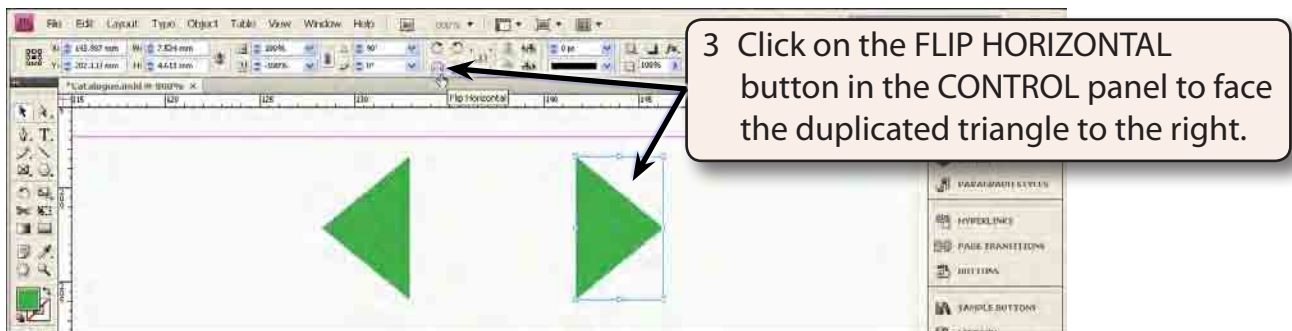
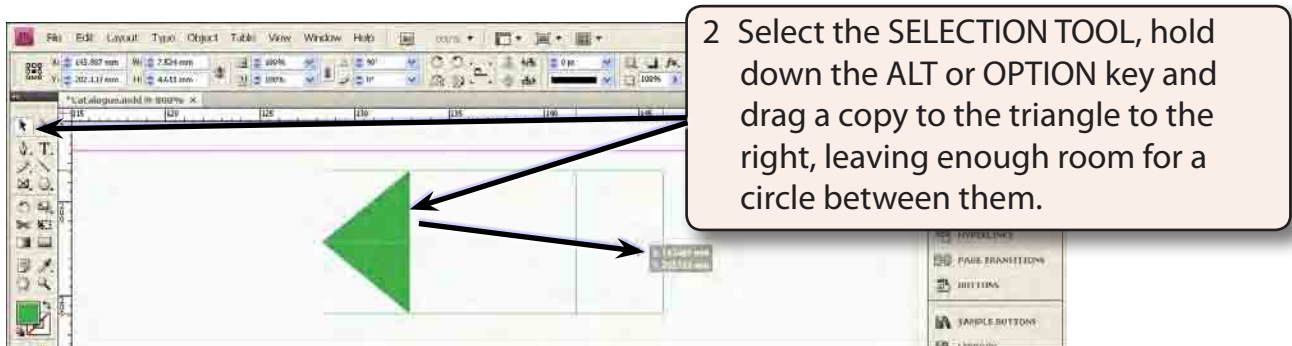


NOTE: You could add some bevel and drop shadow effects to the button if you wanted to.

B Duplicating the Triangle

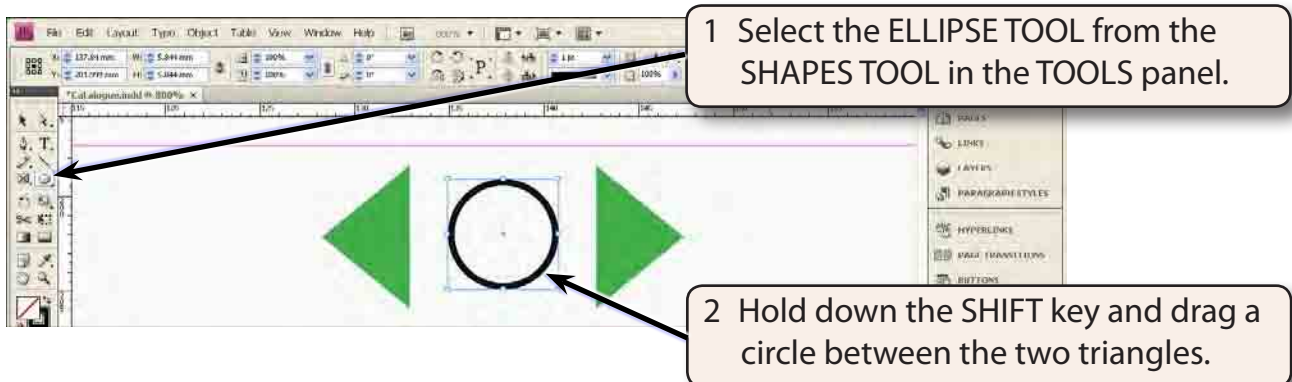
The triangle can be duplicated and flipped to create a button that faces to the right.

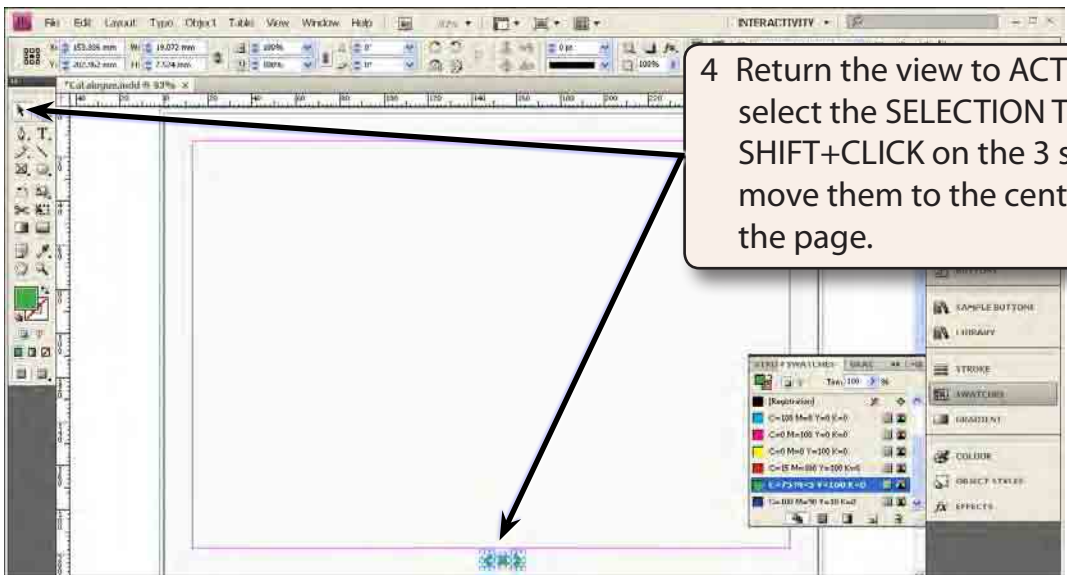
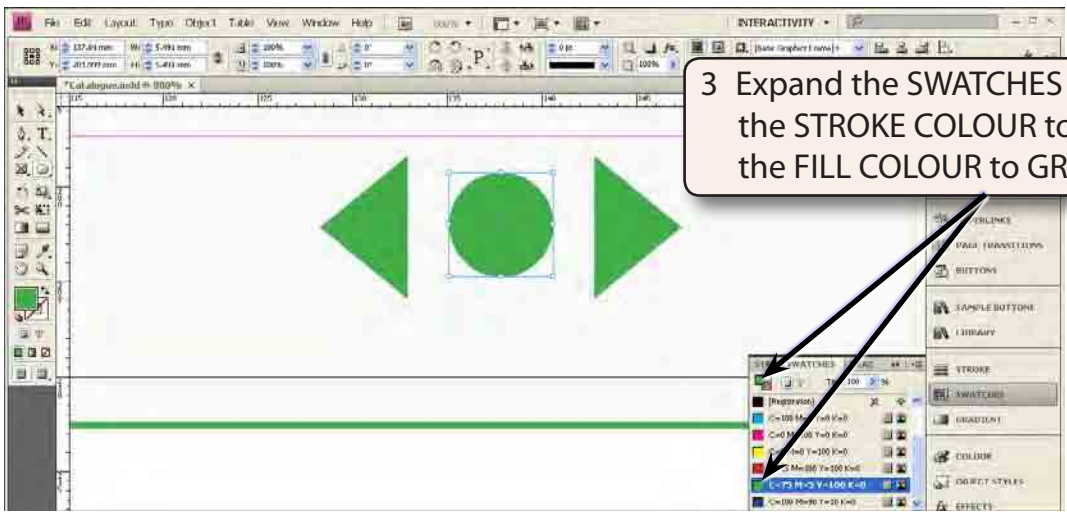
- 1 Zoom in on the triangle.



C Creating a Home Button

A circle will be drawn between the two triangles to act as a Home button to return the user to page 1 of the catalogue.





NOTE: The centre of the page is at about 148 mm in the top Ruler. You could drag a VERTICAL GUIDE LINE to that position if you wanted to accurately position the buttons.

- 5 Use SAVE AS from the FILE menu to save the document in your STORAGE folder as:
Chapter 13 Catalogue