



THANKS FOR DOWNLOADING THE ART DECO PATTERNS SAMPLE!

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ABOUT THE SAMPLE

This sample is compatible with Affinity Designer, Affinity Photo and Affinity Publisher.

The full pack will feature 30 Art Deco Patterns plus a Quick Reference Guide. Get it from artifexforge.com on release or buy it as part of the upcoming Art Deco Dream Tool Kit Bundle.

The sample contains 3 Art Deco Patterns - Saved as one-click 'Styles' for ease of use. Transform vector shapes & type in seconds.

You may use the sample for personal projects only - please buy the full product for a commercial license.

Please see below for usage instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please note: These instructions are for the desktop version of Affinity Designer. A set of instructions for ipad users is also included in the download. All screen shots show Affinity Designer but the interface is almost identical in Photo and Publisher.

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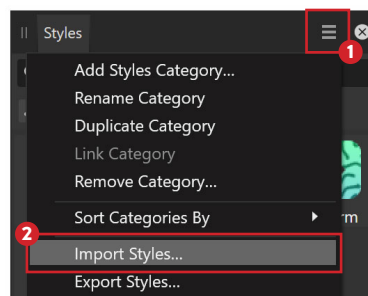
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WHAT IS A STYLE?

A 'Style' is a group of patterns, textures and/or effects, which have been bundled together and can be applied to vector shapes and type with one click. The styles in this pack feature a pattern plus color and gradient overlays. The overlays allow for easy color change. All attributes used in 'Styles' remain live so they can be adjusted after application.

LOADING THE STYLES

1. Working in Affinity Designer, Photo or Publisher, open the 'Styles Panel'.
2. Access the corner menu (1) and select 'Import Styles...' (2) as shown below.

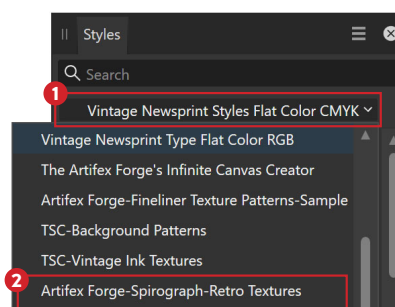


4. Navigate to the un-zipped product folder, select an Affinity Styles file and click 'Open'. The styles will now be ready to use.

APPLYING THE STYLES

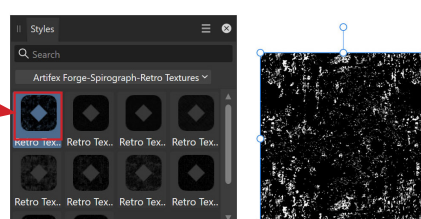
Please note: styles from our 'Spirograph Tool Kit' have been used in this example.

Once the styles are loaded, choose a set from the drop-down menu on the 'Styles Panel' (1) by clicking it's name (2).



1. Select a piece of text or a vector shape.
2. Click on one of the 'Styles Panel' icons to apply it to the shape/text.

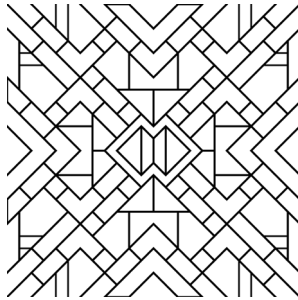
Click a style icon to apply it to an object



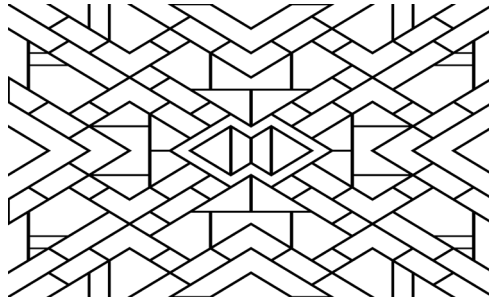
3. Adjust the proportions, size, rotation and effects as required. Read on for more information.

ADJUSTING THE PATTERN AFTER APPLICATION

When the pattern is applied to an object it will take on the proportions of the object. For example if a square pattern is applied to a square shape then the proportions will look good, but if the same pattern is applied to a rectangle then the texture will look distorted, as shown example below.



Square object -
correct proportions



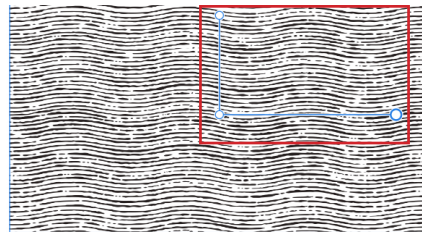
Rectangular object -
incorrect proportions

To adjust the proportions and size of the pattern, follow these steps:

1. Select the object to which you applied the 'Style'.
2. Select the 'Gradient Tool' and your shape. You will notice the 'L' shaped cursor appear over or near your shape. This represents the proportion of the pattern.

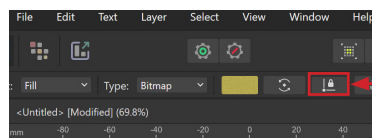


Gradient Tool



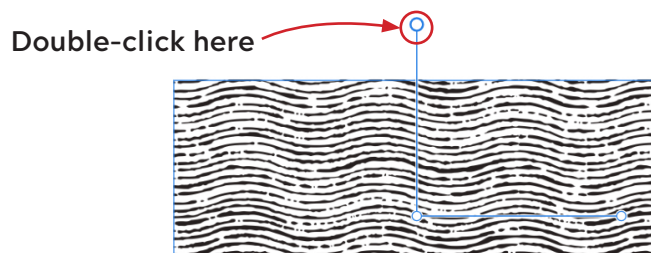
'L' shaped cursor

3. Check the 'Context' settings to make sure the 'Maintain Fill Aspect Ratio' button is not activated (as shown below). When activated, this lock icon maintains the current proportion of the pattern.

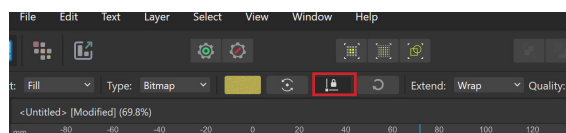


'Maintain Fill Aspect Ratio' button

4. Double-click a cursor end to reset the proportions.

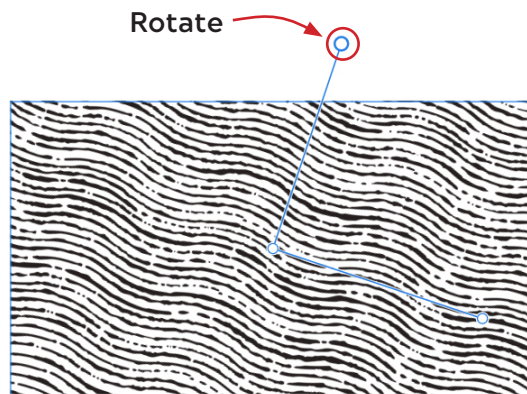


5. Click the 'Maintain Fill Aspect Ratio' button to prevent further proportion changes.



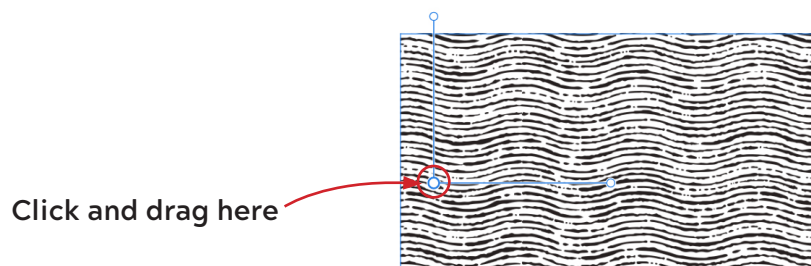
ROTATING THE PATTERN

To rotate the pattern within it's shape, select your object and the 'Gradient Tool' then rotate one of the circular, end parts of the cursor as shown below.



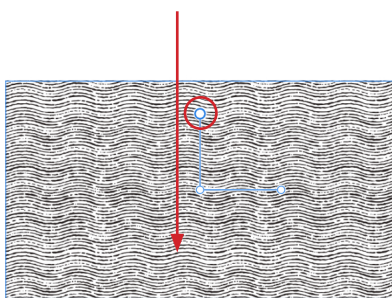
MOVING THE PATTERN

To move the pattern within it's shape, select your object and the 'Gradient Tool' then click and drag the cursor's central circle.

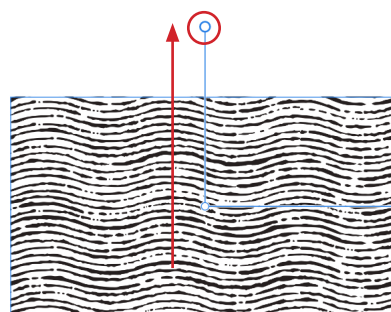


SCALING THE PATTERN

To scale the pattern within it's shape, select your object and the 'Gradient Tool' and ensure the 'Maintain Fill Aspect Ratio' button is on. Now, drag one of the circular end parts of the cursor out to enlarge the pattern or, in to shrink it.



Drag inwards to shrink pattern

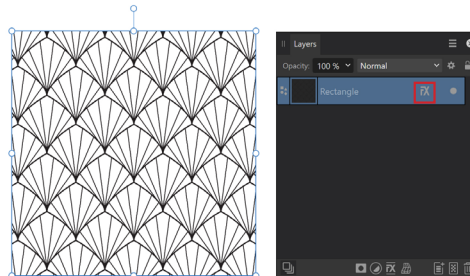


Drag outwards to enlarge pattern

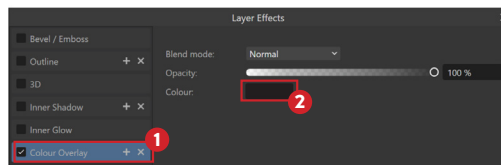
CHANGING THE COLOR USING THE COLOR OVERLAY

Every style has a 'Color Overlay' applied to it. To adjust the color of an applied pattern style, using the 'Color Overlay', follow these steps:

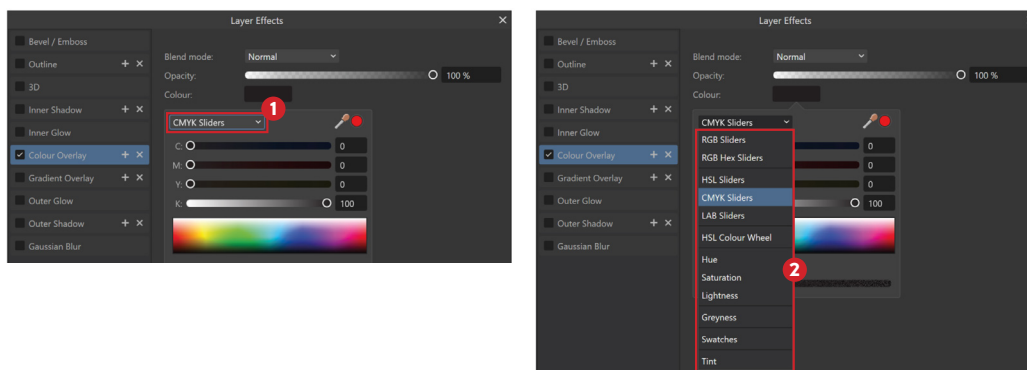
1. Select an object which has a pattern 'Style' applied to it.
2. Open the 'Layers Panel' and click the 'FX' icon on the relevant layer icon, as shown below. This will open the 'Layer Effects' options.



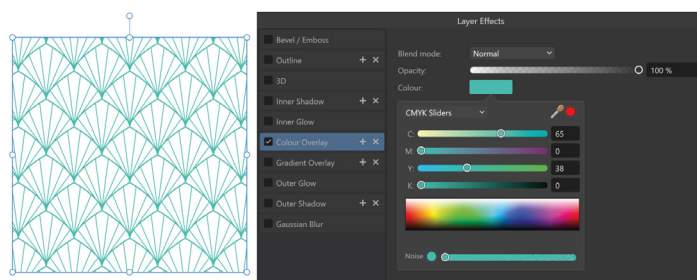
3. Click 'Color Overlay' (1) and then the 'Color' (2) icon as shown below. The color options will open.



4. Click the drop down menu (1) and choose a recolor method (2).



5. Change the color as required.

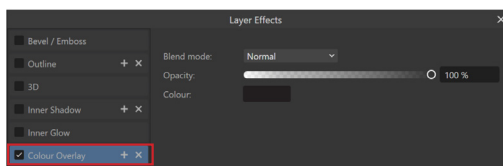


6. Click the 'Close' button.

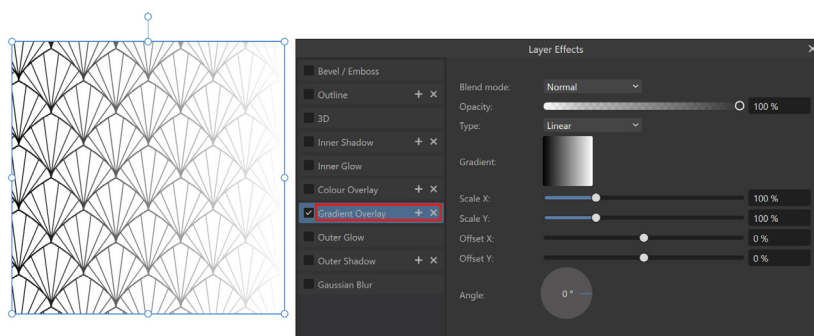
CHANGING THE GRADIENT USING THE GRADIENT OVERLAY

Every style has a 'Gradient Overlay' applied to it. To adjust the gradient of an applied pattern style, using the 'Gradient Overlay', follow these steps:

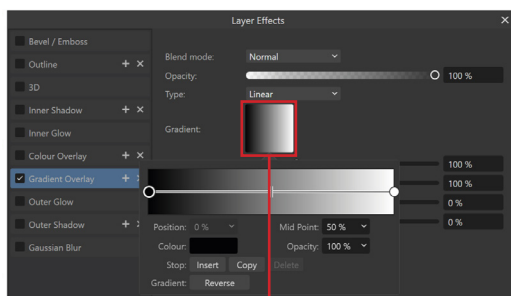
1. Select an object which has a pattern 'Style' applied to it.
2. Access the 'Layer Effects' and remove the 'Color Overlay' by clicking the tick icon, as shown below (The 'Color Overlay' obscures the 'Gradient Overlay').



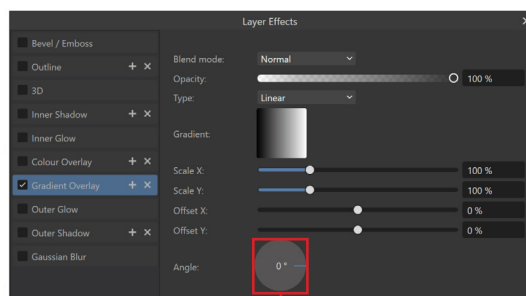
3. Tap 'Gradient Overlay' to access the gradient options.



4. Adjust the 'Gradient Overlay' options as required. The most commonly used options are highlighted below.



Click to access the main gradient settings including color.



Rotate the angle of your gradient here.

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