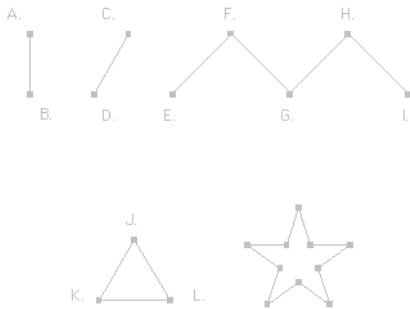


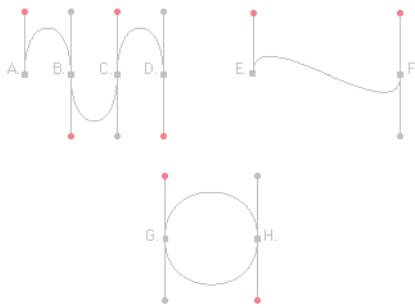
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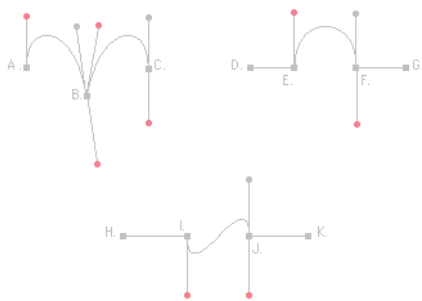
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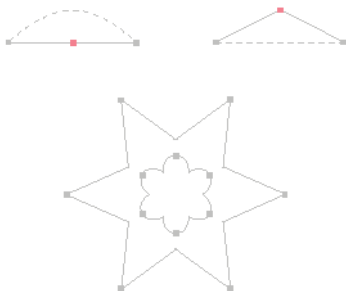
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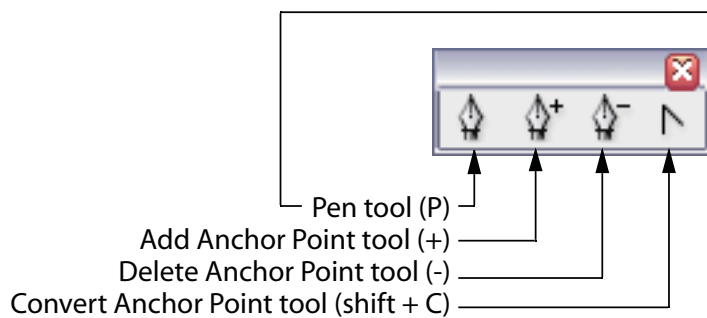
STRAIGHT AND CURVED PATHS



EDITING PATHS



Pen Tool



Pen tool (P): The pen tool creates anchor points which make up an object. The pen tools are probably the most widely used tools in the entire program. You can and will use these tools to adjust almost every object you create. You will use the pen tool and the Direct Select Tool (A) together while drawing images in your document window (note: while using the pen tool you can toggle to the last used selection tool by holding down the apple key).

Add Anchor Point tool (+): You can add an anchor point to any vector object using this tool. Click with this tool to add a point anywhere along an existing path. If you are already on the pen tool you can automatically add a point to a path by clicking on that path while on the pen tool as long as the path has been selected.

Delete Anchor Point tool (-): You can delete an anchor point from any vector object using this tool. Click with this tool to delete a point anywhere along an existing path. If you are already on the pen tool you can automatically delete a point on a path by clicking on the point you want to delete as long as the path has been selected.

Convert Anchor Point tool (shift + C): There are several different types of anchor points. There are anchor point that result in: Straight paths, Curved paths and a combination of Straight and Curved paths. This tool allows you to change a straight path to a curved and vice versa. You can use the convert tool while on the pen tool by holding down the option key.

