Graffiti Live Trace Directions





Directions:

Step 1: Using a pencil, lightly sketching a 3 - 5 letter word using a graffiti font that you create or an example found online.

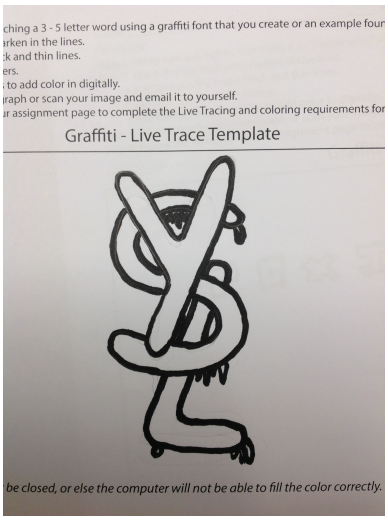
Step 2: Use a sharpie marker to darken in the lines "ONLY". Add line quality, make thick and thin lines. DO NOT darken in the letters. You will need open spaces to add color in digitally.

Step 3: Photograph or scan your image and email it to yourself.

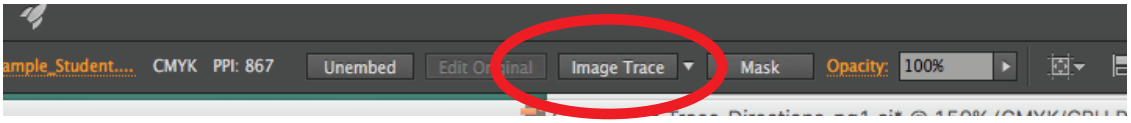
Step 4: Open a new document in Adobe Illustrator. Make the Document in landscape -
10" wide by 8" tall. ADD 3 ART BOARDS

Step 5: Download your image from your email / Dropbox and save it on your desktop.

Step 6: Drag the image from your desktop into your new document or File > Place - your scanned / photographed drawing into your document.



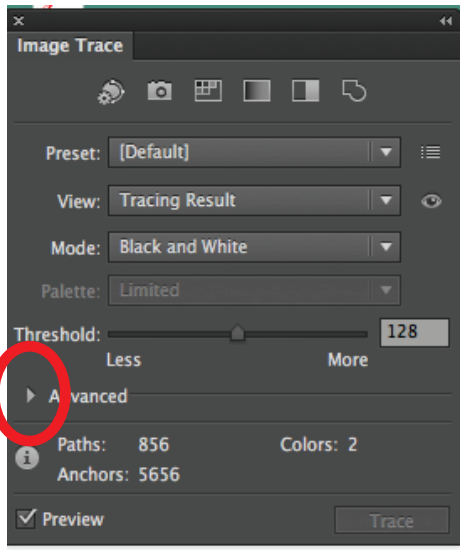
Step 7: Select your image with the black arrow - At the top of the screen click the button - Image Trace



*A menu may pop up that says the tracing might take a while. JUST CLICK **OK**

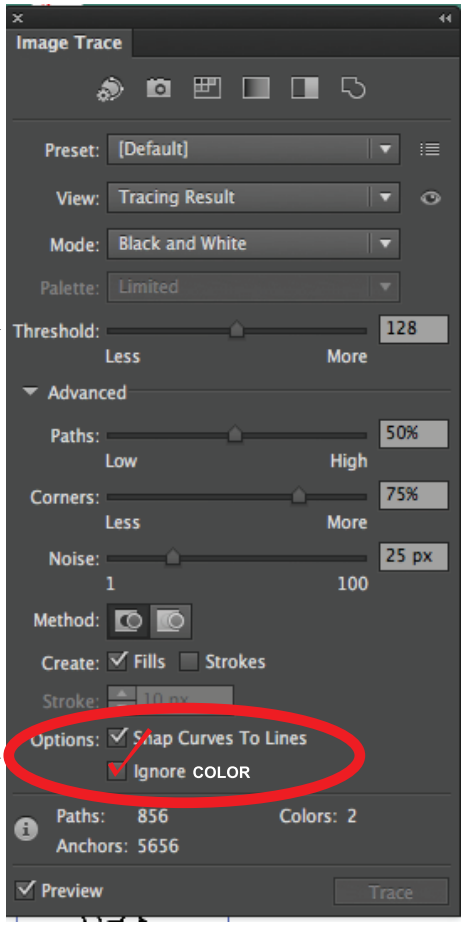
Step 8: Click on the Live Trace Menu





Click here
to open all your.

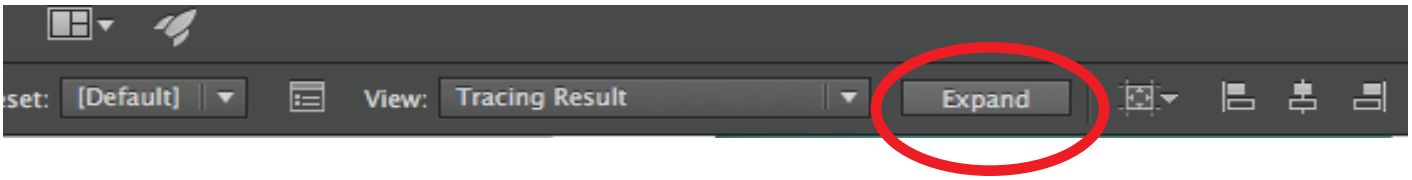
Try adjusting the Threshold to see how it effects your image.



Check the box Ignore White !!!!!.

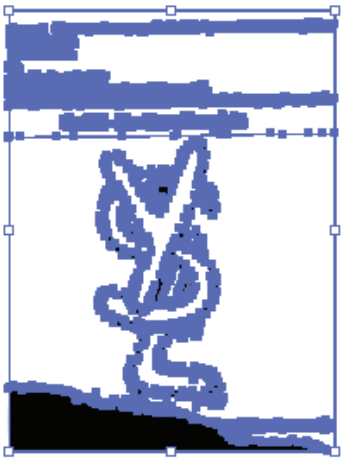
This will take away the white background.
It may be deceiving, because the artboard is white.

Make sure your Preview box is checked so you can see how the options are effecting your image.



Step 9: Click the Expand button.

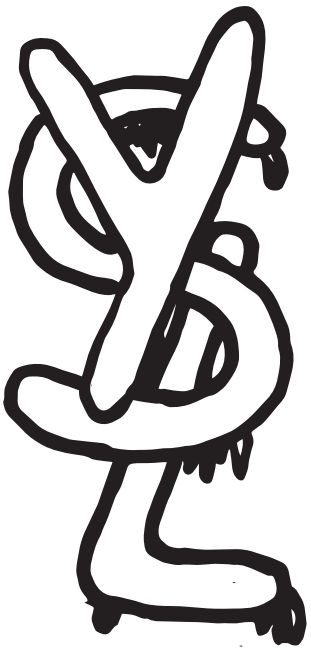
You will know your drawing is expanded when you see the anchor points all around your drawing.



Step 10 : Object > Ungroup

Step 11 : Use the Selection tool (blk. arrow) to select and delete the text and other pieces that are not part of you design.

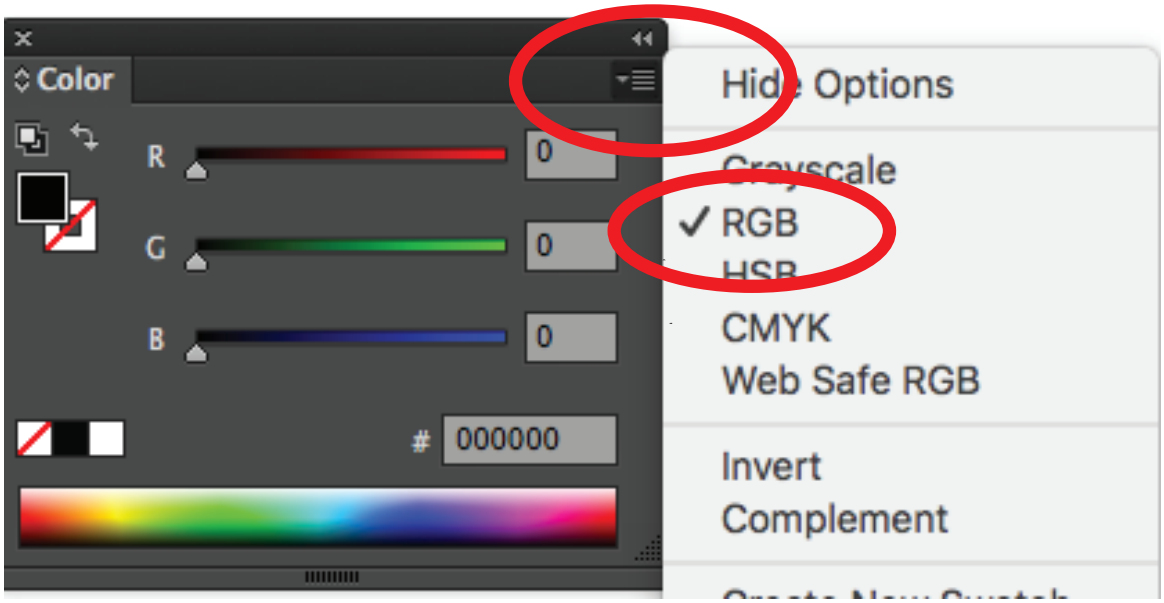
If the design is connected to the other stuff you may need to use the eraser tool to disconnect from your design.



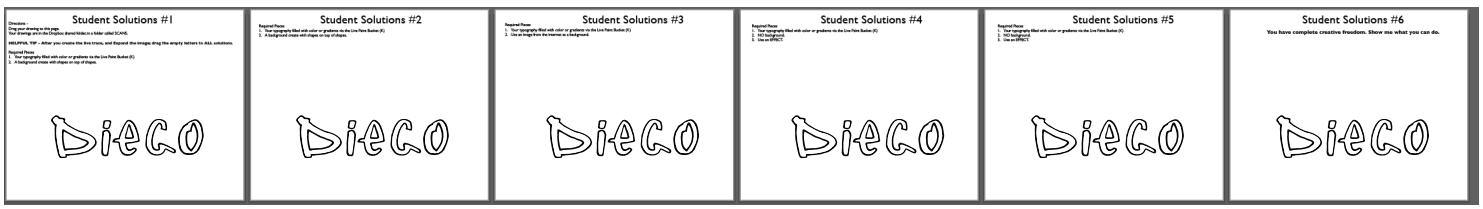
Step 12: Select your design > Object > Group

Step 13: Window > Color

Change the mode from
grayscale to RGB (screen colors)



Step 14: Copy and Paste the graphic into all 6 artboards.
You are going to use the same design in 6 different ways.



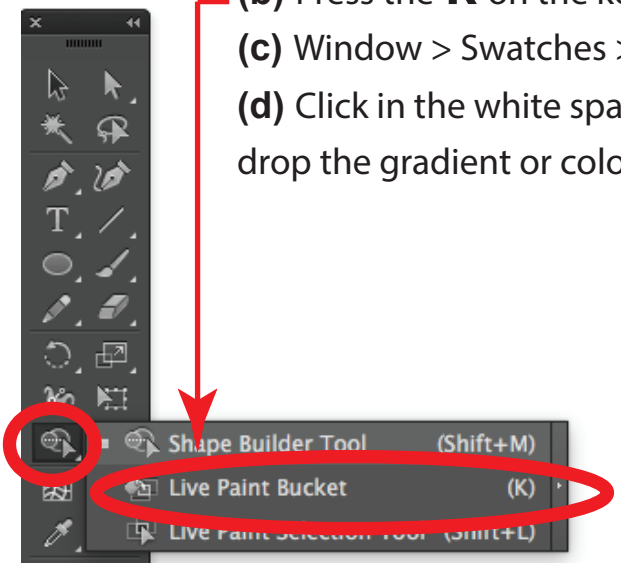
Step 15:

(a) Select the graphic with the black arrow **(V)**

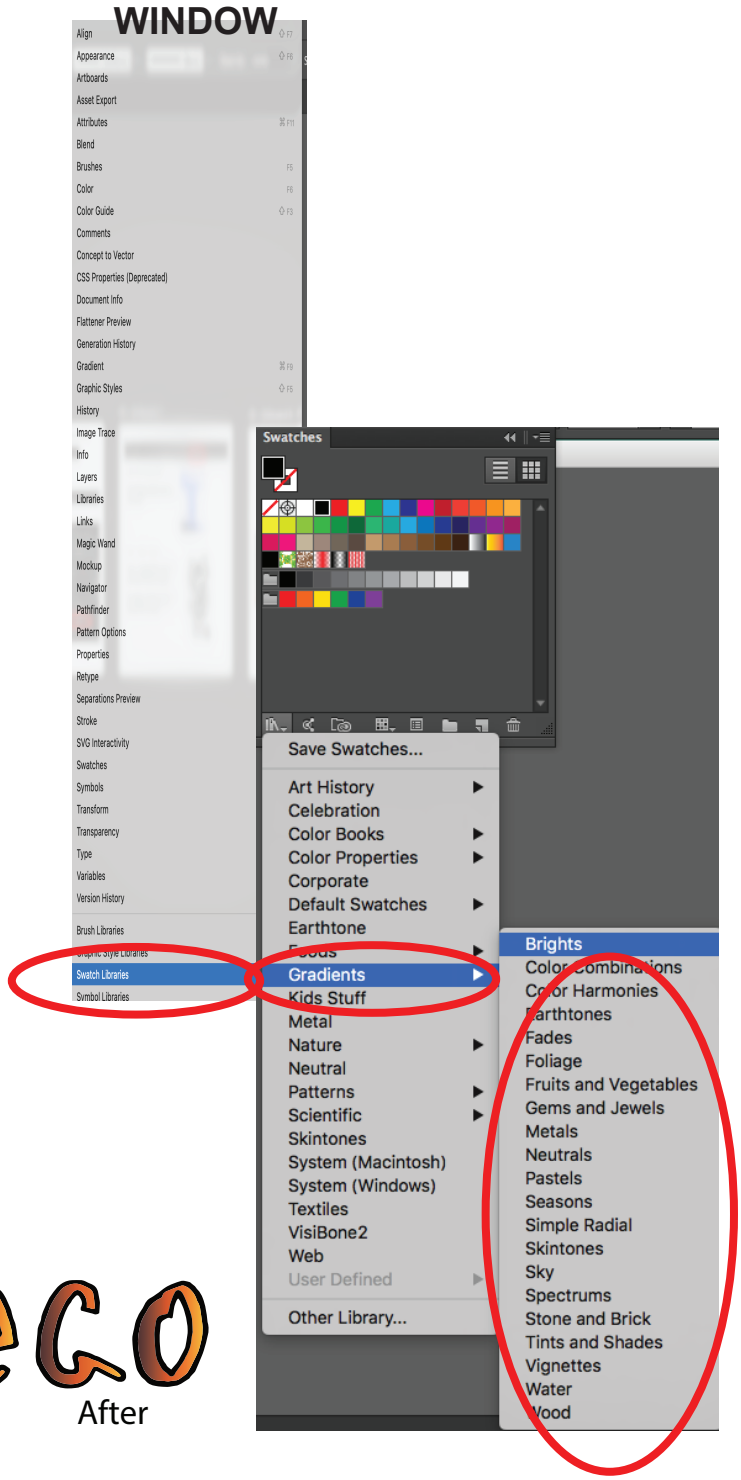
(b) Press the **k** on the keyboard to open the live trace paint bucket tool.

(c) Window > Swatches > libraries> Gradients

(d) Click in the white space to drop the gradient or color.



Keyboard shot cut (K)



How to add a Gradient to your design

Make sure your design is selected, goto

Window > Swatches > libraries> Gradients



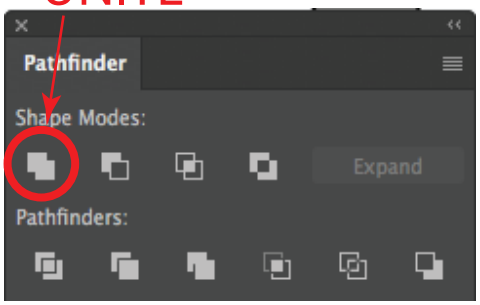
Before

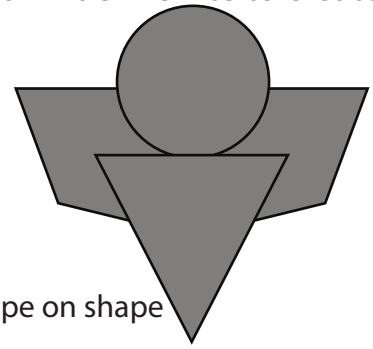
After

How to make backgrounds

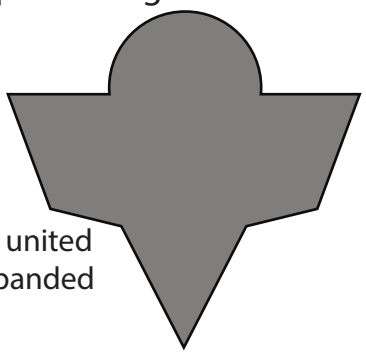
Step 15: Use the pen tool or the shape tool to create a background shape. Select all the shapes together - Window > Pathfinder - Unite to create more complex background shapes.

UNITE

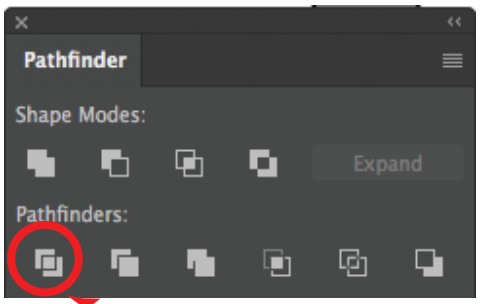




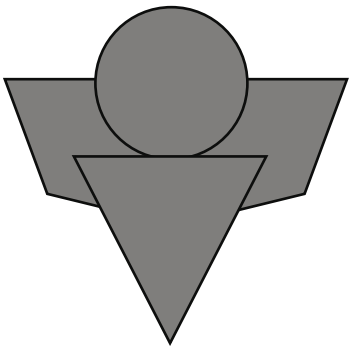
Shape on shape

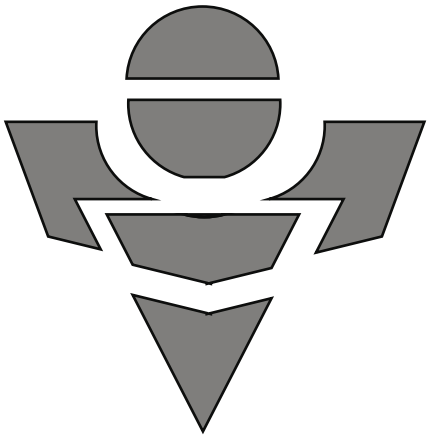


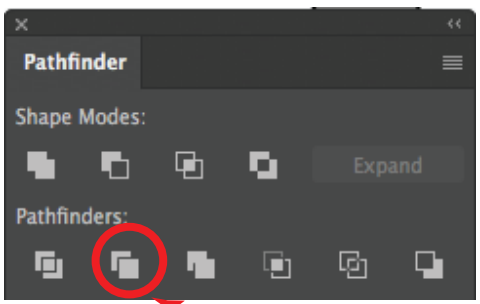
Shapes united and expanded



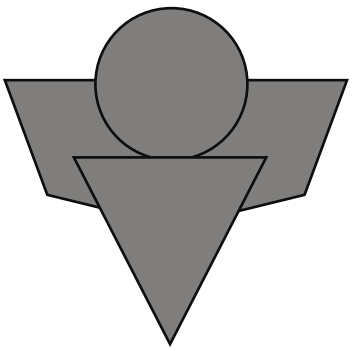
DIVIDE







TRIM





Step 16: Continue refining your design by adding more shapes on top of shapes. See examples below for ideas.

Examples of a finished solution



Student Solution #1

Shapes on top of shapes



Student Solution #2

Shapes on top of shapes

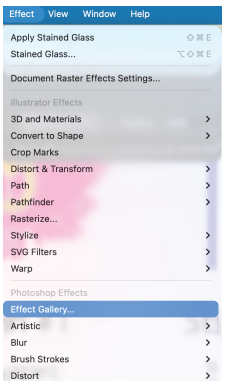


Student Solution #3

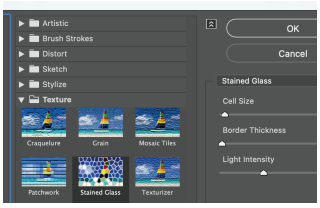
Use an image from the internet as a background



Student Solution #4



Window > Effect
Explore any and all the effect options





Student Solution #5

Window > Effect > Warp > Arch

Student Solution #6

BE SUPER CREATIVE!!