

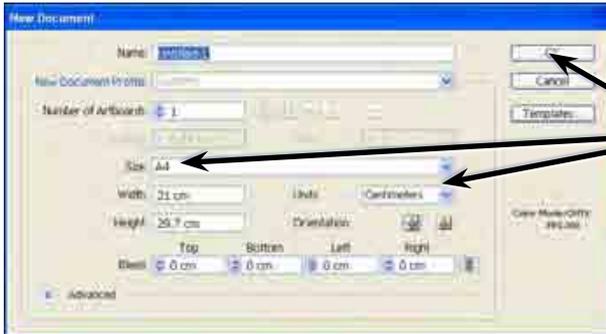
Using the Blob Brush Tool

The BLOB BRUSH TOOL is a new tool in Adobe Illustrator CS4. It acts like a paint tool in a painting program, such as Adobe Photoshop, producing closed shapes as you paint and those shapes can be added to. The BLOB BRUSH TOOL also lets you combine multiple shapes into one shape.

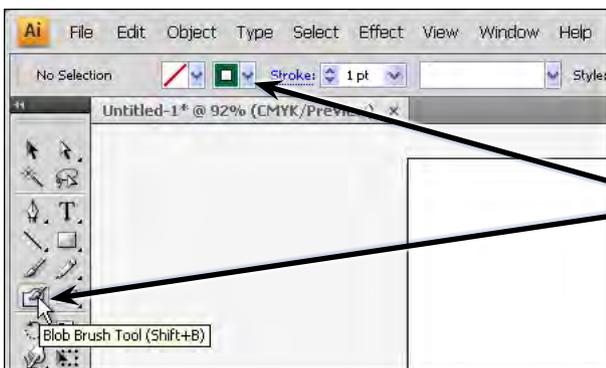
Selecting the Blob Brush Tool

A Painting Shapes

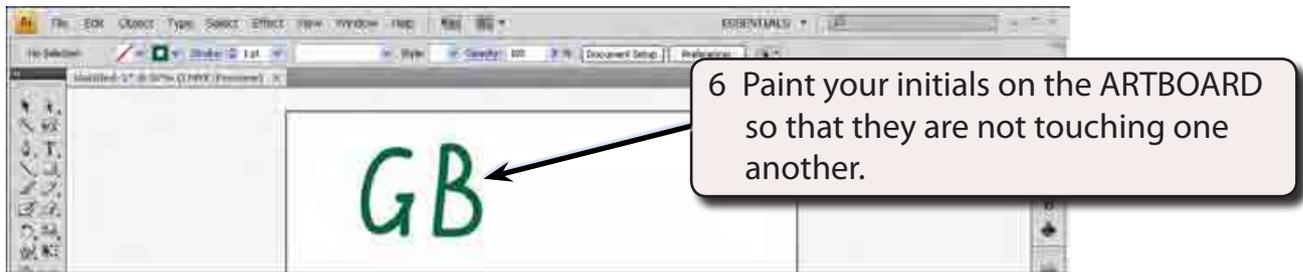
- 1 Load Adobe Illustrator CS4 or close the current document.
- 2 In the CREATE NEW section of the WELCOME screen click on PRINT DOCUMENT to start a new document.
- 3 The PRINT DOCUMENT option will ask you for the settings of the printer you will be printing to.



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



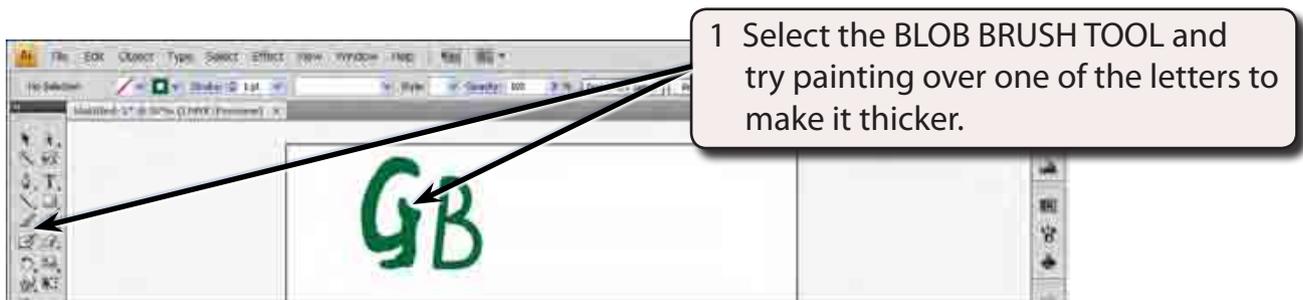
5 Select the BLOB BRUSH TOOL from the TOOLS panel and, in the OPTIONS panel, select a STROKE COLOUR.

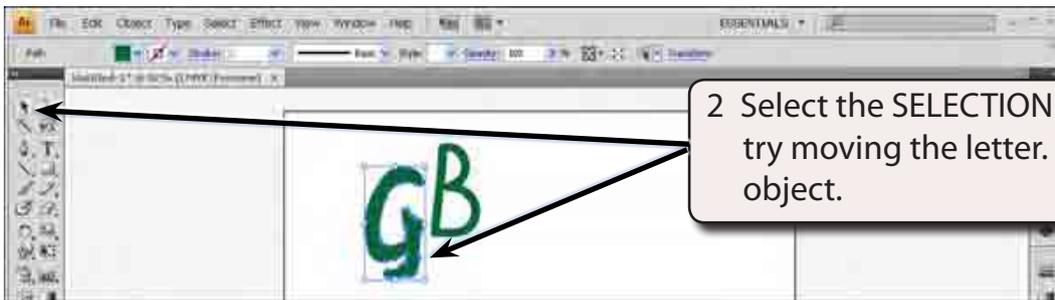


NOTE: Each letter is a separate object just as the PAINTBRUSH TOOL would have created.

B Adjusting the Letters

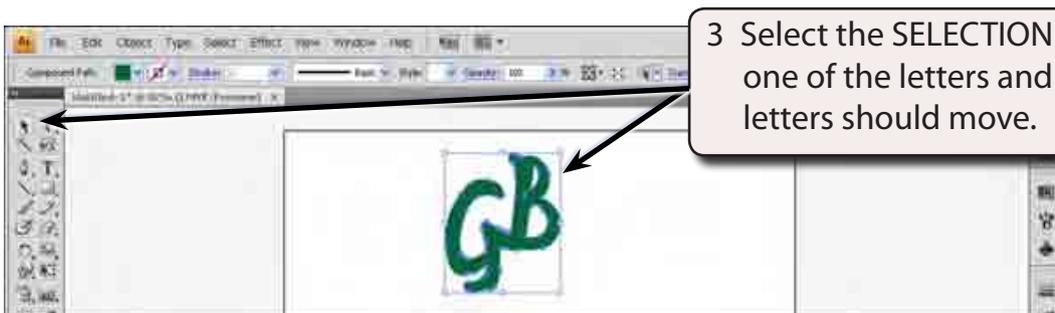
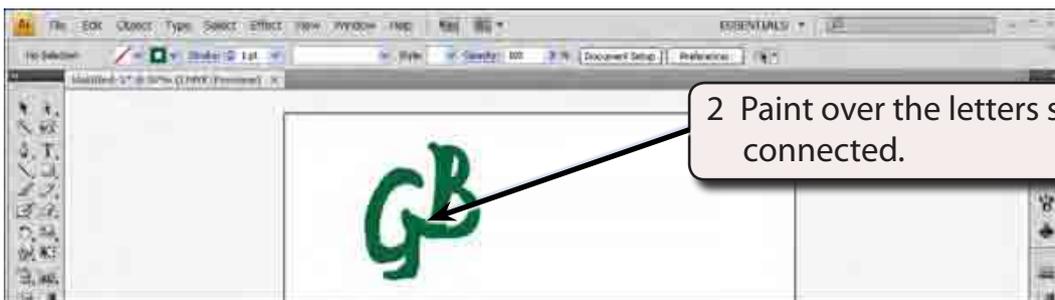
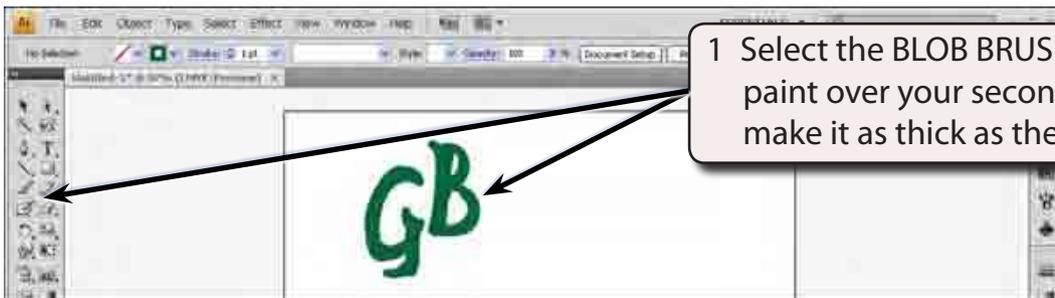
The advantage of the BLOB BRUSH TOOL over the PAINTBRUSH TOOL is that you can add paint to the existing objects.





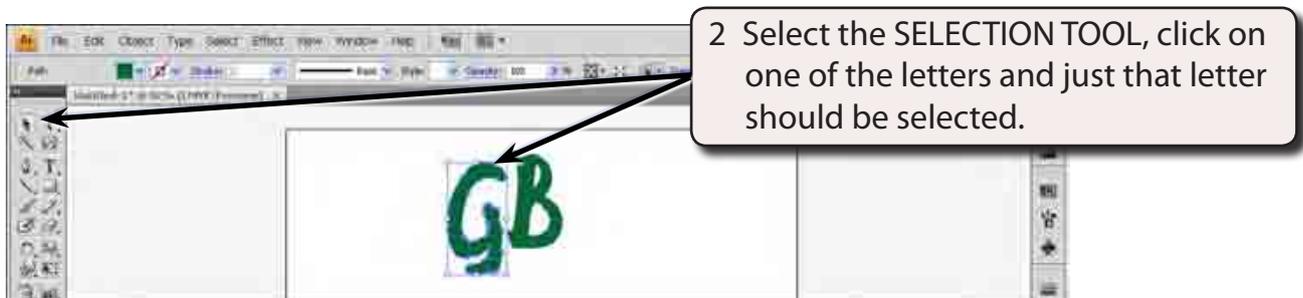
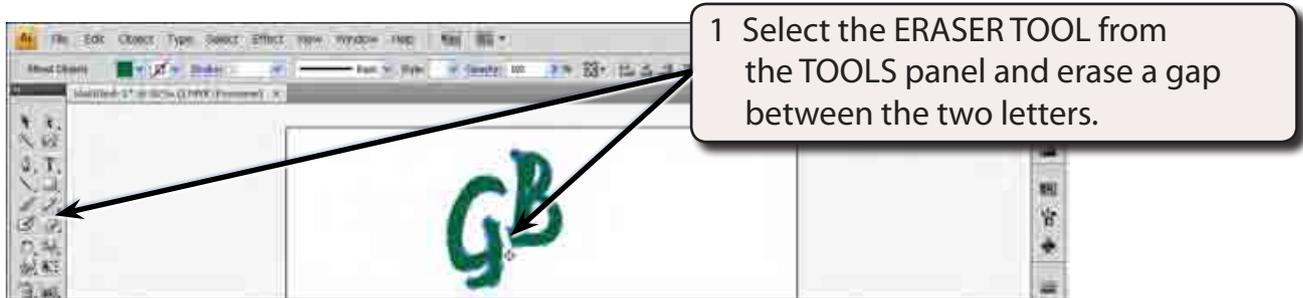
C Combining Objects

The BLOB BRUSH TOOL can be used to combine one object into another so long as their colours are very similar. Let's combine the two initials into one object



D Splitting the Letters

The letters can easily be returned to two separate objects.



Modifying Text With the Blob Brush Tool

You can create some interesting text effects by using the BLOB BRUSH TOOL to adjust the letters. Let's create a simple poster for a horror movie.

A Entering the Text

- 1 Close the current document, saving it if you wish.
- 2 Start a new PRINT DOCUMENT using the same settings as on page 5-1.

