TITLE: FIR TREE

Software: Serif DrawPlus X8

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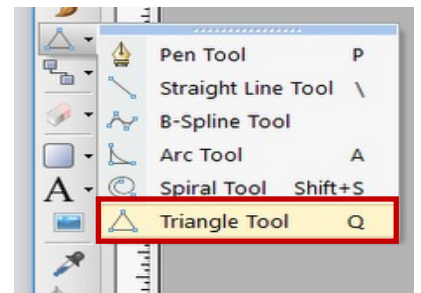
Skill Level: Beginner

Supplies: None

Description: This beginner tutorial is very basic. It will show you how to make a simple fir tree using shapes with various effects applied.

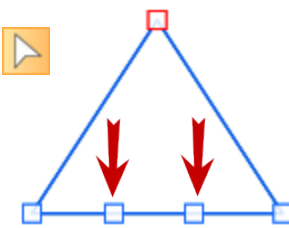
LET'S GET STARTED

This tutorial is for beginners and will give a little practice on using shapes, styles, and node editing.
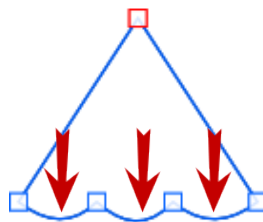
1. Open a new drawing in a size of your choice. Right-click on the ruler and set the measurement value to **Inches**.

2. Set the **Line** color to black and the **Fill** color to white.

3. Select the **Triangle** from the **Pen** tool fly-out on the **Drawing** toolbar. Double-click on the workspace to open the **QuickShape Creator**.

4. Set the **Width** to 1.75 in and the **Height** to 1.35 in. Ok.

Pen Tool	P
Straight Line Tool	\
B-Spline Tool	
Arc Tool	A
Spiral Tool	Shift+S
Triangle Tool	Q

5. Select the **Node** tool from the **Drawing** toolbar. Add two nodes evenly spaced to the bottom of the triangle by clicking on the line.

6. With the **Node** tool, pull down each of the three lines between the nodes to form a little arc.

7. Hold down the **CTRL** key, then using the **Pointer** tool, drag the triangle in any direction to create a duplicate.

8. Move the copy over the first triangle and position as shown. Use the **Pointer** tool to drag the sides out just a slight bit wider.
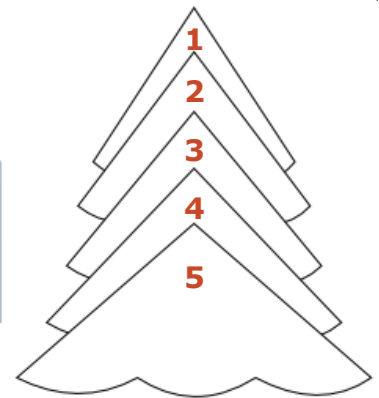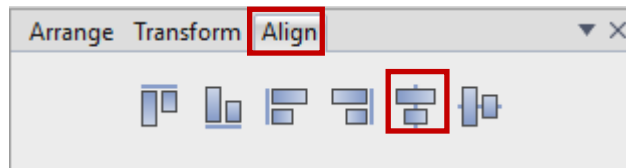
9. **Duplicate** the new image and repeat these two steps until you have a total of 5 layers. They will look backwards but we will fix that.
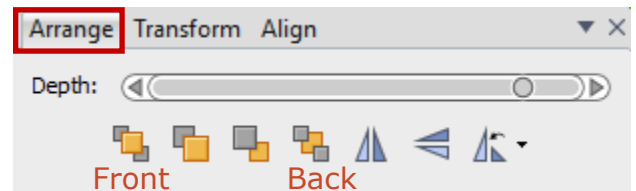
ARRANGING THE LAYERS

Your image should look like the one on the right side of the page.

1. Using the **Pointer** tool, drag a box around all the shapes.

2. On the **Align** tab, click the **Center Horizontally** icon.

3. Select the last triangle (#5) and click the **Send to Back** icon on the **Arrange** tab.

4. Select the third triangle (#3) and click the **Bring to Front** icon. Repeat **Bring to Front** for #2 and #1.

5. Your images should look like a tree at this point.

6. Select the **Quick Rectangle** from the **QuickShapes** on the **Drawing** toolbar. Drag out a rectangular shape for the tree stump.
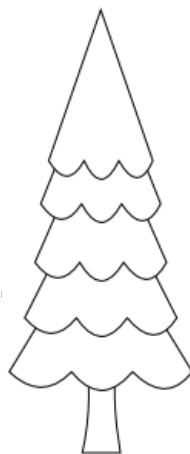
7. Right-click and **Convert to Curves**. Using the **Node** tool, drag in the center on each side of the rectangle. Position it in the center of the tree and **Send to Back**.

8. Save your basic shape in the **Gallery** so you can re-use it with different effects and colors. You can drag the tree in from the sides to make a skinny tree if you like.

Basic Tree

Skinny Tree

Gradient and Wide line width

Stained glass and Green glow Edge Style

Pattern and 3D Style applied

Add ornaments, a star, and other variations to make your own unique trees. Enjoy!

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