

Process & Production

Demonstration & Discussion

Adobe Illustrator

Clipping Masks, Pathfinder, Blends

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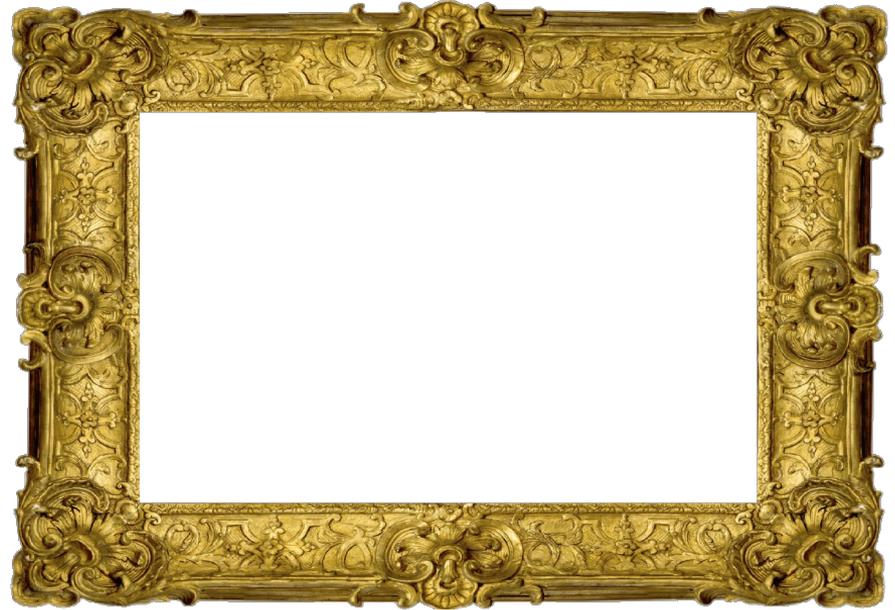
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- New...
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- Open...
- Open Recent Files
-  Browse in Bridge...

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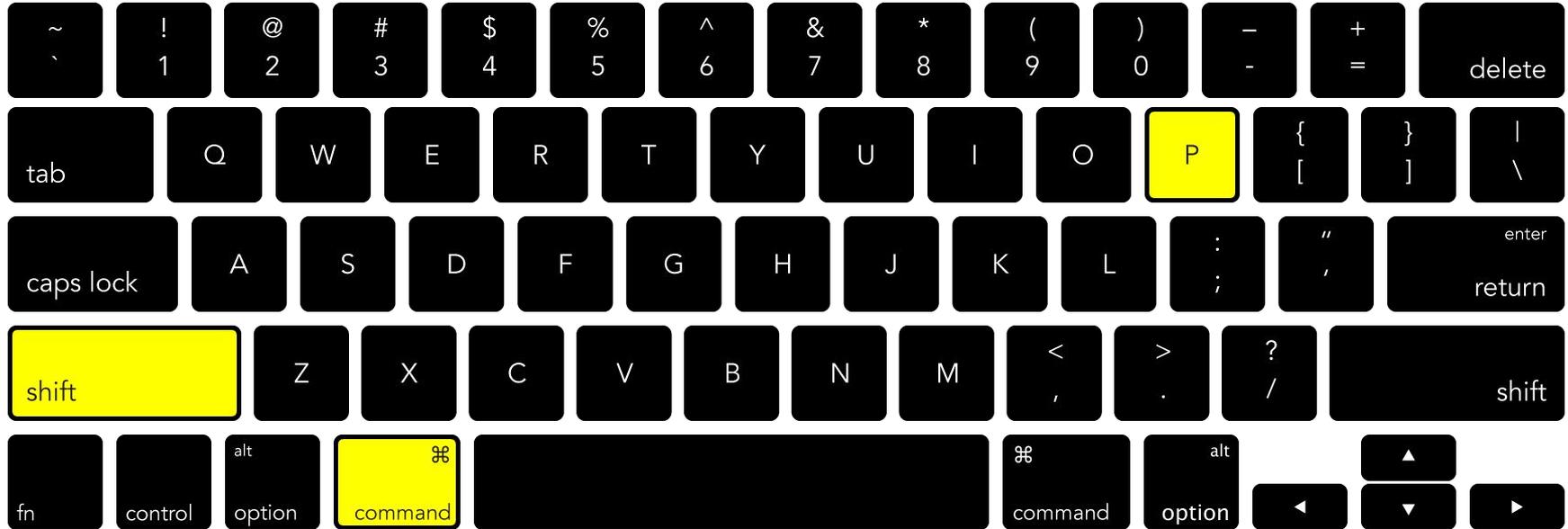
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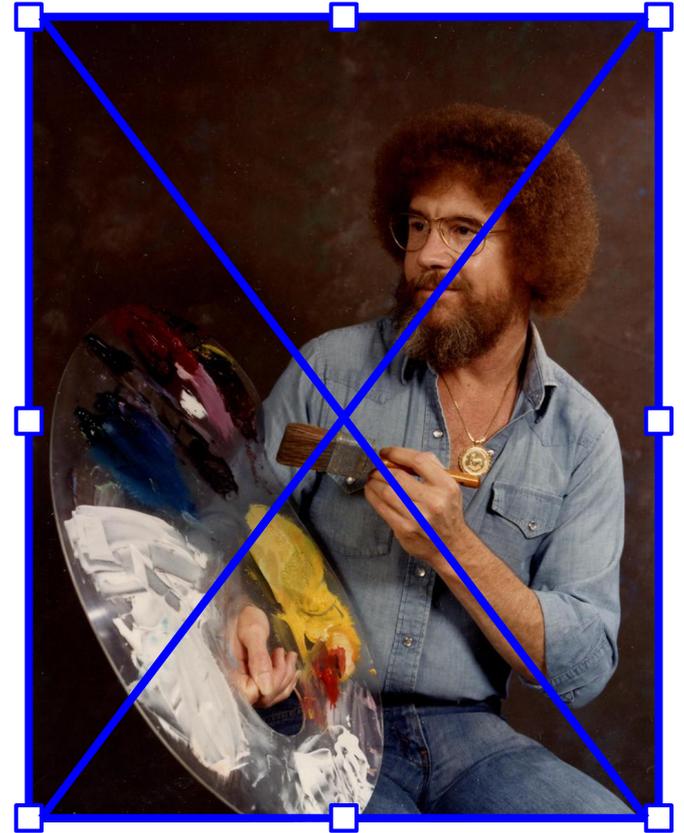
Place an Image on the Artboard



File Menu → Place

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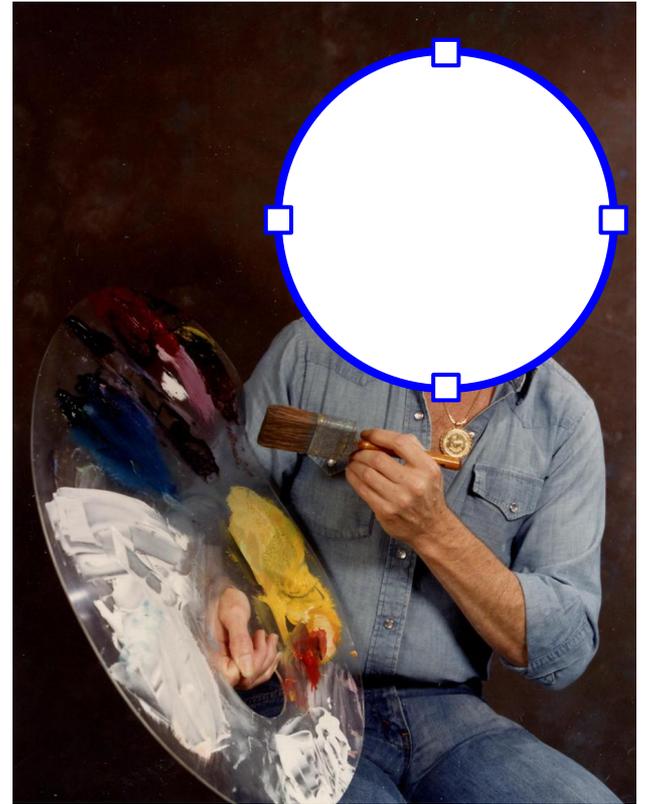
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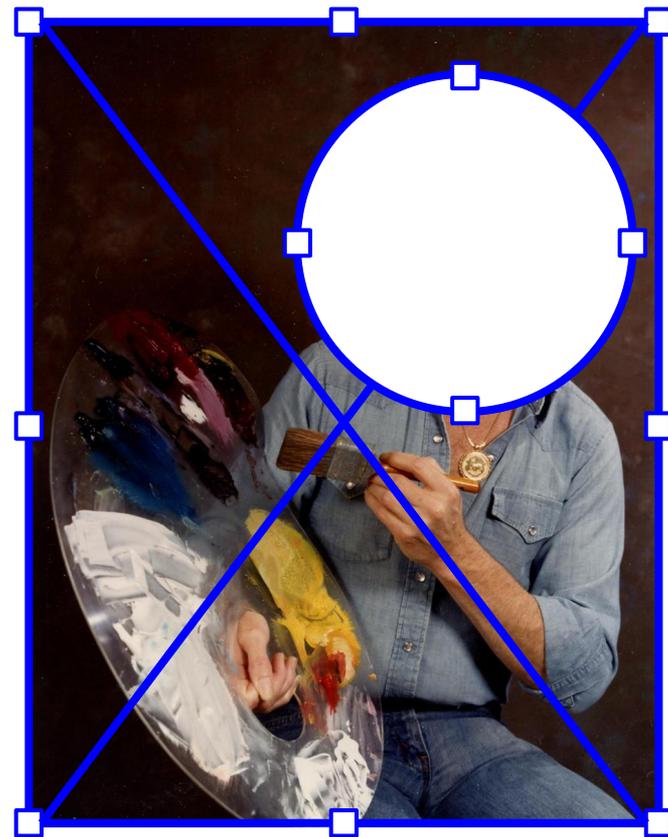
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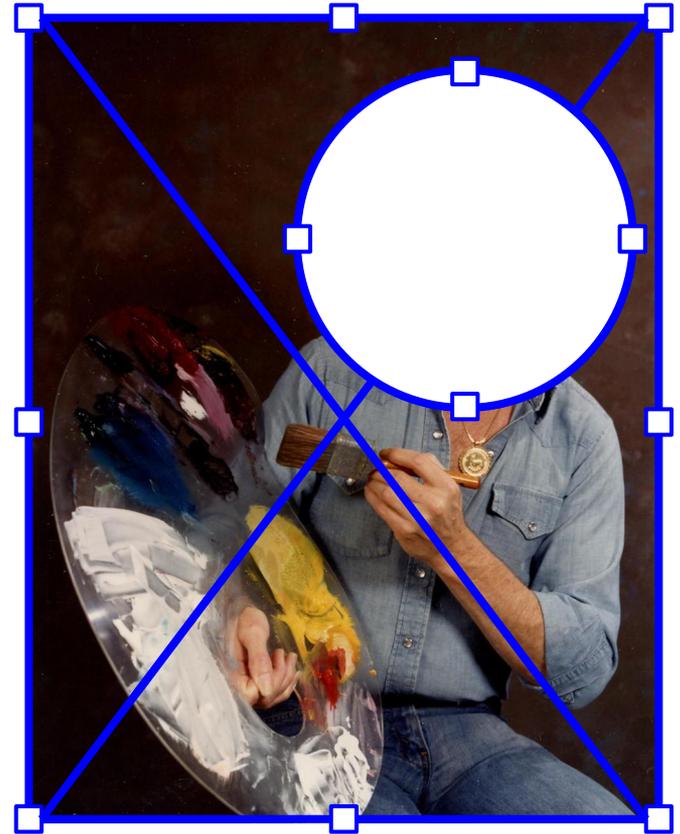
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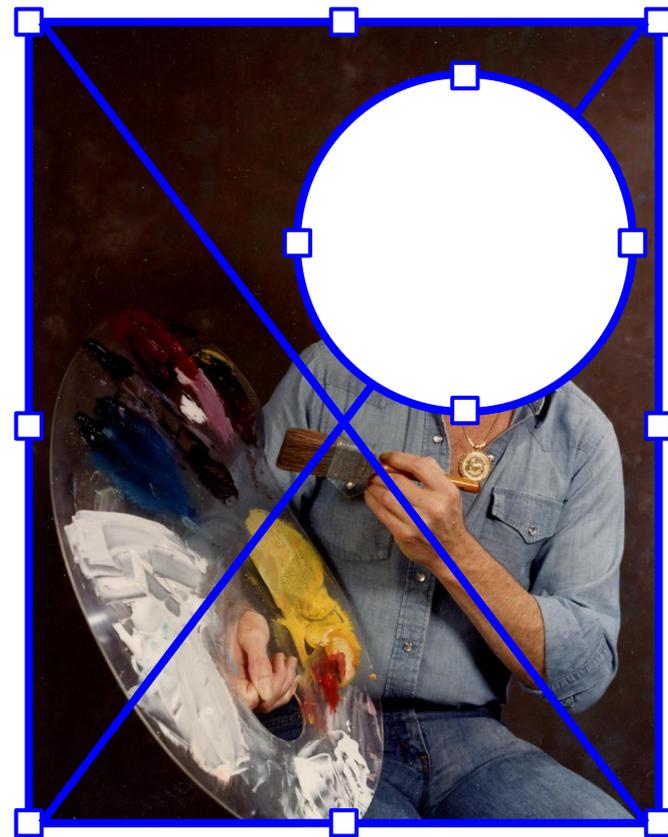
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Clipping

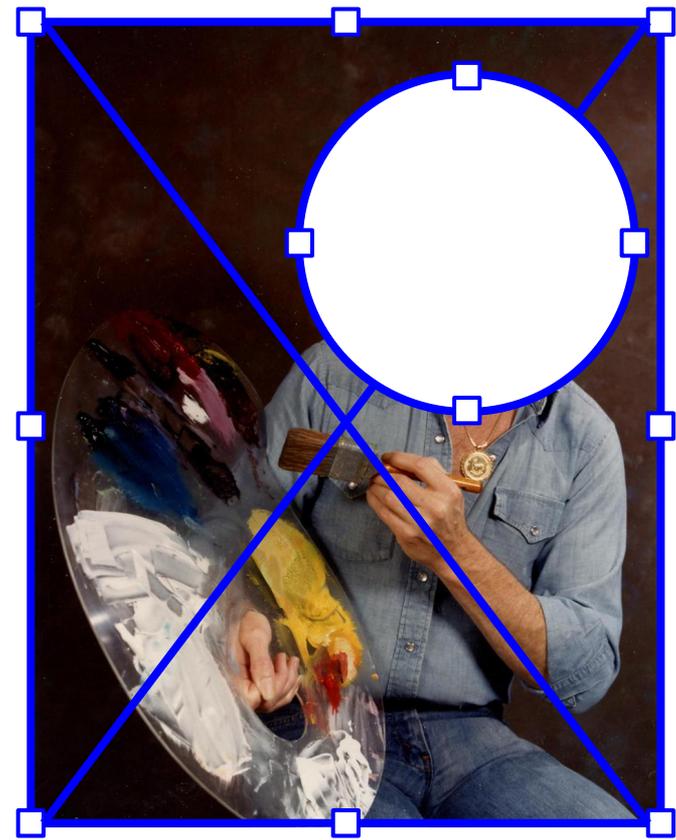
Then, select image and at the same time select circle under the **Clipping Mask** menu...

- Transform
 - ▶
- Arrange
 - ▶

- Group
 - Ungroup
 - Lock
 - ▶
 - ...

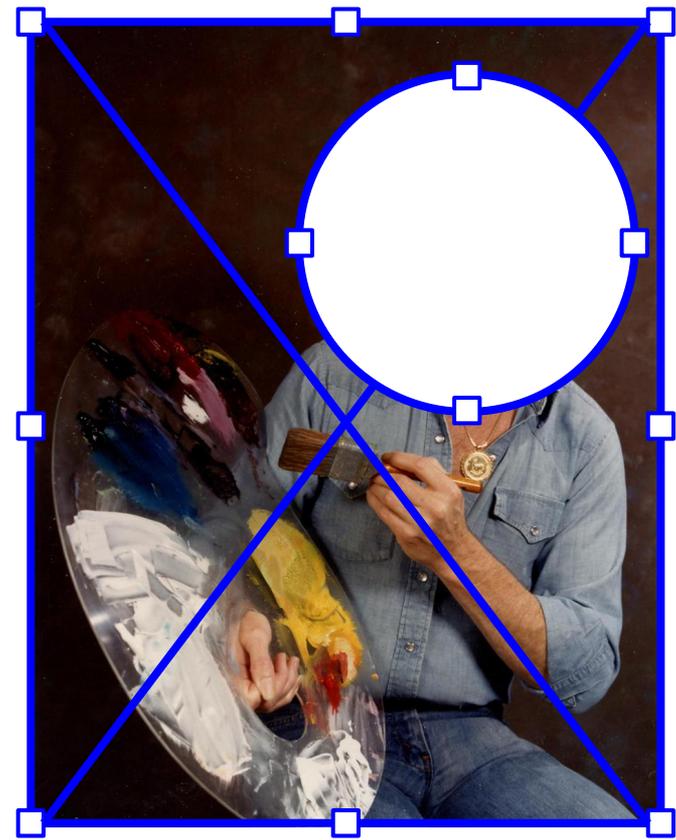
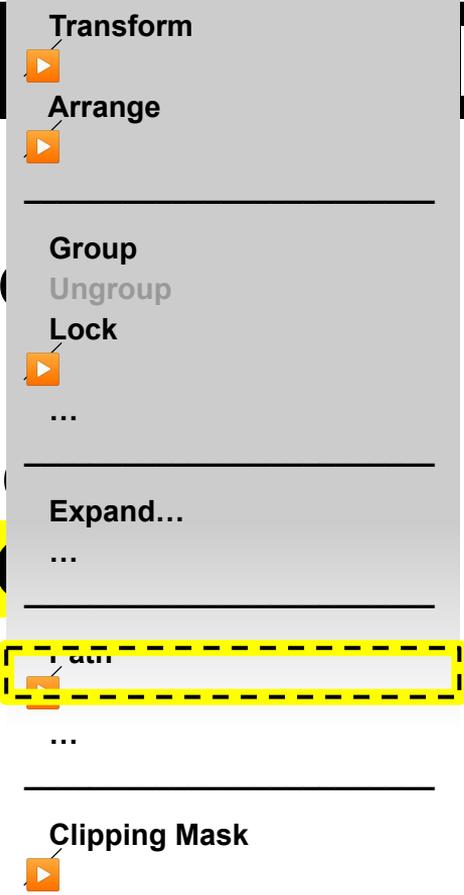
- Expand...
 - ...

- Path
 - ▶
- ...

- Clipping Mask
- ▶


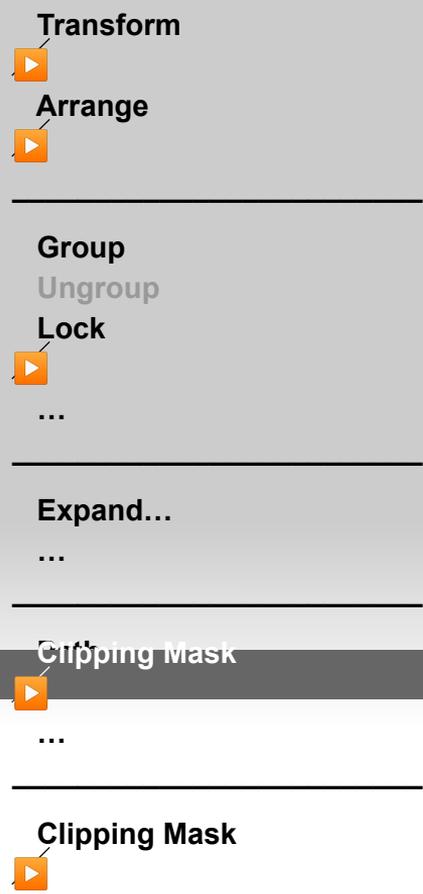
Clipping

Then, select image and at the same time select circle under the **Path** menu...

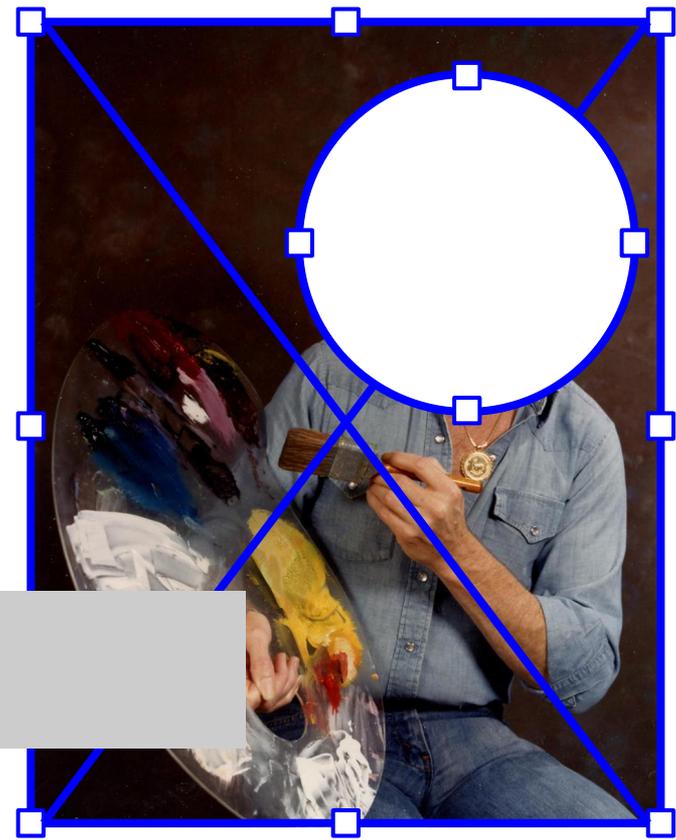


Clipping

Then, select image and at the same time select the white circle under the Clipping Mask menu...



Make
Release
Edit Mask

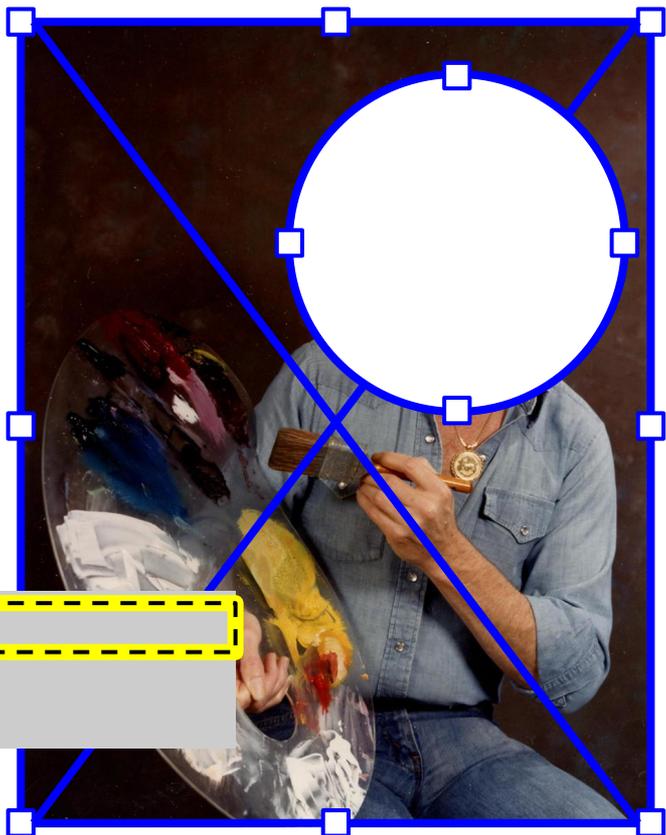


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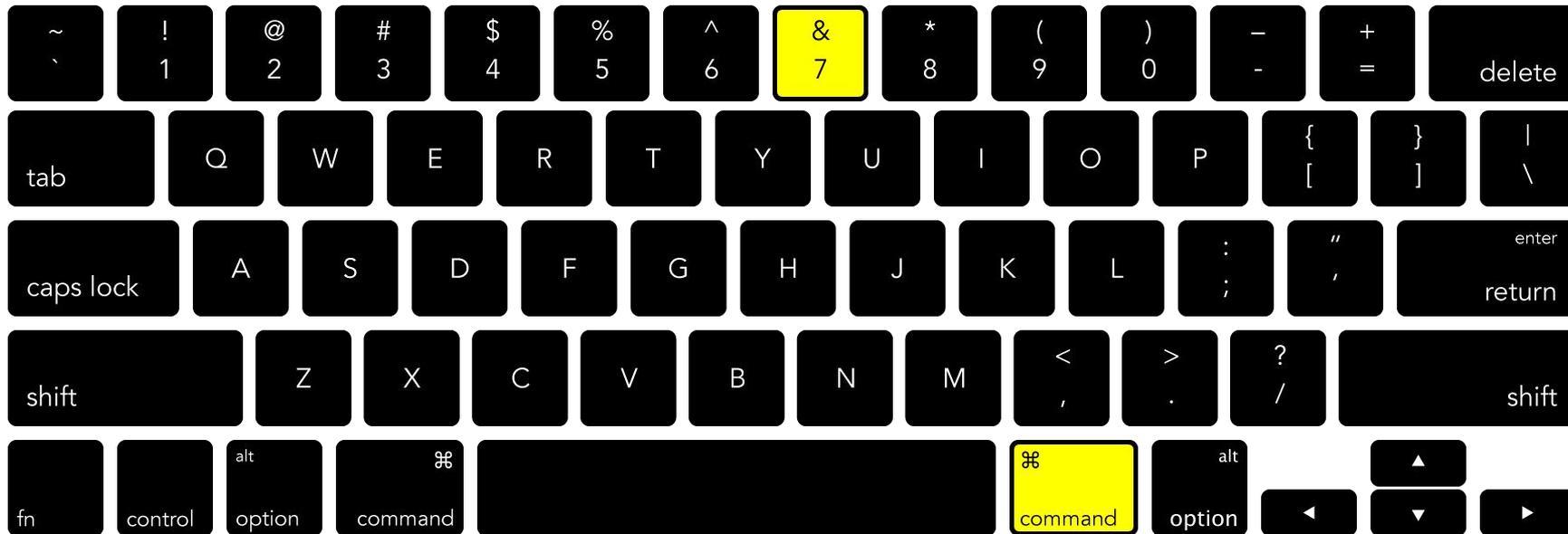
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Clipping Mask Tool



Object Menu → Clipping Mask → Make

- Transform
 - ▶
- Arrange
 - ▶

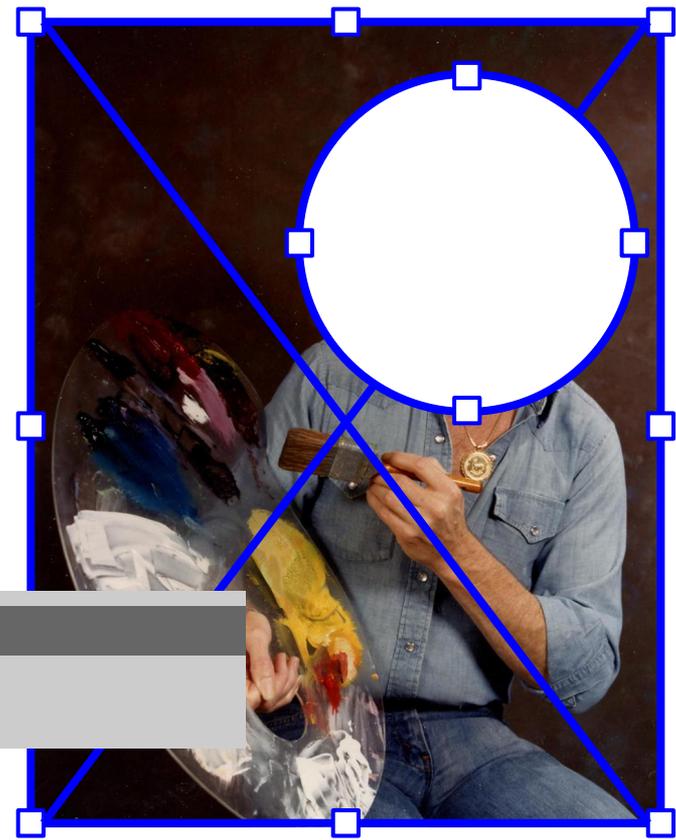
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 - ...

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***Voilà!* A simple tool for controlling the edges of image information on the artboard!**



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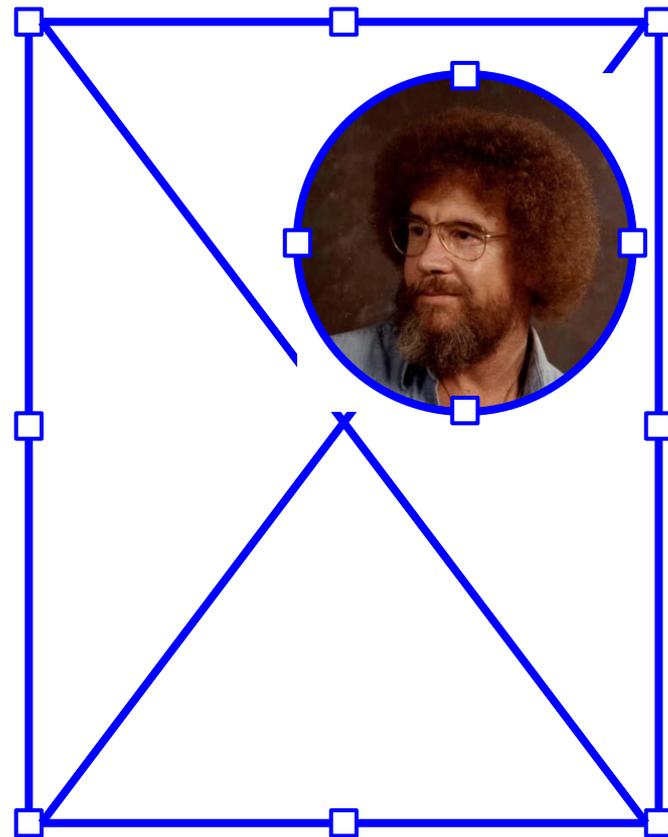
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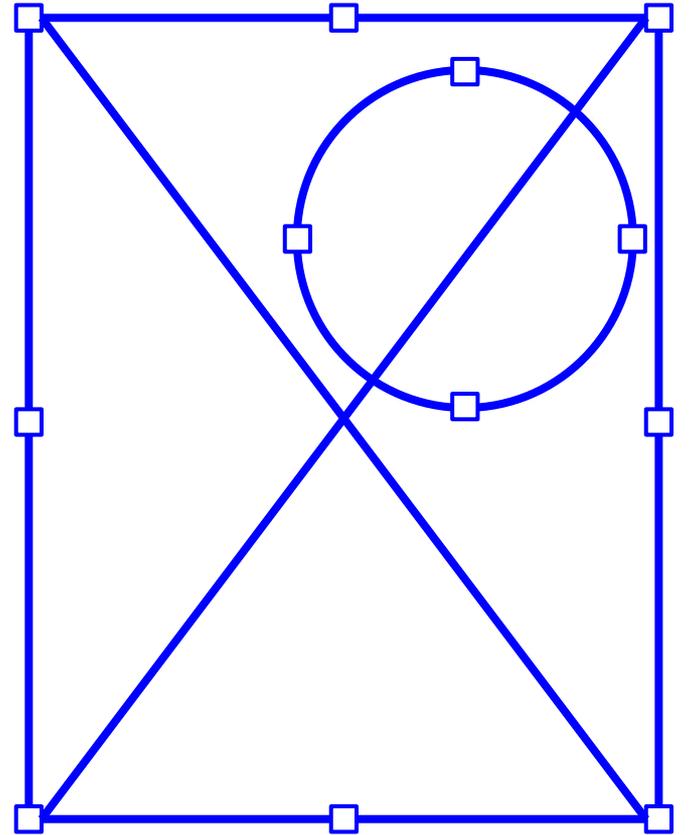
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We can both Make
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Mask...





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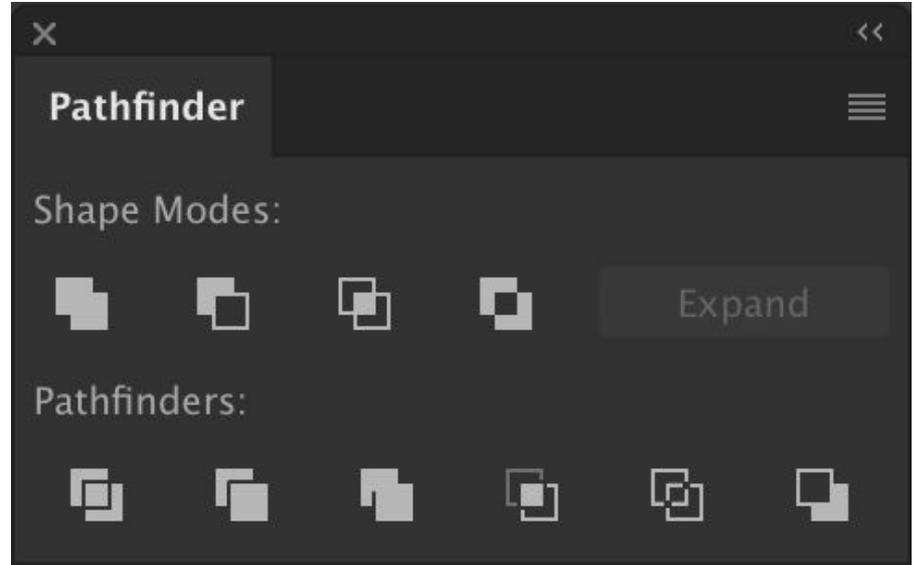
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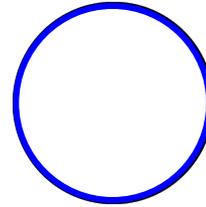
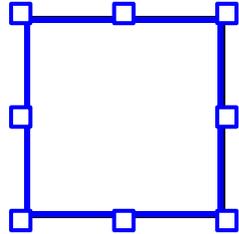
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Use the **Blend** tool to interpolate the shapes that are formed when one shape changes into another shape.

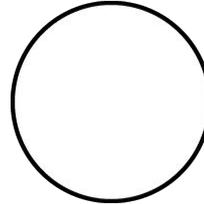
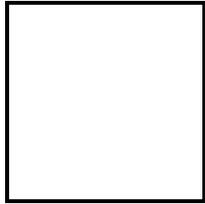
Blend Tool

Object → Blend → Make

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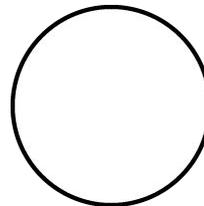
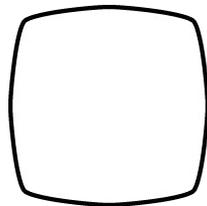
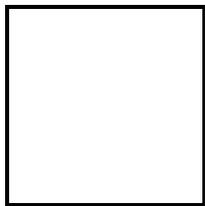


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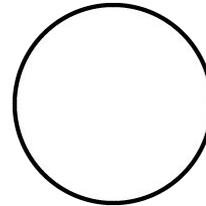
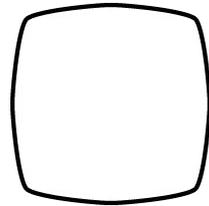
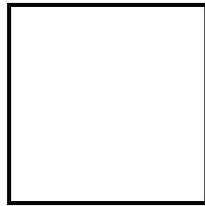
Two Shapes...

Blend Tool



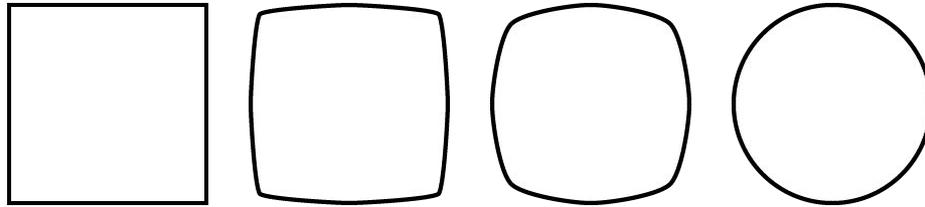
Two Shapes... **Blended!**

Blend Tool



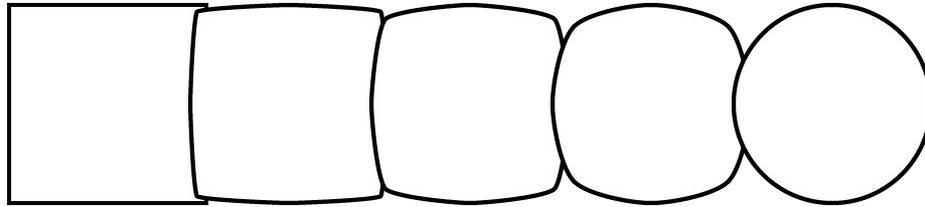
Two Shapes... Blended!
With Specified Steps: 1

Blend Tool



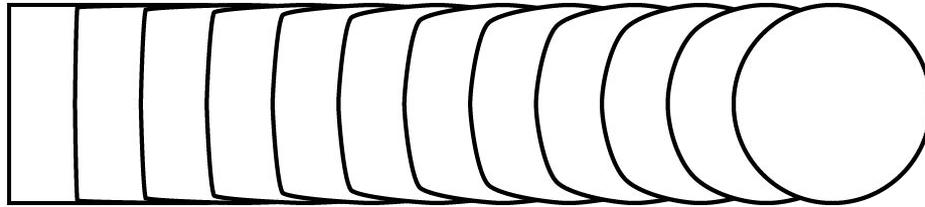
Two Shapes... Blended!
With Specified Steps: 2

Blend Tool



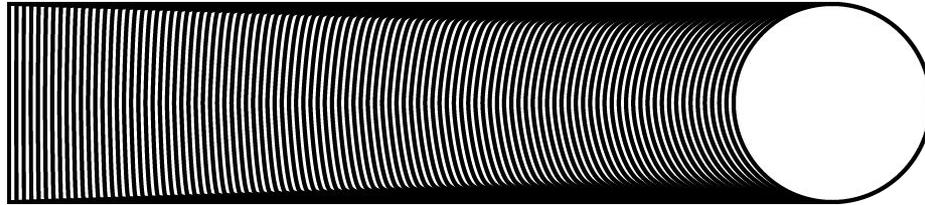
Two Shapes... Blended!
With Specified Steps: 3

Blend Tool



Two Shapes... Blended!
With Specified Steps: 10

Blend Tool

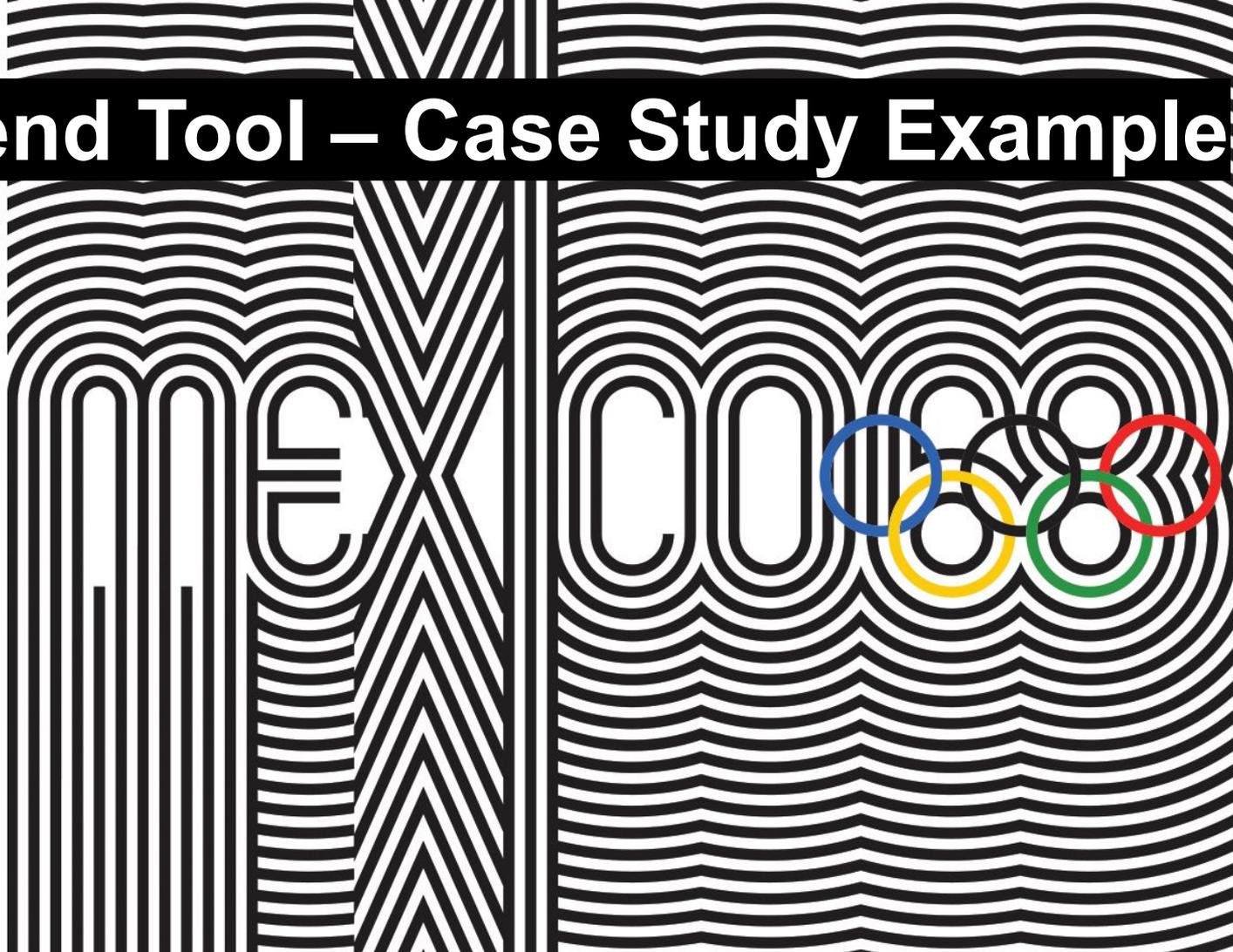


Two Shapes... Blended!
With Specified Steps: 100

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Blend Tool – Case Study Example

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