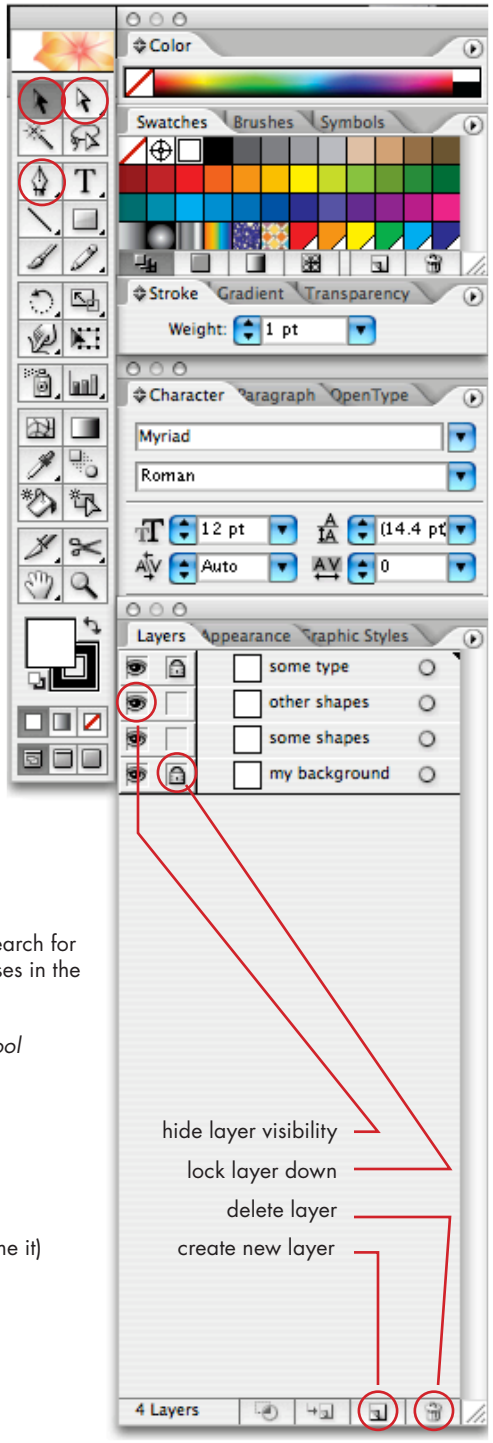
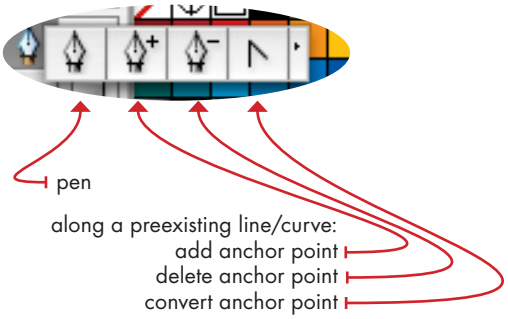
illustrator tools



black arrow (v) primary object selection tool

white arrow (a) direct selection tool: can select/ manipulate any number of points along a line/object

pen tool (p)

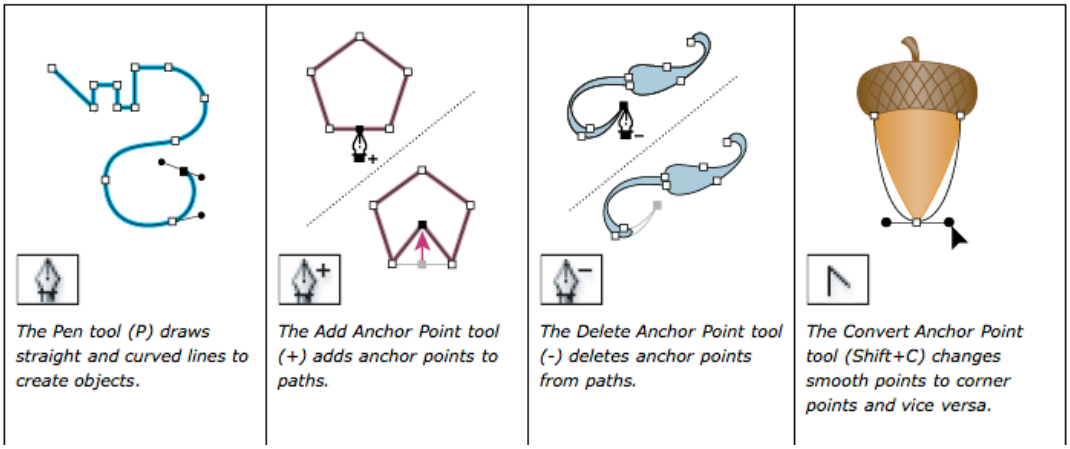


tips & shortcuts

CMD Z: undo last action
CMD SHIFT Z: re-do last action
While in the pen tool:
hold OPT/ALT key: convert anchor tool
While in the white arrow tool:
hold OPT/ALT key: group selection tool

for more information, search for the foolowing key phrases in the Illustrator help menu:
About Paths
Drawing with the Pen Tool
Reshaping Paths

layers palette get into the habit of naming your layers! (double-click a layer to name it)



The Pen tool (P) draws straight and curved lines to create objects.

The Add Anchor Point tool (+) adds anchor points to paths.

The Delete Anchor Point tool (-) deletes anchor points from paths.

The Convert Anchor Point tool (Shift+C) changes smooth points to corner points and vice versa.