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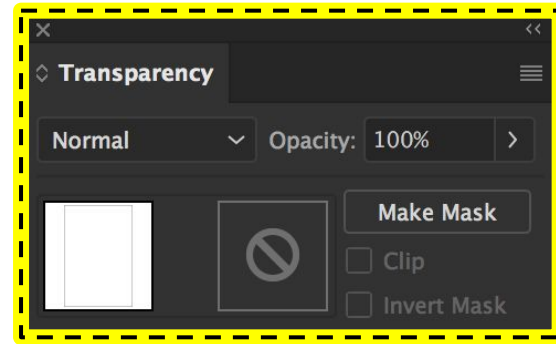
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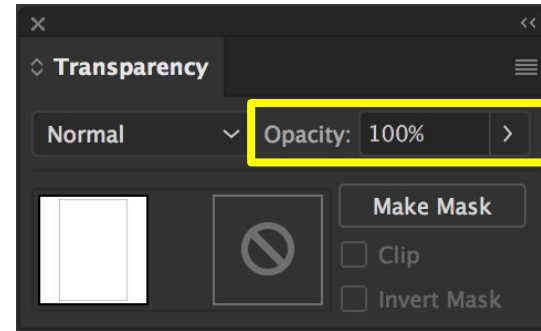
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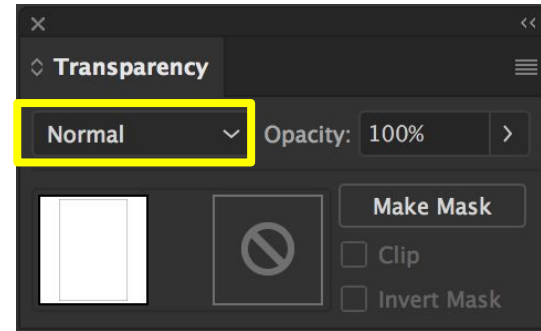
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Use the Transparency Panel to adjust the **Opacity** of the selected object



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The Blending Mode adjusts how the object will appear in relation to other objects beneath it



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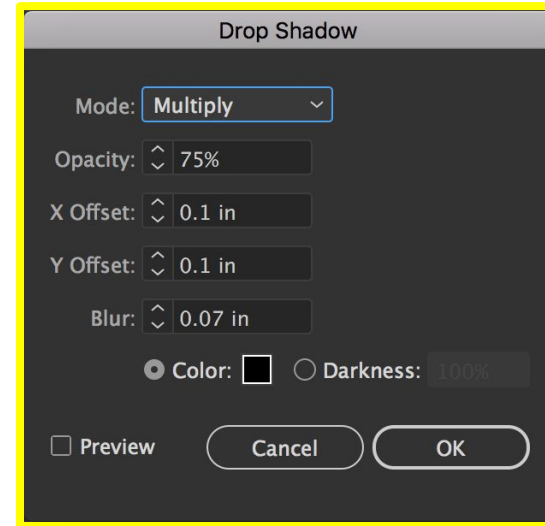
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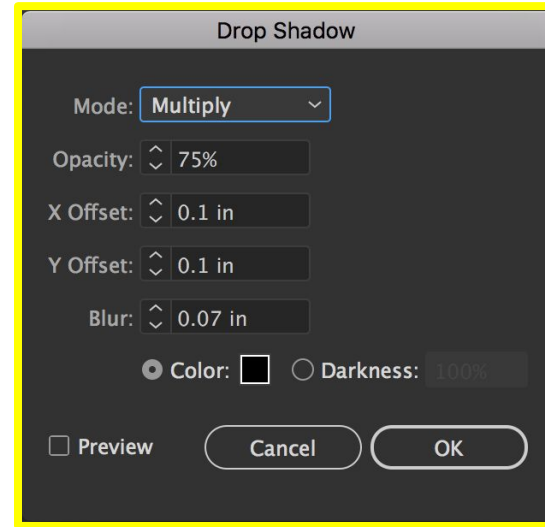
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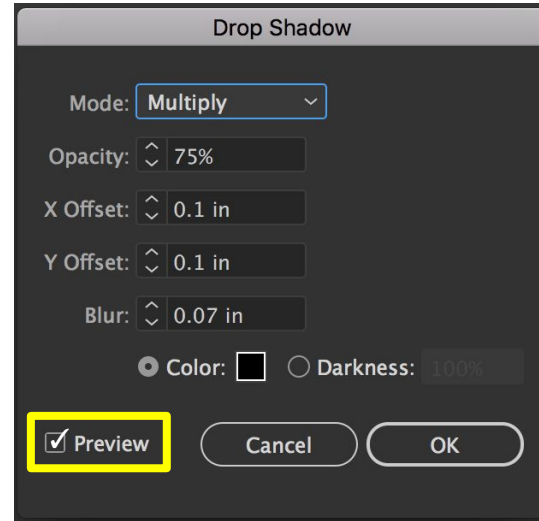
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Use the Drop Shadow effect to give objects a sense of depth and dimension



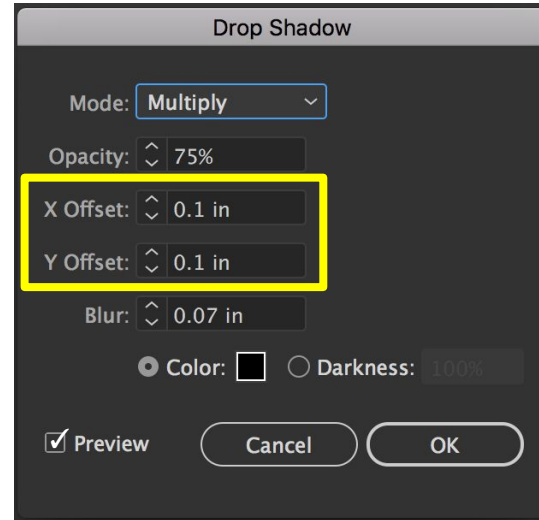
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Turn on the Preview so that you can see the changes you make before you click OK



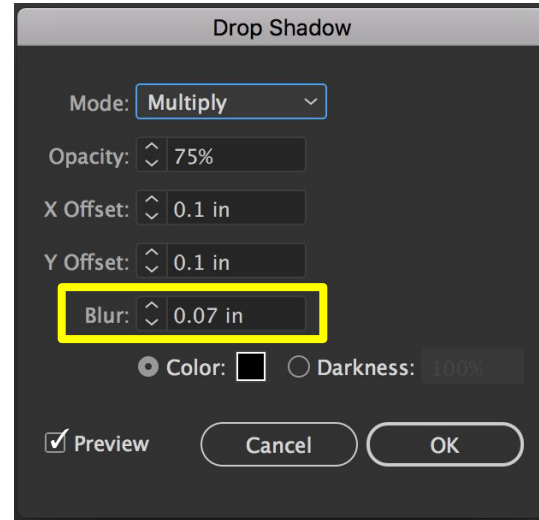
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Increase the X- and Y-Offsets to make the object appear further away from the background



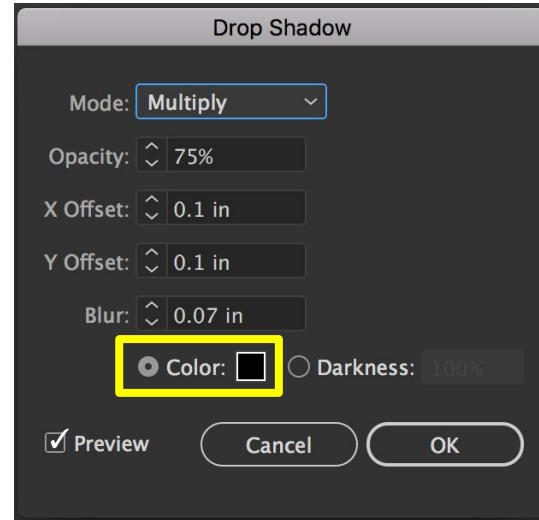
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Increase the Blur to make the light source seem closer to the object



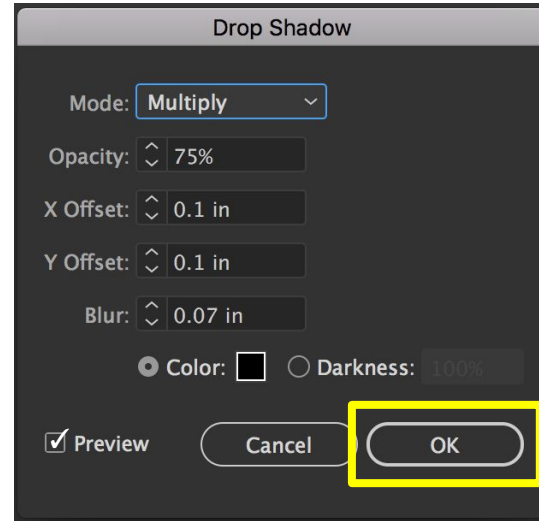
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Click the Color Swatch to change the color of the drop shadow



Drop Shadow Effect

When everything is set, click OK to apply the Drop Shadow effect to the selected object



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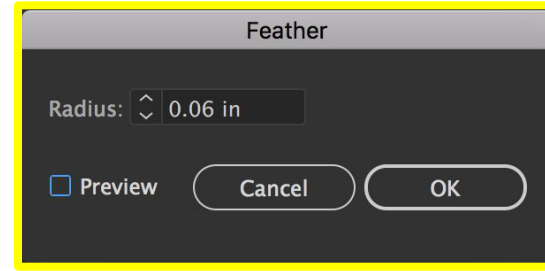
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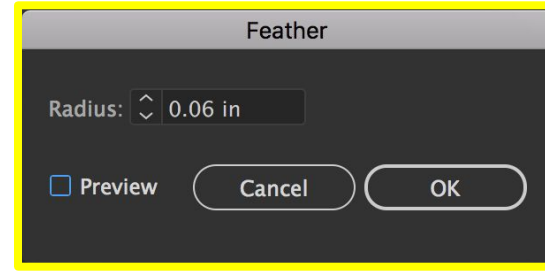
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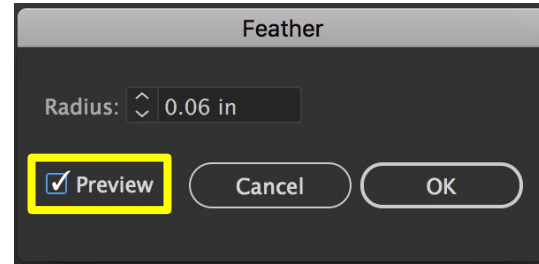
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Use the Feather effect to blur and soften the edges of an object



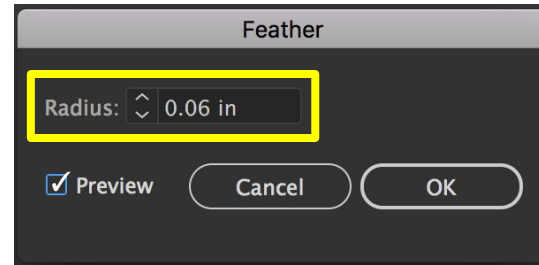
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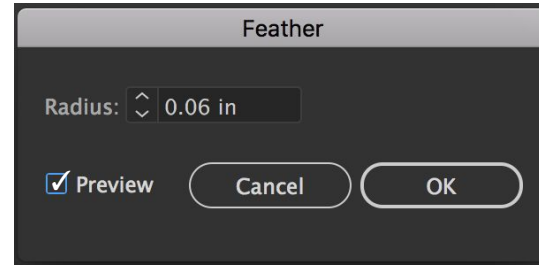
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Adjust the Radius of the effect, more for more of a feathered edge, less for less of a feathered edge



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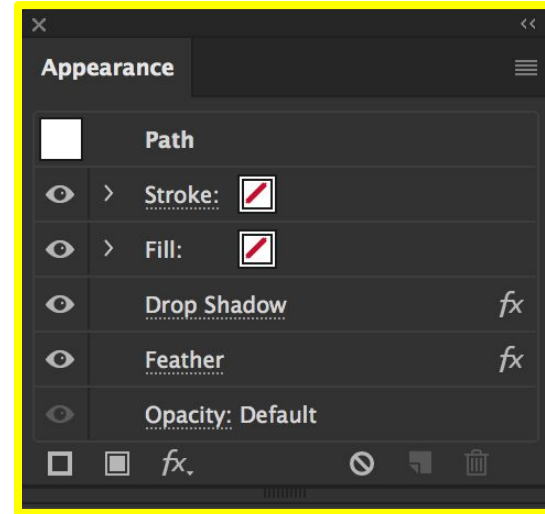
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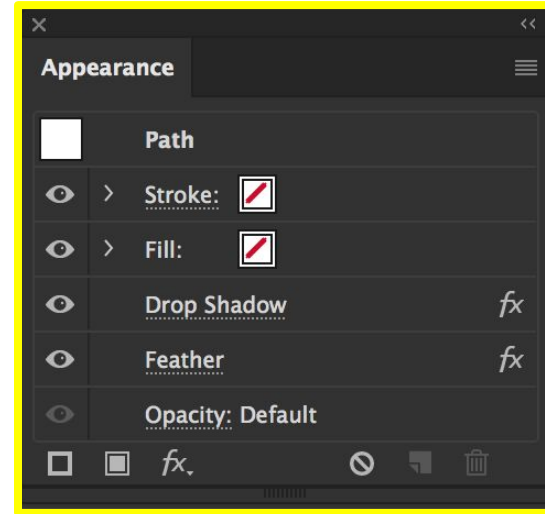
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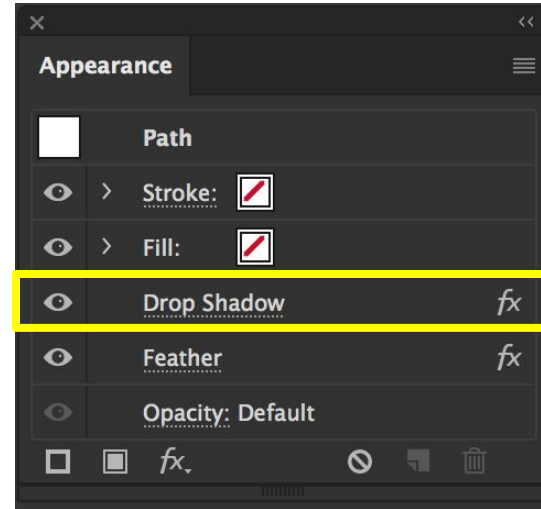
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After you've applied some Effects to an object, use the Appearance Panel to re-adjust or delete those effects...



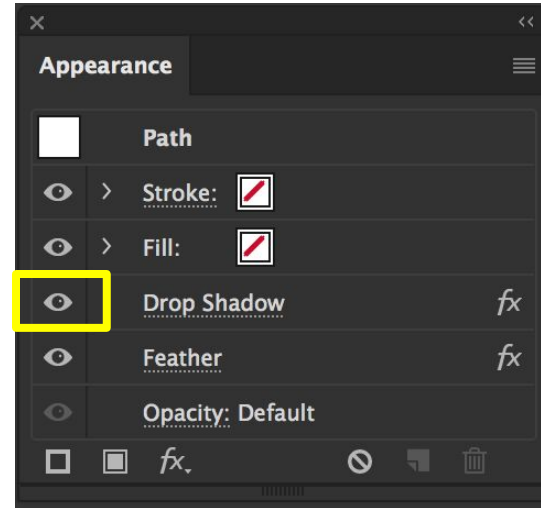
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Double-click an effect name to re-open the Effect window and change the settings...



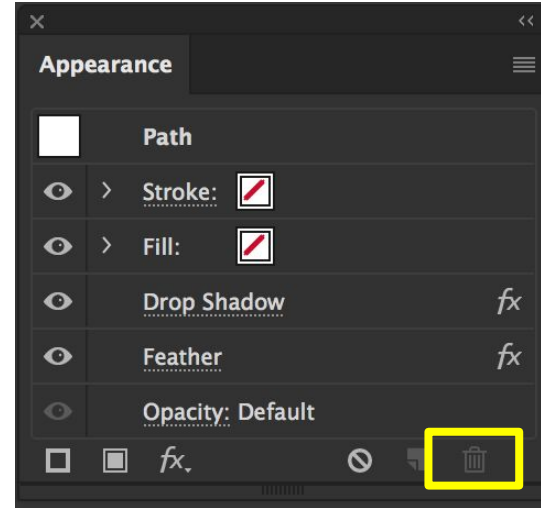
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Click the eyeball icon to toggle the visibility of an Effect...



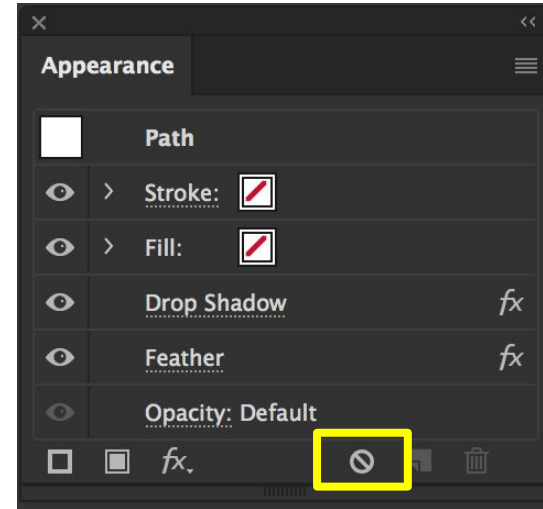
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Click the trashcan icon with an Effect selected to delete that particular Effect...



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Or click the “No” symbol to remove all appearances from the object (including Fills, Strokes, and Effects)



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