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This sample features a layered laurel wreath foliage brush. This has been supplied as a 'Graphic Style' for easy use.

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The full version includes, layered flower, foliage, seed head and fungi brushes along with color palettes and a quick reference guide.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please note: All screen shots were made in Illustrator 30.2.1. The interface may vary in other versions of Illustrator.

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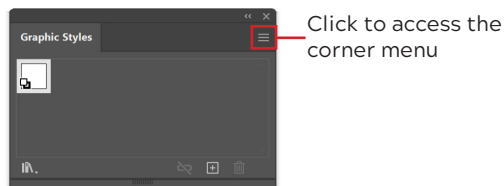
HOW TO USE THE LAYERED FLOWERS/FOLIAGE BRUSHES

VERY IMPORTANT INFO!

These are not normal brushes and they cannot be loaded using the 'Brushes Tab'. Each object was made using multiple brushes, which have been layered using the 'Appearance Tab' and saved as a one-click 'Graphic Style'. *Please read on to learn how to use 'Graphic Styles'.*

TO LOAD GRAPHIC STYLES...

1. Working in a document, open the 'Styles Tab' (found in the 'Window>Graphic Styles' Menu).
2. Access the right-hand corner menu and select 'Open Graphic Styles Library>Other Library...'



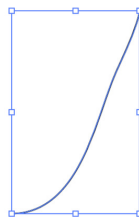
3. Navigate to the downloaded, unzipped product folder and select a Graphic Styles' file.

The 'Graphic Styles' will open in a new 'Graphic Styles' Tab. To transfer to the main tab, drag the 'Graphic Style' icons across.

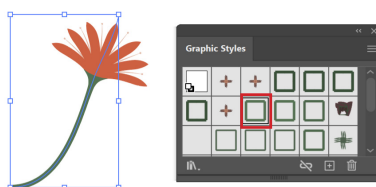
'Graphic Styles' files can also be opened using the 'File>Open' menu.

TO APPLY A STYLE TO A STROKE

1. Create an open vector stroke using the 'Pencil Tool' or 'Pen Tool'.



2. Select the vector stroke using the 'Selection Tool' then click a 'Styles Panel' icon.



IMPORTANT!
REFER TO THE QUICK
REFERENCE PDF TO
IDENTIFY THE CONTENTS
OF EACH STYLE

Click another 'Styles Panel' icon to apply an alternative flower design.

Additional Info: When you apply a 'Graphic Style', any brushes featured in the 'Graphic Style' will be added to the 'Brushes Tab'. You don't need to use these brushes to create floral designs.

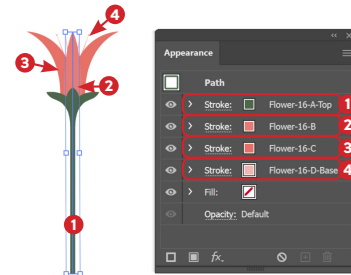
UNDERSTANDING LAYERED BRUSH STROKES (GRAPHIC STYLES)

View the contents of an applied 'Graphic Style' on the 'Appearance Tab' ('Window>Appearance' menu). This is also where you edit the flower's colors and size.

Below is a breakdown of a flower 'Graphic Style', showing how the 'Appearance Tab' elements relate to the finished flower.

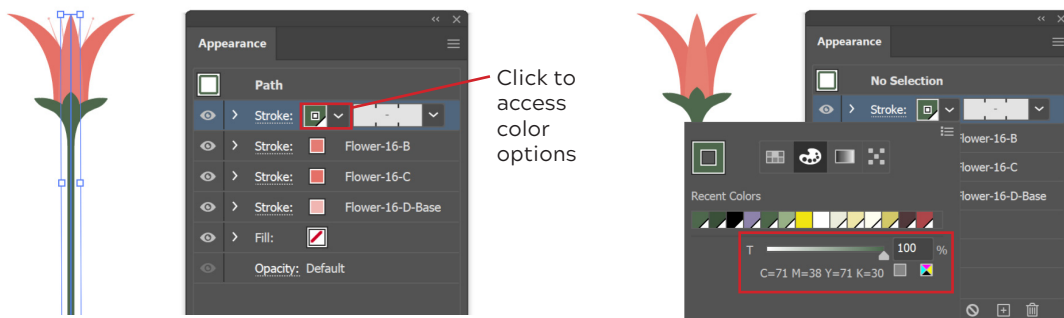
Each flower element is made by applying a brush to a stroke. These 'Strokes' can be seen opposite (numbered 1 to 4). Click the relevant stroke to edit it.

The 'eye' icon makes flower elements invisible.



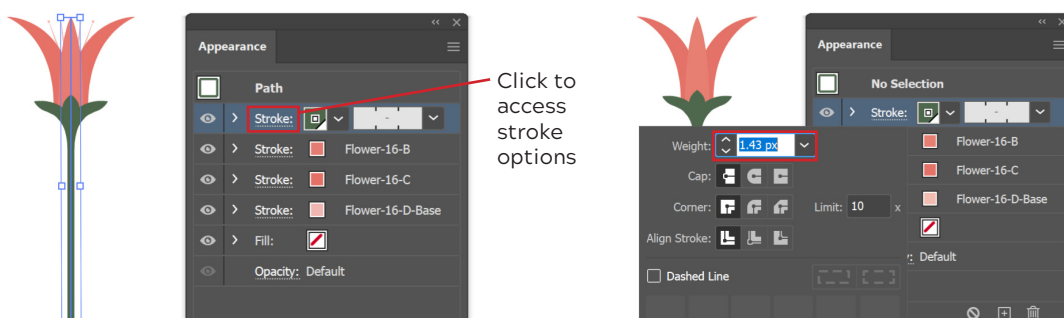
TO CHANGE THE COLORS...

With an applied 'Graphic Style' selected, click the relevant 'Stroke' on the 'Appearance Tab', then click the 'Stroke' color icon to open the color options. Adjust the colors as required.



TO ADJUST THE SIZE OF THE FLOWERS/FOLIAGE...

With an applied 'Graphic Style' selected, click the relevant 'Stroke' on the 'Appearance Tab', then click 'Stroke' to open the 'Stroke' options. Adjust the 'Weight' value as required.



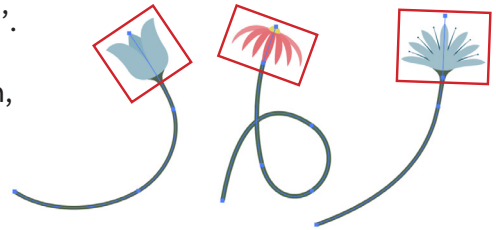
Please note: As a general rule, the 'Stroke Weight' should be the same for each 'Appearance Tab' element, within a single flower/foilage 'Graphic Style'.

HOW TO REPOSE THE FLOWERS/FOLIAGE

Repose the flowers/foliage using the 'Direct Selection Tool'.

To avoid the flower petals distorting, keep the petal section, straight or very slightly curved, as per these examples:

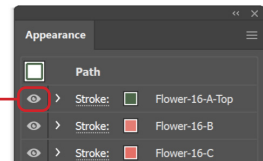
Use as few nodes as possible to ensure smooth lines.



MAKING ELEMENTS VISIBLE & INVISIBLE

You may not always want to use every flower/foliage element. To make an element invisible, click the relevant eye icon on the 'Appearance Panel'. Click the icon again to make the element visible.

Click to make an element invisible or visible

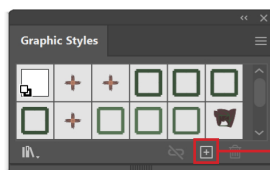


ADDITIONAL TIPS

SAVING YOUR OWN CUSTOMIZED FLOWERS & FOLIAGE FOR REUSE

Save custom versions of the flowers/foliage, as 'Graphic Styles', for future use:

1. Select your customized flower/foliage and open the 'Graphic Styles Panel' (Found in the 'Window>Graphic Styles' menu).
2. Click the '+' button on the 'Graphic Styles Tab'. The 'Graphic Style' will be saved as a 'Graphic Style Tab' icon, which can be used when needed.

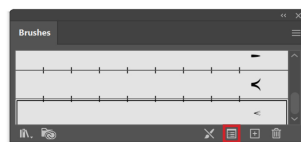


Click to save a Graphic Style

REVERSING THE DIRECTION OF A BRUSH STROKE

To change the direction of a brush which features in an applied 'Graphic Style'...

1. Select the relevant brush 'Stroke' on the 'Appearance Tab'.
2. Click the 'Options of Selected Object' button on the 'Brushes Tab'.



3. Tick 'Flip Along' or 'Flip Across', as required then click 'OK'.