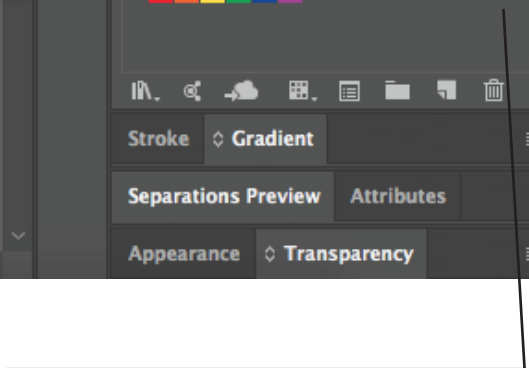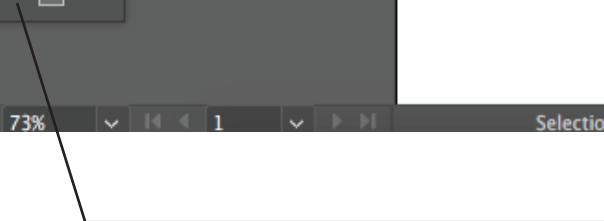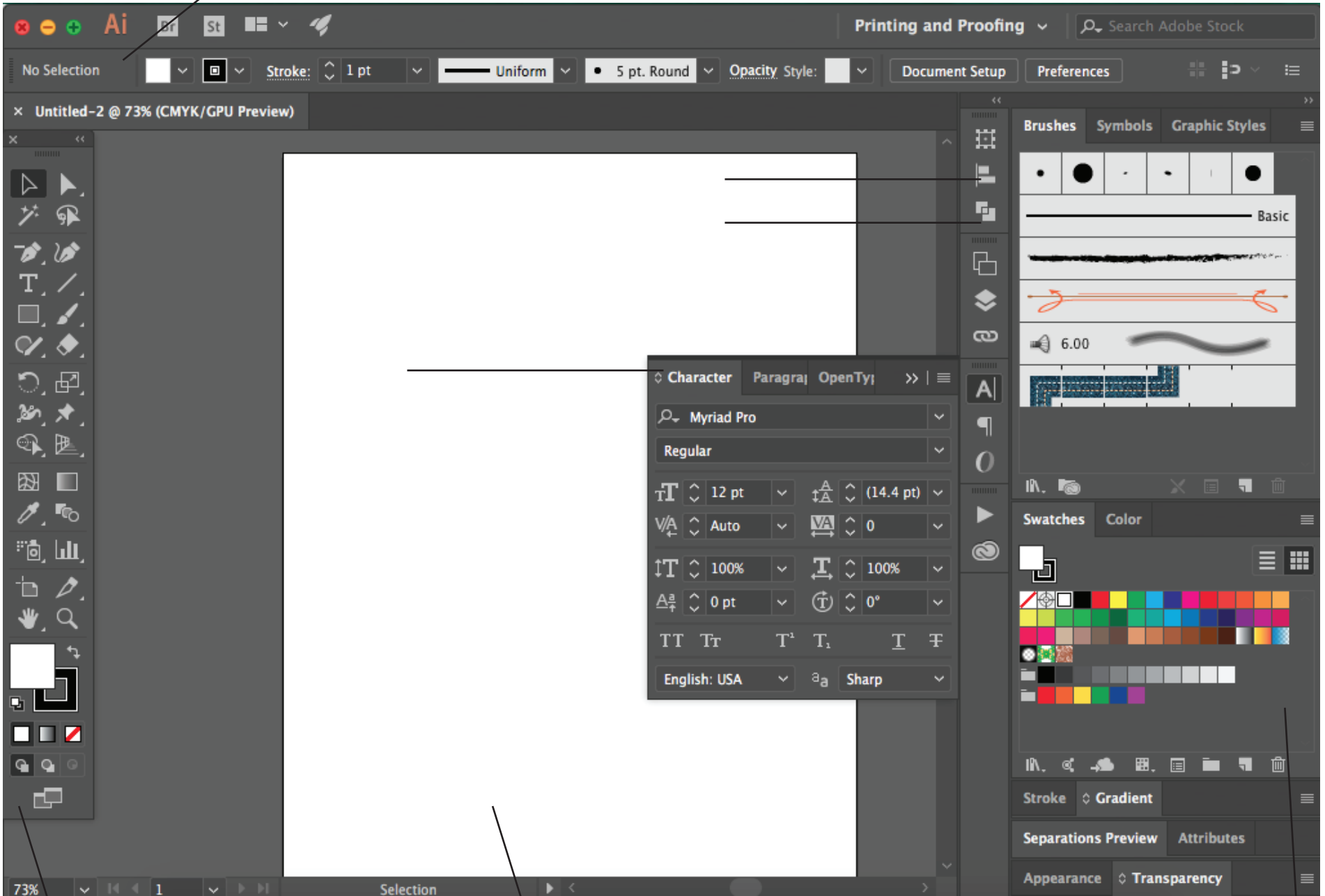# Intro to Adobe Illustrator
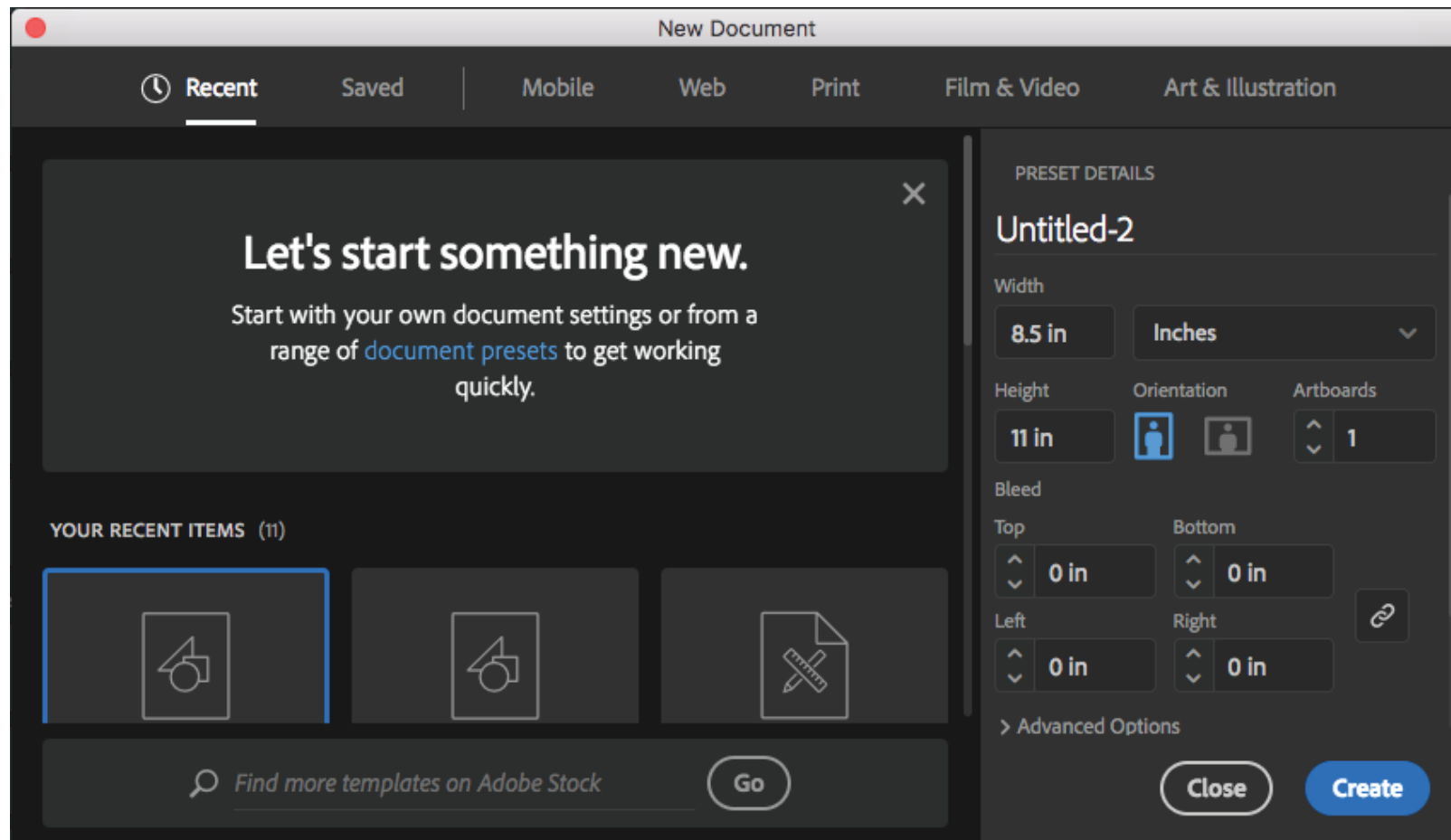
Create a new document

File/new, typically I choose 8.5 (width) x 11 (height) and vertical or horizontal orientation.

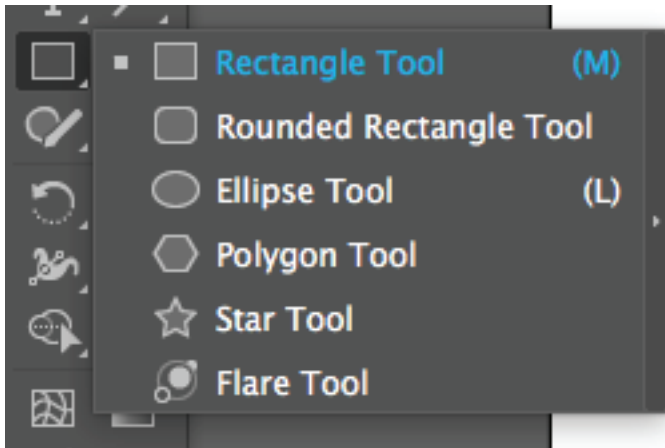I usually start with one pane, you can add more later if needed.

I typically work in inches.

Once your parameters are set, click on create.

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Shape Tools:

Shapes are closed opjects. You can add a fill or stroke, or use pathfinder or shape builder to use part of a shape or blend it, etc.

Pen Tool:
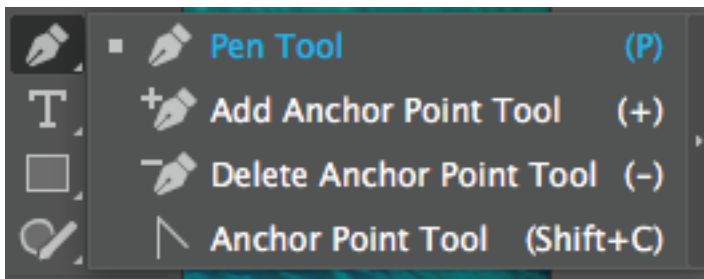
Pen tool is a vector based drawing instrument. You can click to set a point, and then click and drag to create a curve. To create a shape, make sure to close your line by clicking on the first anchor point. You can also use the add anchor point or delete anchor point to modify shapes and lines.

Shape Builder Tool:
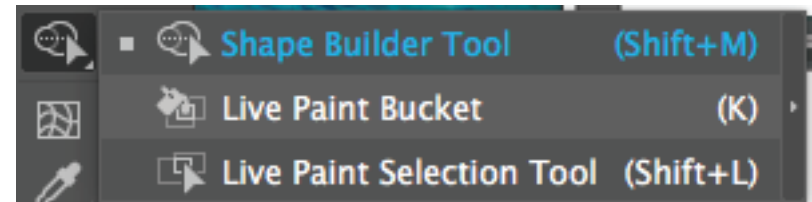
Select the Shape Builder tool and then click and drag across the **selected shapes**. The selected shapes are combined into one shape. The Shape Builder tool also enables merging objects, breaking overlapping shapes, subtracting areas, and more.
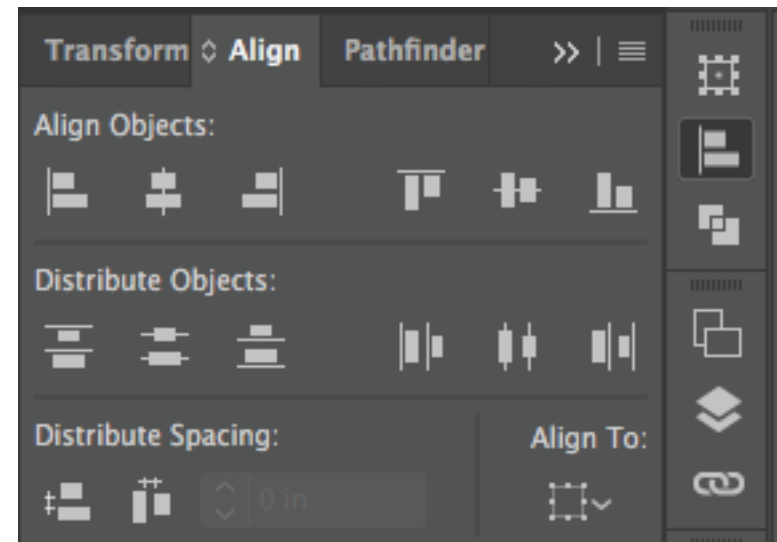
Pathfinder Panel:
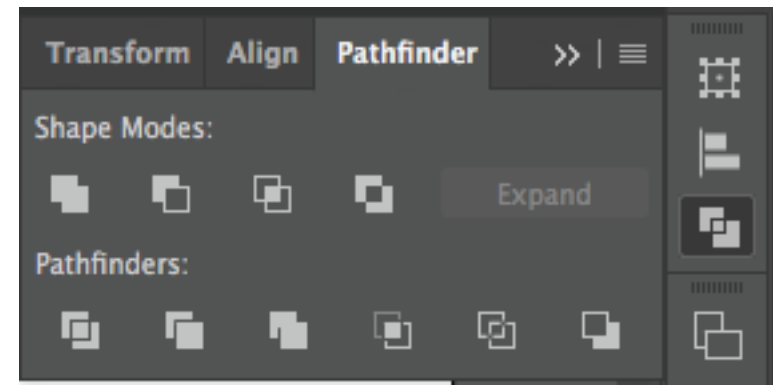
Pathfinder effects let you create new shapes out of overlapping objects. Apply Pathfinder effects by using the Pathfinder panel.

Character Panel:
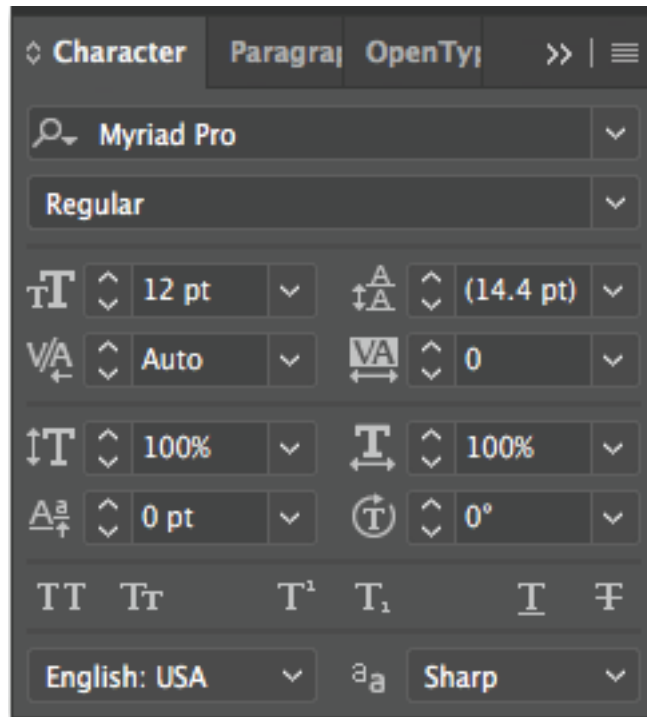
A character style includes character formatting attributes (font, face, size, leading, tracking, kerning, etc.) and can be applied to characters, a paragraph, or even a range of paragraphs.

Align Panel:

You use the Align panel to align or distribute objects horizontally or vertically along the selection, margins, page, or spread. Consider the following when working with the Align panel:

The Align panel doesn't affect objects to which you've applied the Lock Position command, and doesn't change the alignment of text paragraphs within their frames.

https://helpx.adobe.com/indesign/using/aligning-distributing-objects.html#align_panel_overview