

Georgian College - Adobe Illustrator Basic

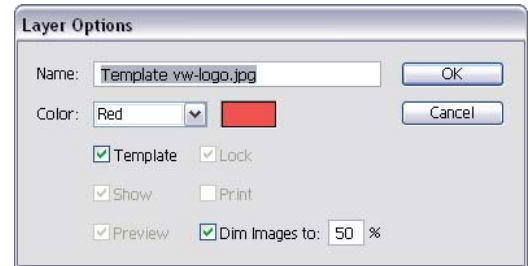
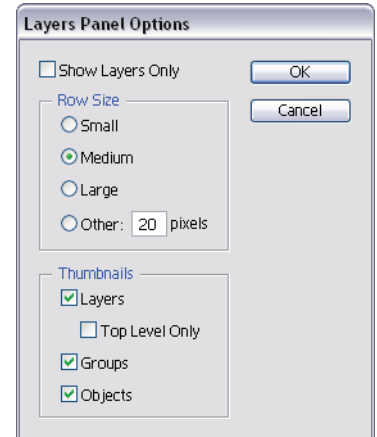
Adobe Illustrator - Layers

Layers - Layers are a great way to organize your work. Illustrator naturally organizes all objects into layers. Every time you draw a path, type with the text tool or place an image a new layer is being created.

Layer Palette Options - Allows you to change the Layers Palette viewing options. This palette is found at the bottom of the Layer Menu.

Layer Options - Allows you to change Layer attributes like name, colour (which is the outline colour of objects selected within the layer), type of layer - Template, Lock, Show, Print, Preview, Dim image. Some of the options are unavailable when the Template option is checked on or off. You can view the Layer Options box by double clicking on any layer.

Layer Menu - This menu changes depending on the type of layer or object you have selected.



A diagram showing the Layers palette and its context menu. On the left, there are several colored shapes (pink square, yellow circle, orange square, green circle, blue square) and a VW logo. The Layers palette is in the center, showing a hierarchy: "More Shapes" (with a yellow path), "Shapes" (with a green path and a group containing an orange path and a pink path), and "Template vw-logo.jpg" (with an image). Annotations with arrows point to various parts: "Layers Menu" points to the palette's menu icon; "Selected Objects" points to the selected "More Shapes" layer; "Click to Select Object" points to the "More Shapes" layer name; "Main Layers" points to the "More Shapes" and "Shapes" layers; "Grouped Objects" points to the group within "Shapes"; "Visibility Icon" points to the eye icon; "Lock Icon" points to the lock icon; "Template Layer" points to the "Template vw-logo.jpg" layer; "Number of Main Layers" points to the "3 Layers" indicator; "Make/Release Clipping Path" points to the clipping path icon; "Create New Sublayer" points to the plus icon; "Create New Layer" points to the plus icon; "Delete Selection" points to the trash icon. On the right, the context menu is shown with items: "New Layer...", "New Sublayer...", "Duplicate 'More Shapes'", "Delete 'More Shapes'", "Options for 'More Shapes'...", "Make Clipping Mask", "Enter Isolation Mode", "Exit Isolation Mode", "Locate Object", "Merge Selected", "Flatten Artwork", "Collect in New Layer", "Release to Layers (Sequence)", "Release to Layers (Build)", "Reverse Order", "Template", "Hide Others", "Outline Others", "Unlock All Layers", "Paste Remembers Layers", and "Panel Options...".

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Selecting Objects - You can select objects by clicking on the circle to the right side of the layer. By clicking on the layer you will select all objects on the layer. You can select individual objects by clicking on the circle beside each individual object layer.

Main Layer - Is a collection of objects organized top to bottom inside the layer.

Grouped Objects - Grouped objects look like sublayers but allow you to group objects inside of layers.

Visibility Icon - Turns the layer viewing option on and off. While a layer is invisible you can't draw or move the layer.

Lock Icon - Locks the layer so you can't draw or move the layer.

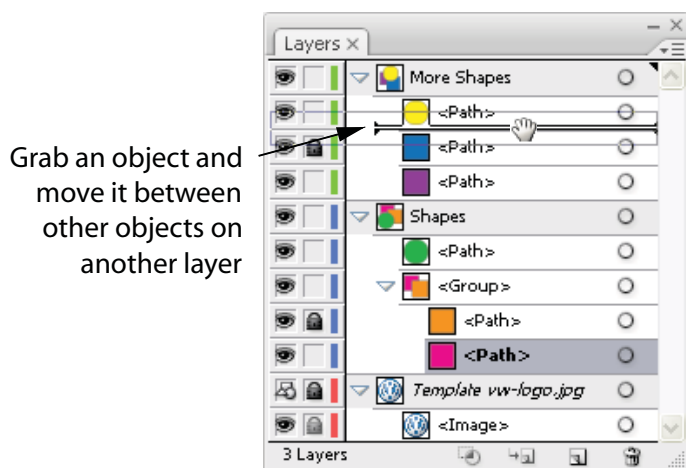
Template Layer - Allow you to lock and dim the layer for easy tracing.

Moving Objects Short cuts

Group Selection	- Apple + G
Ungroup Selection	- Shift + Apple + G
Bring to Front	- Shift + Apple +]
Bring Forward	- Apple +]
Send Backward	- Apple + [
Send to Back	- Shift + Apple + [

Cut Object	- Apple + X
Copy Object	- Apple + C
Paste Object	- Apple + P
Paste in Front	- Apple + F
Paste in Back	- Apple + B

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