

Symple Art for Windows

Create Original Designs for
3D Model Textures, Publishing & Artwork



**Complete Canvas-Based
Symmetrical Drawing Application**

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Overview

When developing Symple Art, the goal was to create a utility that enabled an artist to quickly and easily create symmetrical patterns without the need for copying and pasting to get the desired artwork. Works created with Symple Art can be used with Photoshop, The GIMP or any other 2D/3D graphics application compatible with BMP, JPF, GIF, TIF and PNG graphics formats.

Sample Images

With the exception of reduction in sizing for production purposes, all example images included in this guide are original creations with Symple Art and have not been retouched or altered with any other drawing/paint applications.

System Requirements

Operating System.....Windows XP, Vista or 7

Required UpdatesMicrosoft .NET Framework 3.5 or higher

CPU.....Pentium/AMD Class, 1 GHz (3+ GHz recommended)

Video Resolution.....1024x768 (higher recommended)

If you are unsure of your systems hardware configuration and to ensure compatibility of your system to run Symple Art, download/run the demonstration version of Symple Art. This is very important because of our no refund policy below.

Refund Policy

With few exceptions, there are no refunds on downloadable products.

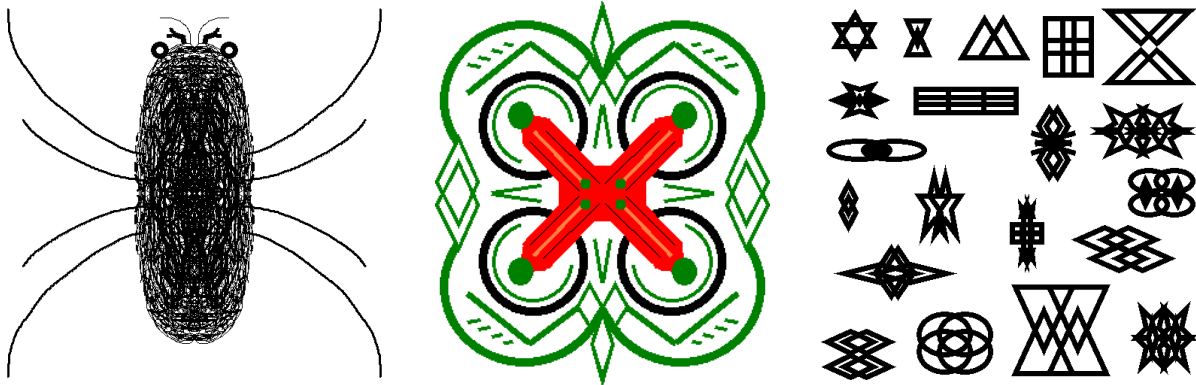
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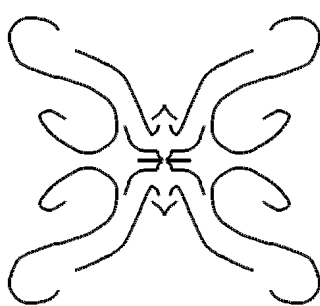


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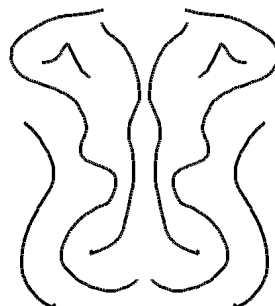
Symple Art is a stand alone Windows application that allows users to create symmetrical designs either by themselves or imprinted onto existing graphics images. The intent was not to be yet another high-end paint program like Photoshop or GIMP, but to be a useful tool to quickly and easily create unique patterns and artwork compatible with your preferred graphics applications. The projects you create are compatible with Photoshop, GIMP, Poser, Daz Studio, Maya, 3DS Max, Lightwave, Hexagon, Blender, Pegasus, Sketchup, Bryce and more. Check out these un-retouched original examples.



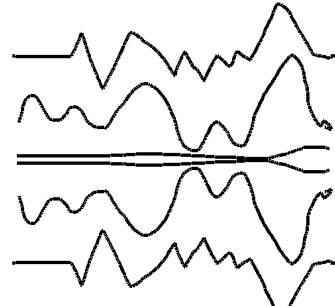
Once you get accustomed to Symple Art, you will be amazed at how quickly and easily you can create your own graphics patterns using the mirrored, horizontal and vertical symmetry tools.



MIRROR

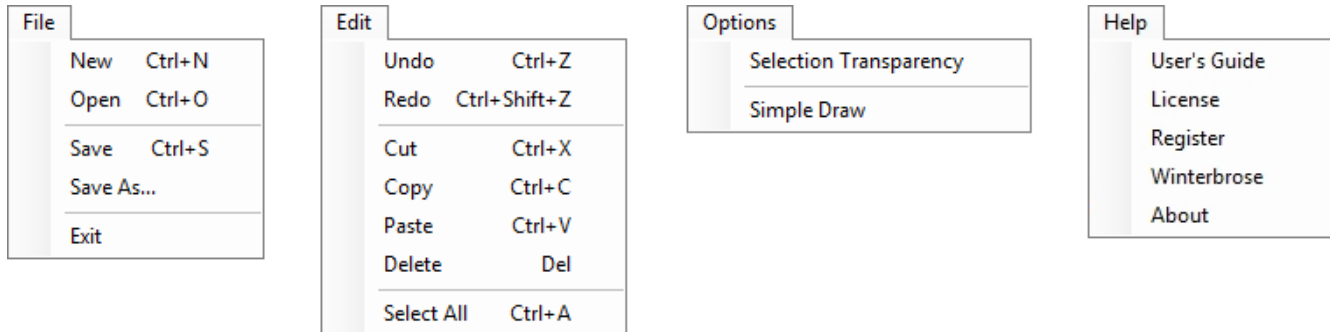


HORIZONTAL



VERTICAL

Menu Bar



From the File Menu, you can perform any of these actions:

FILE :

- Start a NEW image
- OPEN an existing image
- SAVE current image
- SAVE current image AS new name/type
- EXIT or quit Symple Art

EDIT :

- UNDO the last action
- REDO the last action that was undone
- CUT selection from canvas into clipboard
- COPY selection on canvas into clipboard
- PASTE clipboard onto canvas
- DELETE selection from canvas

OPTIONS :

- SELECTION TRANSPARENCY to use transparent backgrounds for cut/copy and paste operations
- SIMPLE DRAW for clickless speed drawing with Pencil or Brush

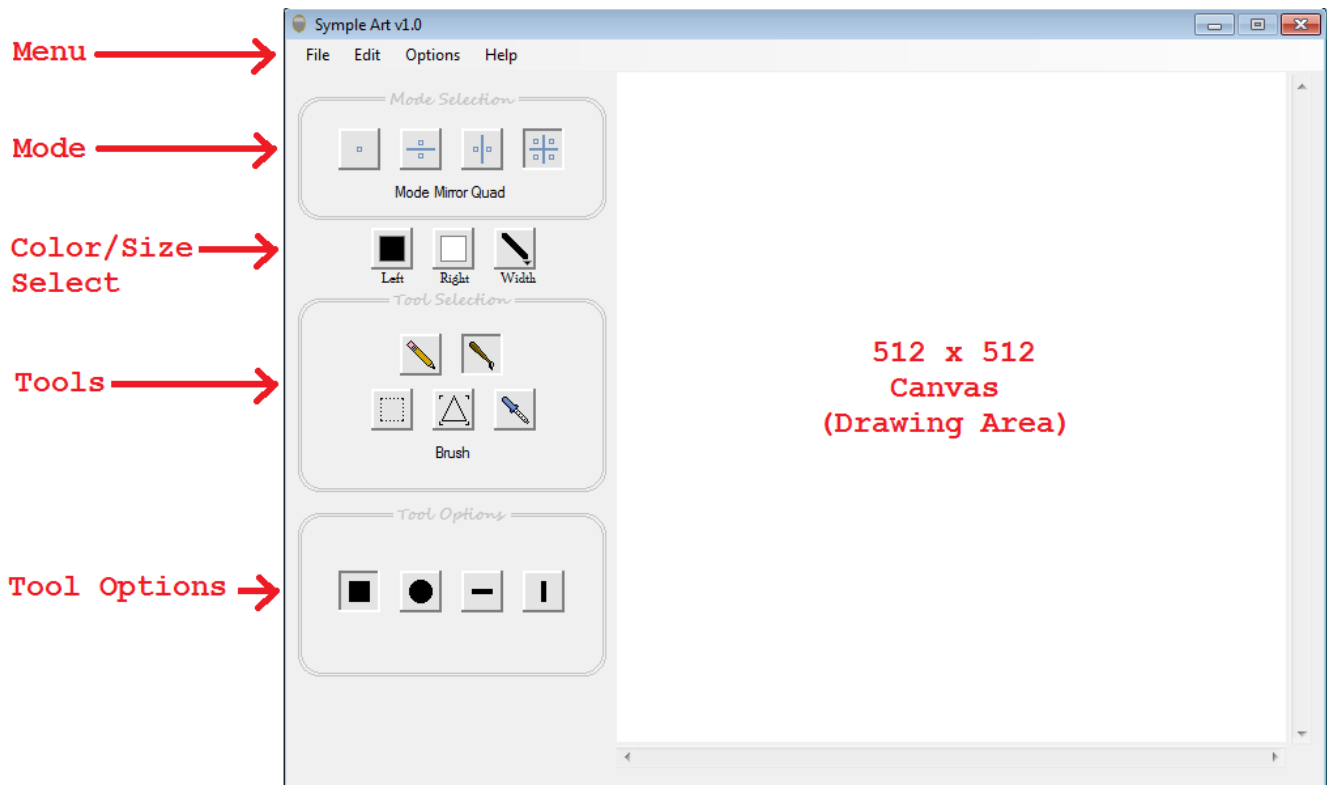
HELP :

- ABOUT for information regarding Symple Art
- REGISTER for instructions to register your copy of Symple Art
- WINTERBROSE to visit our website



Screen Layout

Most of the functions needed to create your artistic projects are located as control buttons on the main screen.



Symple Art Screenshot

The main menu is located along the top with various control panels located just below it. Note that the controls in the Tool Options panel change to match the selected Tool. The Canvas/Drawing panel is located on the right-side of the screen.

The default canvas size for Symple Art is sized at 512 x 512 which should be adequate for most artwork and design projects. You can increase the size as required for new projects, but all drawing that takes place is restricted to the viewable canvas area (512 x 512).

Drawing Modes

There are 4 drawing modes in Symple Art: *Free mode*, *Mirror Vertical*, *Mirror Horizontal* and *Mirror Quad*. The mode you use will depend on the results you are looking for.

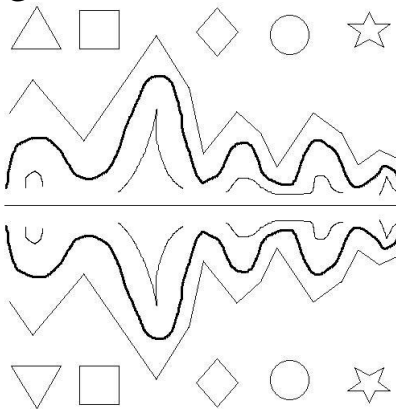


Free Mode:

Free mode allows the artist to draw freehand and without symmetry.

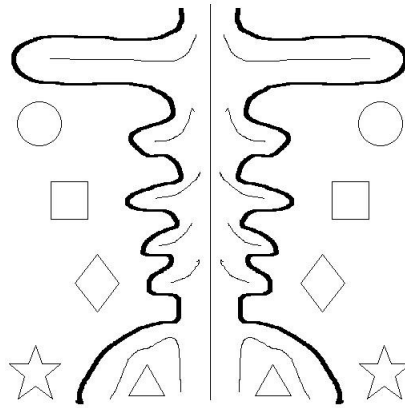
Mirror Vertical:

When you select Mirror Vertical, all drawing with the Pencil, Brush or Shapes will be mirror-duplicated in the opposite vertical half of the canvas drawing area. Anything drawn on the top half is mirrored below; anything drawn on the bottom is mirrored above.



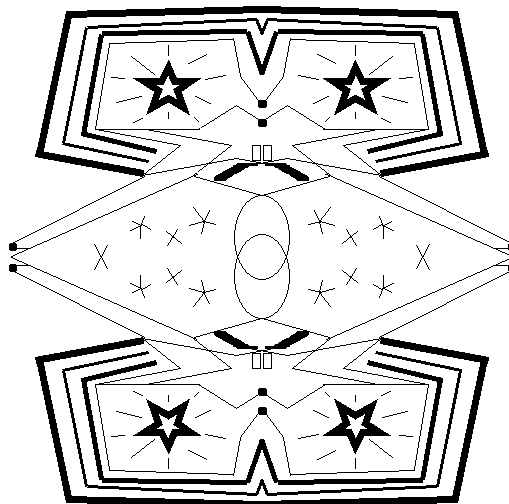
Mirror Horizontal:

When you select Mirror Horizontal, all drawing with the Pencil, Brush or Shapes will be mirror-duplicated in the opposite horizontal half of the canvas drawing area. Everything drawn on the left is mirrored to the right and everything on the right is mirrored on left.



Mirror Quad:

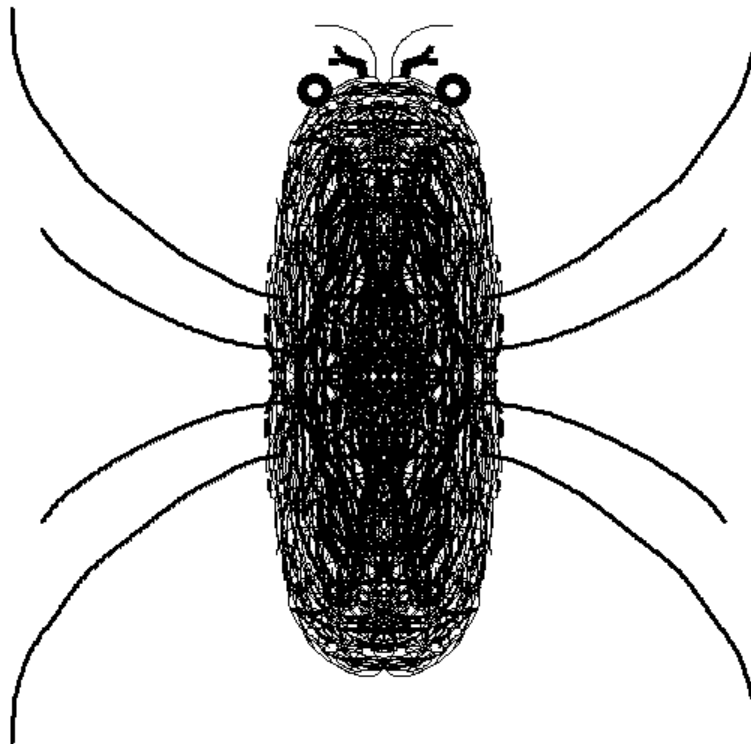
When you select Mirror Quad, all drawing with the Pencil, Brush or Shapes is mirror-duplicated in both the opposite horizontal and vertical halves of the canvas drawing area.



Complex Drawing:

What you can create with the tools in Simple Art is only limited by your own imagination, skills and experience as a graphics artist.

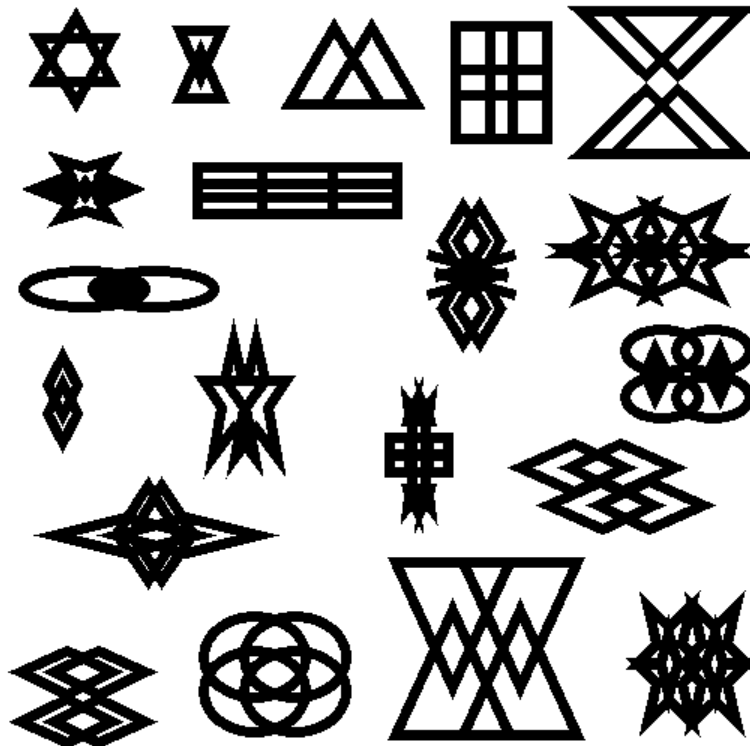
The following examples were created by an untrained novice artist and demonstrates how the real power of Symple Art is that it enhances your creativity many fold. Each image was created in the times indicated and are shown without any touch-up/enhancement.



Bug-like Insect, < 5-minutes



Multi-Colored Design, < 30-minutes



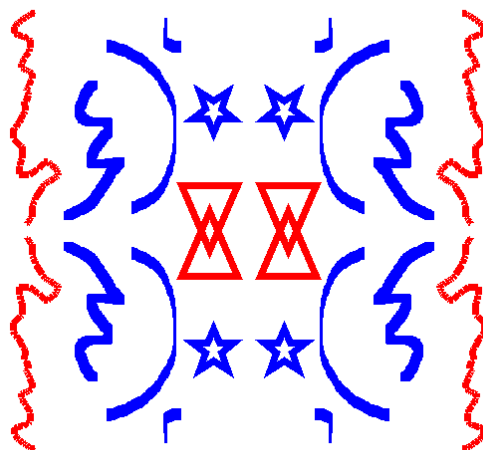
Collection of Various Symbols, < 15-minutes

Color / Size Selection

Dual Color Selection:



When creating your artwork, you can use the left and right mouse buttons for different color selections for the Pencil, Brush and Shapes tools. The color buttons will show current color selection for the mouse buttons. To change the color to be used, simply click the appropriate color button (left or right) to access the color palette to select your desired color. In the example below, the colors Red and Blue were selected for the left/right mouse buttons. Anything drawn with the left mouse button using Pencil, Brush or Shapes was colored red and while using the right mouse button resulted in blue.



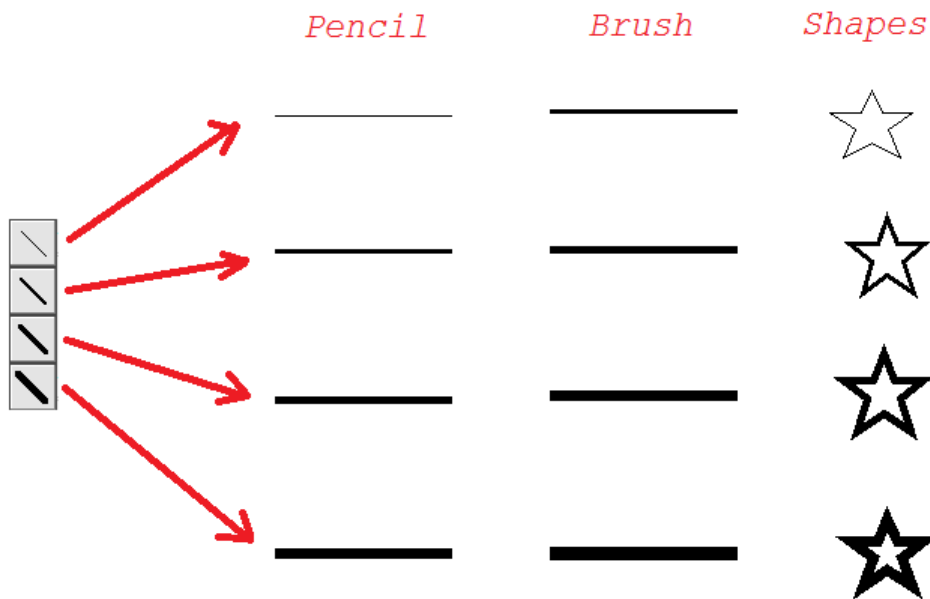
Thickness:



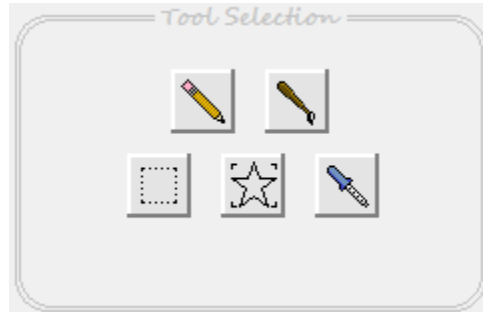
You can change the width (thickness) of drawings made with the Pencil, Brush or Shapes by clicking on the Width button and selecting the desired thickness from the drop-down choices.



You can choose the width of the drawing tool to get the desired look in your finished artwork project.



Drawing Tools



There are 5 basic drawing tools: 1) Pencil, 2) Brush, 3) Select, 4) Shapes and 5) Eyedropper. Each tool may have additional options.

Pencil Tool



There are no additional options for the Pencil tool. The Pencil can draw with either of the selected colors from the Windows color palette using the left/right mouse buttons in any of four widths.

Brush Tool



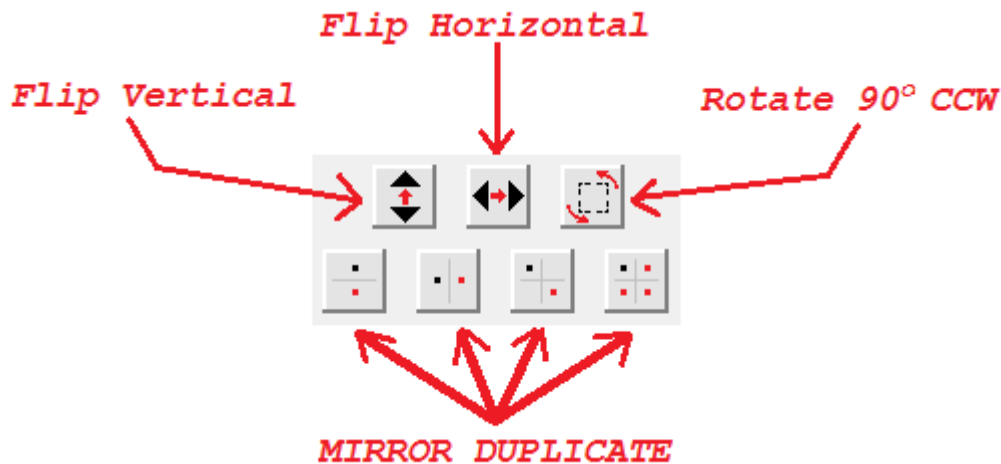
There are four tool options for the Brush tool which are different drawing tips to accommodate various artistic styles. Each of the options can vary in any of the four available widths and Windows color palette.



Select Tool



The Select tool works with the standard Cut, Copy, and Paste features for Windows found on the Main Menu under Edit or using the Keyboard shortcuts (Ctrl-X, Ctrl-C, Ctrl-V). There are also seven options available for use with the Select tool.



Selection Transparency

This is the most powerful feature of using the Select tool because it allows you to overlay different artwork sections without copying the background color (defined as the color selection for the Right mouse button) and allowing images to be seen through it. To enable or disable Selection Transparency, select it from the Options menu.

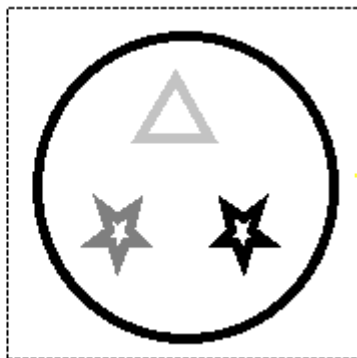
NOTE

To effectively use Selection Transparency , it must be Enabled BEFORE selecting an area.

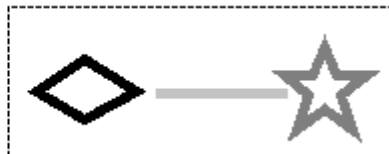
Flipping and Rotating



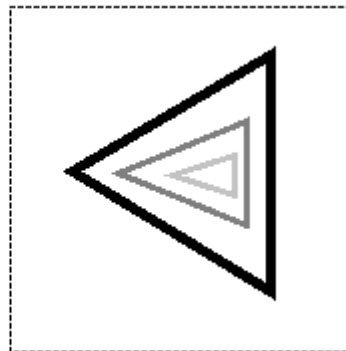
You can flip your selections either vertically or horizontally and rotate it in the counter-clockwise (CCW) direction by 90 degree increments (use 2 times for 180 degrees & 3 times for 270 degrees).



Vertical Flipping Example



Horizontal Flipping Example

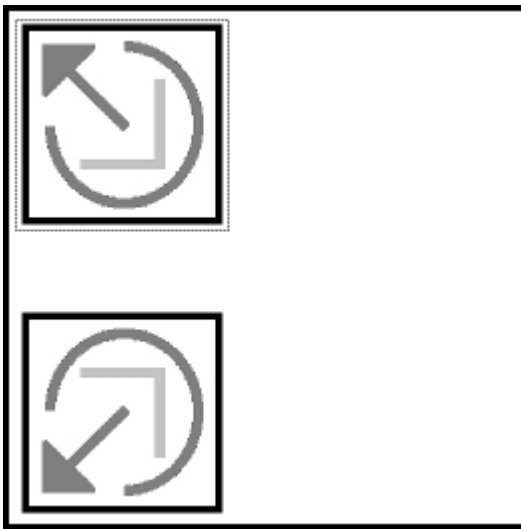


Rotate 90 Degrees CCW Example

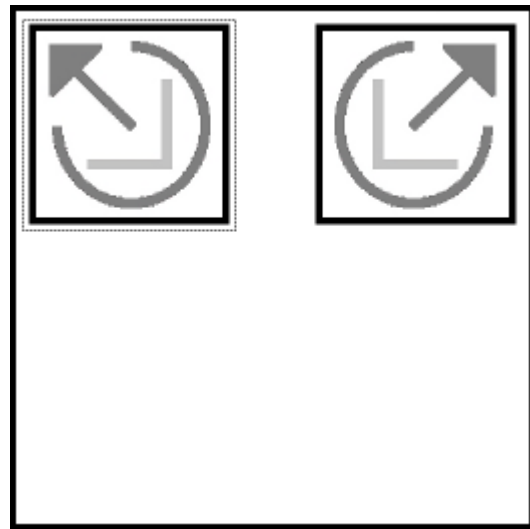
Selection Mirroring



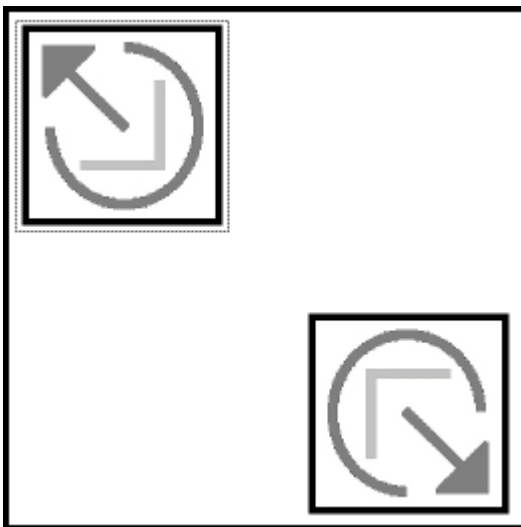
You can mirror duplicate (copy) your selection vertically, horizontally, diagonally and quadruple. You can also move your selection and the duplicate(s) will move correspondingly.



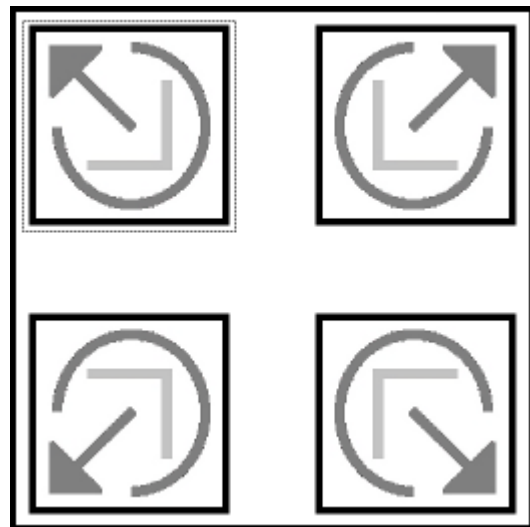
Vertical Copy of Selection



Horizontal Copy of Selection



Diagonal Copy of Selection

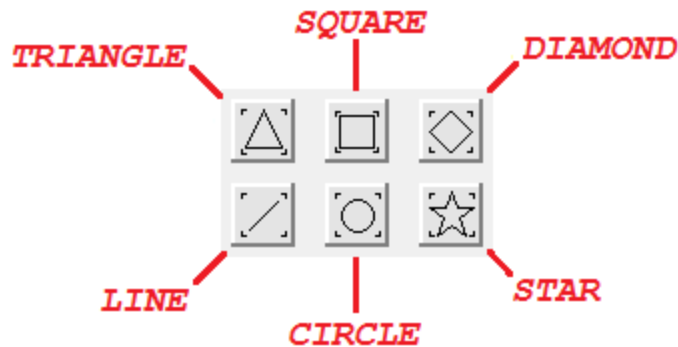


Quadruple Copy of Selection

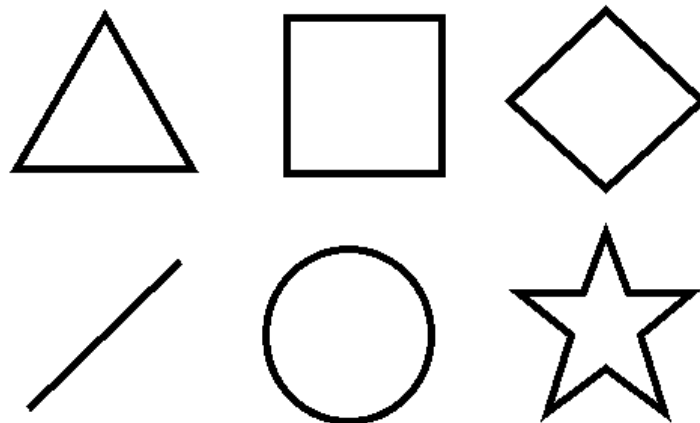
Shapes Tool



The Shapes tool allows you to quickly and easily create some basic shapes to your artwork project. Six shapes are available and each of shape can vary in any of the four available widths and Windows palette colors. Many people find it hard to draw a straight line with the Pencil or Brush and will find the Line Shape very useful.



Here are some different color examples of the available shapes.



Shapes Examples

Eyedropper



The Eyedropper tool, sometimes referred to as a color picker, allows you to choose existing colors from artwork in the drawing canvas.

You can use the Eyedropper tool to use colors from loaded images that may be hard to match on the color palette. For instance, using the fiery chicken image, we may want to extract some flame colors.



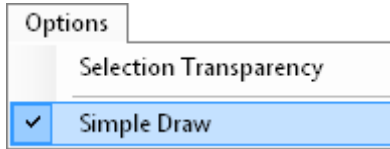
Fiery Chicken



Selected Colors

You can also use the Eyedropper tool to reuse an already used color in the drawing canvas without having to remember which color you selected from the color palette.

Symple Draw



The Symple Draw option allows you to freehand draw without having to hold the mouse buttons down the whole time you are working on your artwork.

Use the left/right mouse buttons as follows in Symple Draw mode:

Left Mouse button: *Start / Pause drawing*
Right Mouse button: *Start / Stop drawing*

In many cases, this mode will allow you to draw more consistently because the mouse will glide more smoothly over the mouse pad or surface. Lastly, drawing will automatically stop whenever the cursor leaves the drawing canvas.

