

Creating Stitching

This will teach you how to create a thread-like stitching. You can use this to add detail to your designs.

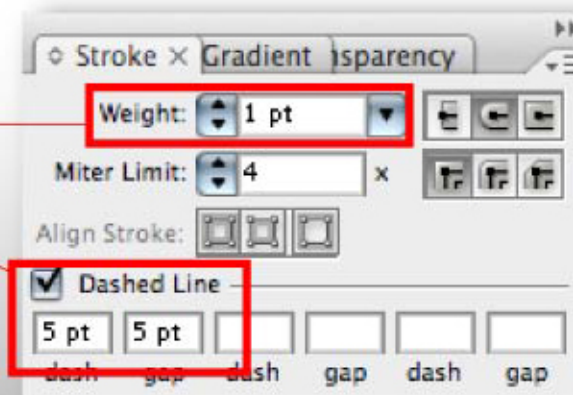
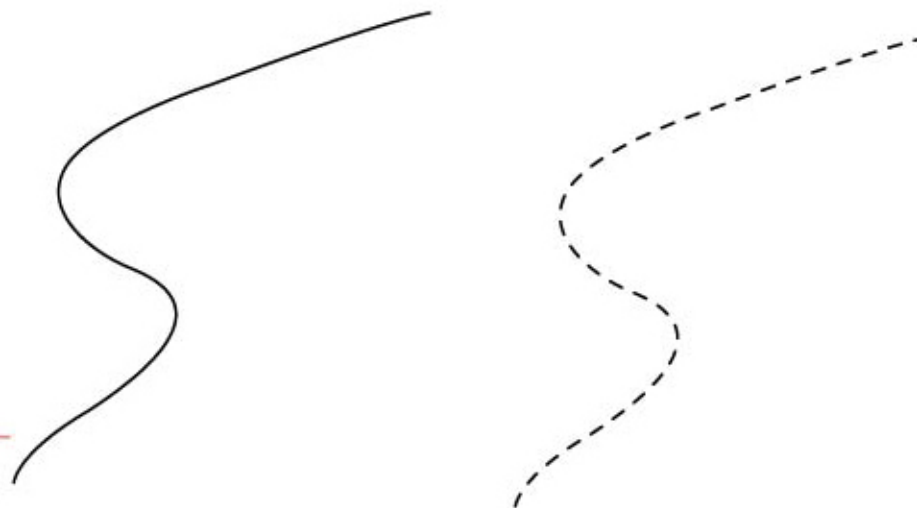
Start by opening a new document with a white background.



Select the pen tool and draw a path. (any shape)

Add a 1pt stroke to the path

Click the box marked "Dashed Line" in the stroke box. Input a 5pt dash and 5pt gap.

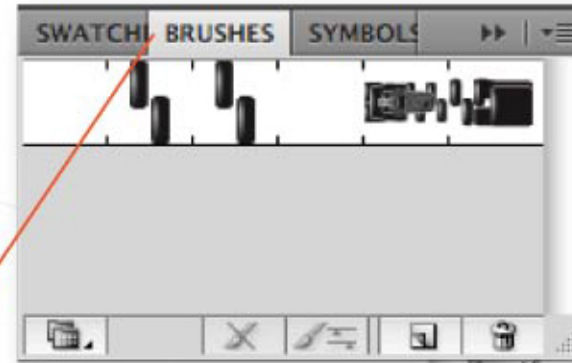
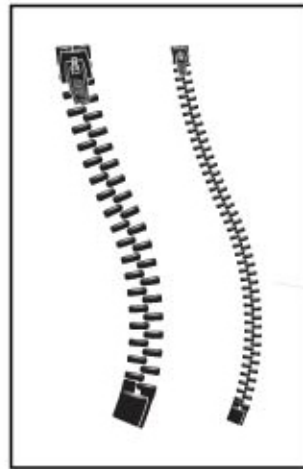


Zippers

This will teach you how to add a zipper to your designs. Open the illustrator document you wish to work on.

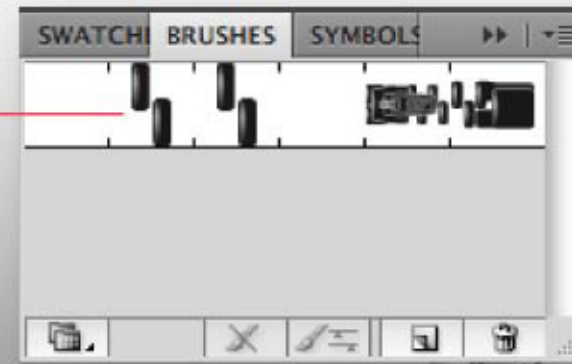
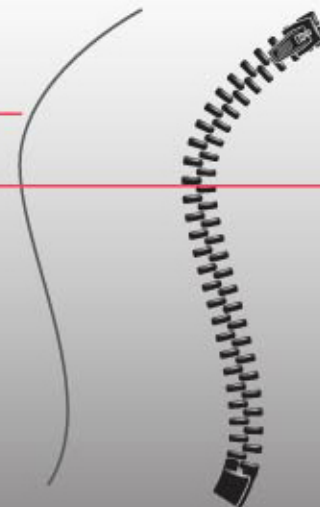
First you will need to download an illustrator zipper brush. You can find one online at adobe.com

Open the zipper brush and cut and paste zippers onto your document. the zippers will be loaded into the brush panel.



Select the pen tool and draw a path.(any shape)

Select the path and click the zipper brush in the brush window. this will apply the zipper to your path

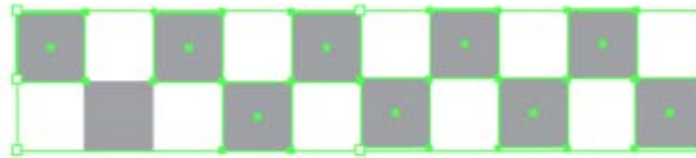


Custom Brushes

Making your own brush is easy. Its an ideal way to do alot of work in a little time. Lets get started.

First, open a new Illustrator document and make any shape that your heart desires. You can literally make ANY shape into a brush, even a square if you feel like it. once you try this a few times, you will get an idea of how the shapes will effect your brush. I started by drawing a few alternating squares.

Now select all of the shapes that you want to be a brush and in your Brushes palette, click on the little arrow in the upper left, and select "New Brush."

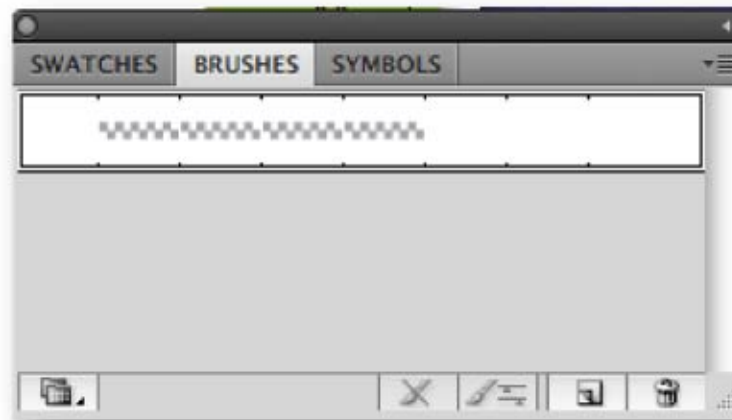
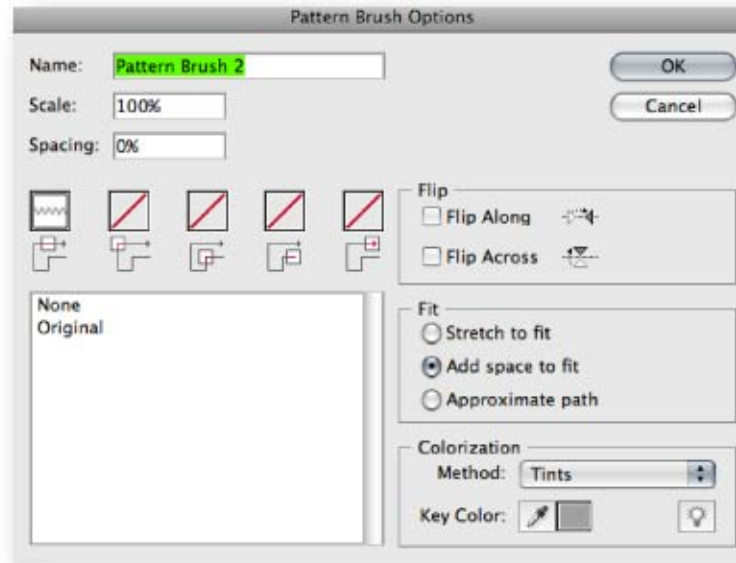


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Select New pattern brush.

Now you should be in the Brush Options. **IMPORTANT:** Make sure you select "Tints" as the Colorization Method. This allows you to change the color of the brush as a stroke color. If you don't select Tints, your brush will always be the color it is when you create it. There are lots of other settings you can play with here, including the direction of the brush stroke. Choose your settings and click OK.

You should now see your new Custom Brush in the Brushes palette.



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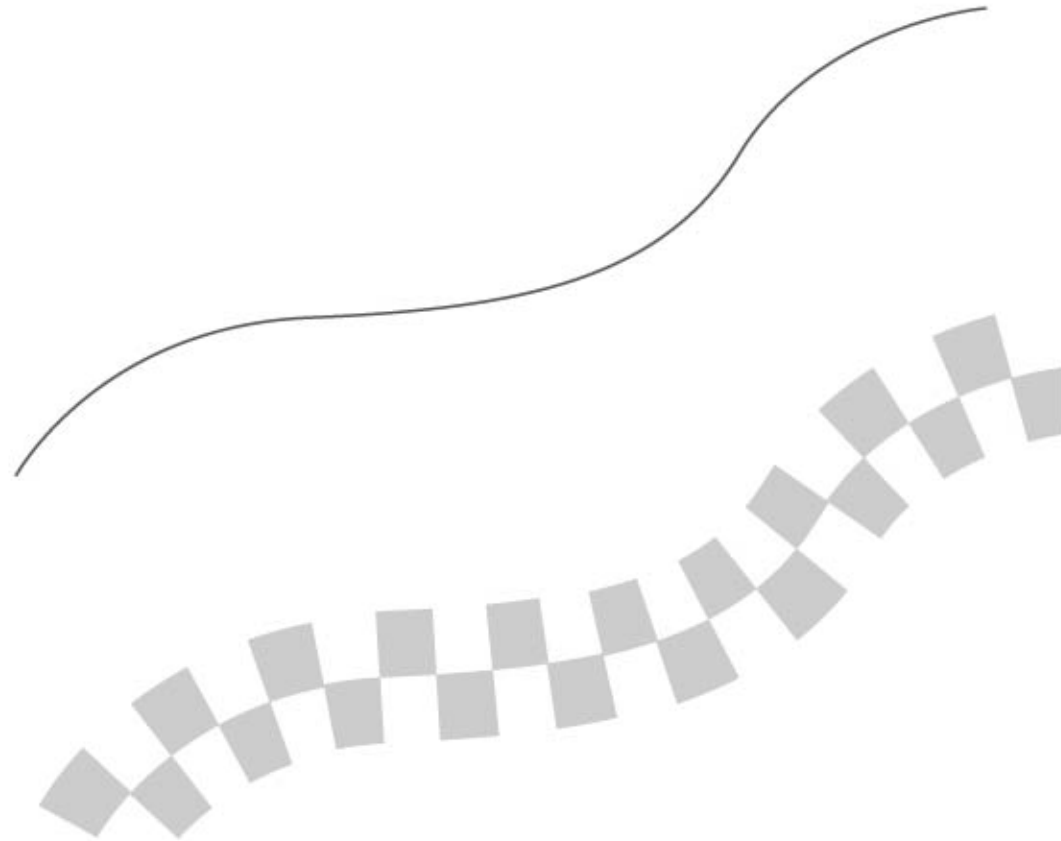
Draw any path, or shape you want to apply the brush to.

Make sure you have the stroke selected.

click the brush in the brush palette to apply.

Now you can adjust the stroke size and color to taste.

You can easily create zippers and stitching effects with this method.



Application

Now we will look at how the thread and zipper can be applied to give your designs some detail.

Start by making your product out of a few simple shapes.

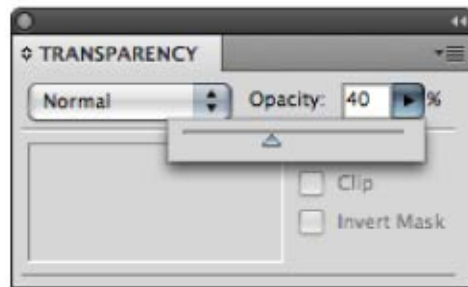
Draw a path for the zipper. And then apply the zipper brush you created by clicking on it in the brush palette.

The zipper will pattern will appear large at first. To adjust double click the brush in the palette and change the scale to 10%



The zipper looks stark against the black. With the zipper selected goto window / transparency palette.

Change the transparency to 40



Draw the second zipper for the top region.

