

Creating Multimedia SWF Products

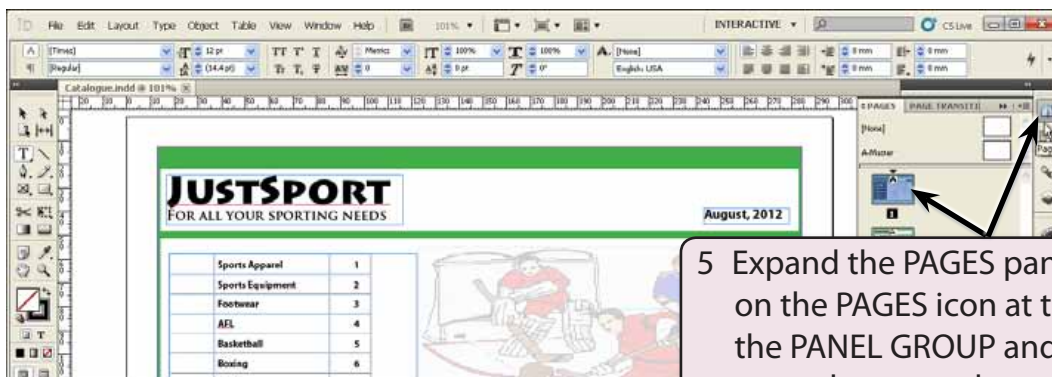
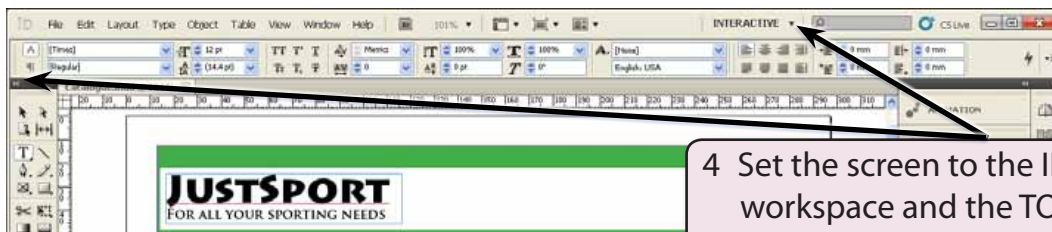
InDesign can be used to create multimedia products that combine movie clips, sounds, images and animations into professional products that can be distributed on CD, DVD or as SWF files that can be included on web sites. Buttons can be used to allow the user to move to specific parts of the product.

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 before it is exported to a SWF (ShockWave Format) file.

- 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 WELCOME SCREEN.
- 3 Access the IDcs5 SUPPORT FILES, open the CHAPTER 14 folder and load the CATALOGUE file.

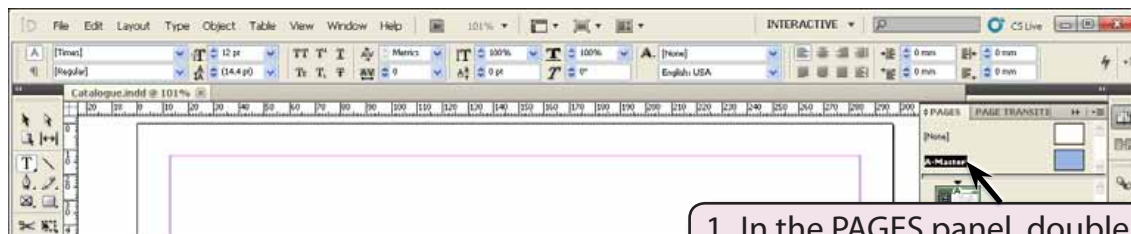


Drawing Navigation Buttons

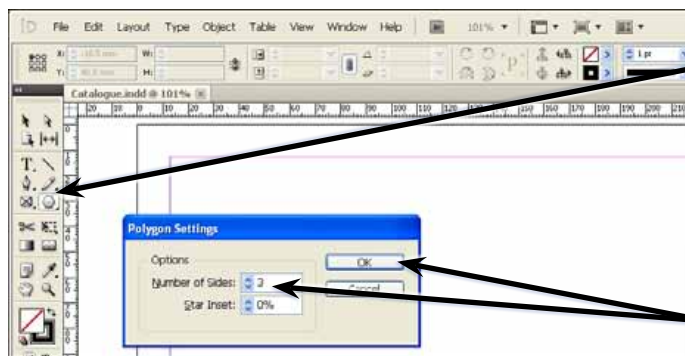
Any object within InDesign can be converted into a button or you can use some of the sample buttons provided by InDesign. In this case triangles and a circle will be drawn using the SHAPES tools and converted to buttons to allow the user to go to the next page, the previous page and return to page 1.

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



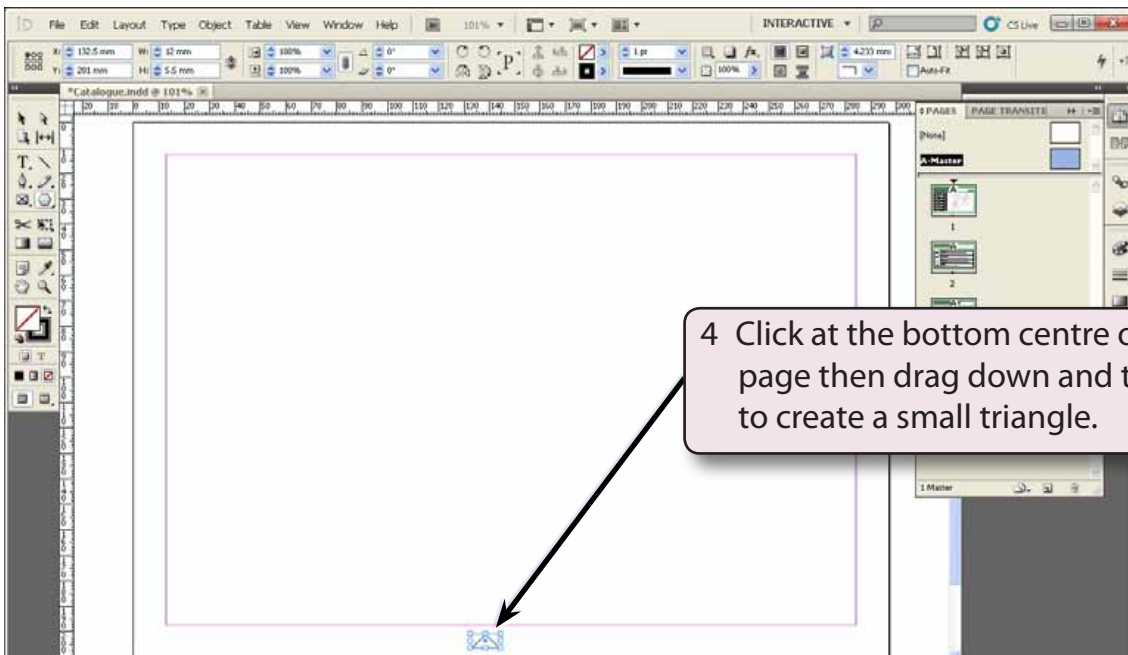
1 In the PAGES panel, double click on the A-MASTER page to open the MASTER PAGE.



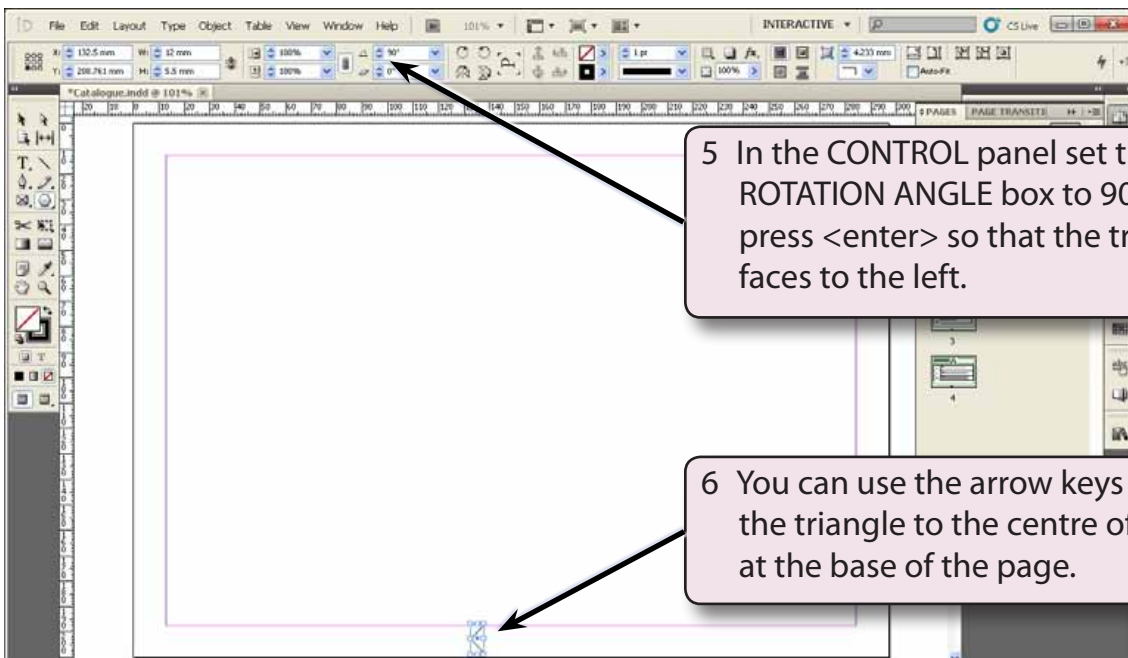
2 Click and hold on the SHAPES TOOL in the TOOLS panel and set it to the POLYGON TOOL.

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.

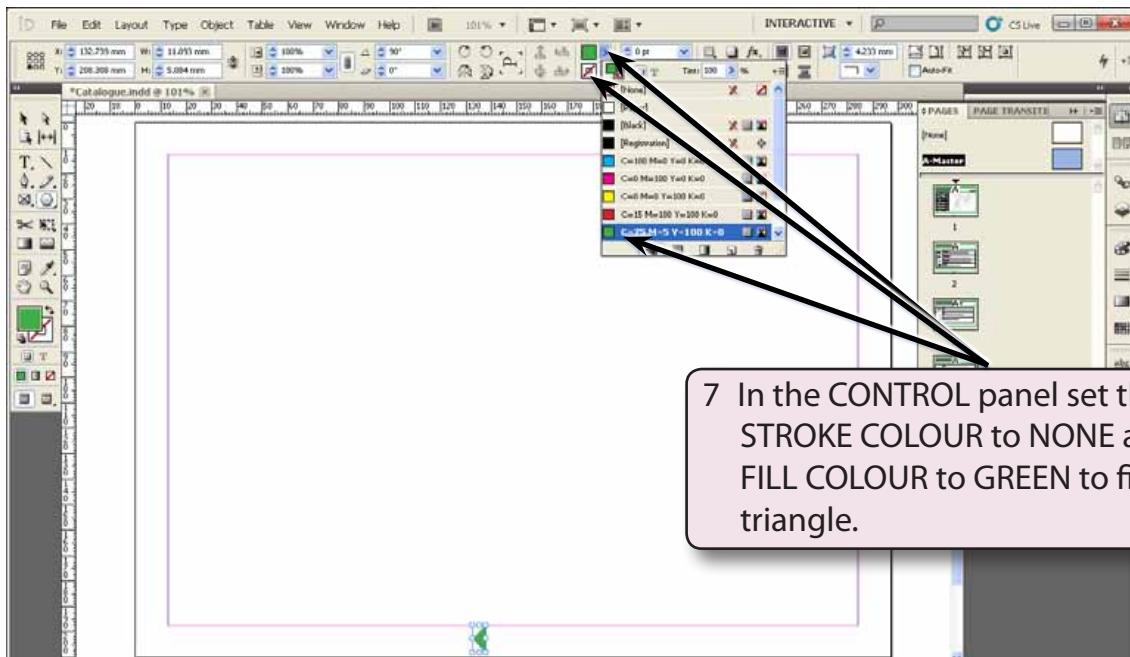


4 Click at the bottom centre of the page then drag down and to the left to create a small triangle.



5 In the CONTROL panel set the ROTATION ANGLE box to 90° and press <enter> so that the triangle faces to the left.

6 You can use the arrow keys to nudge the triangle to the centre of the area at the base of the page.

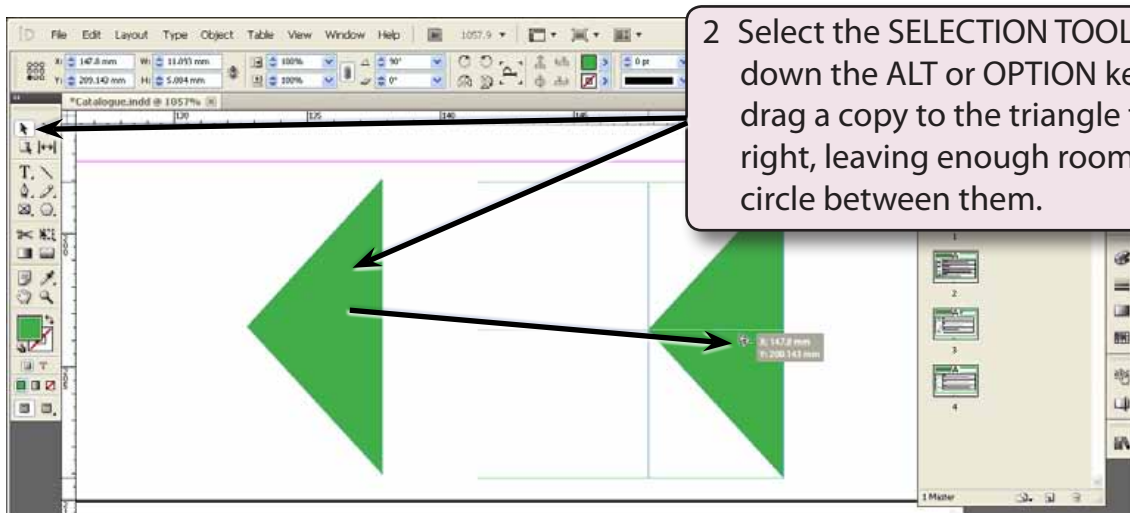


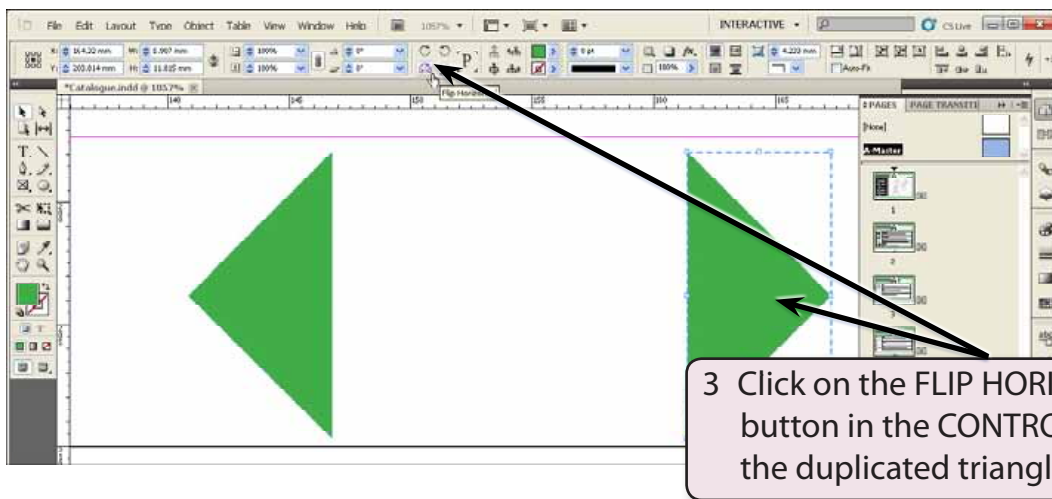
NOTE: You could add some bevel and drop shadow effects to the triangle if you wanted to.

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.

