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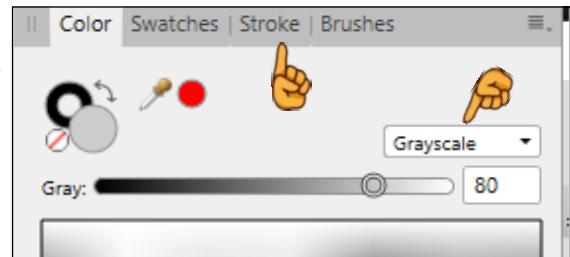
## CHRISTMAS STOCKING

In this very basic beginner tutorial, you will create a Christmas stocking using shapes in shades of gray. When finished, you can color and decorate your stocking to suit yourself. We'll also be using the **Transform** panel to set various values throughout.



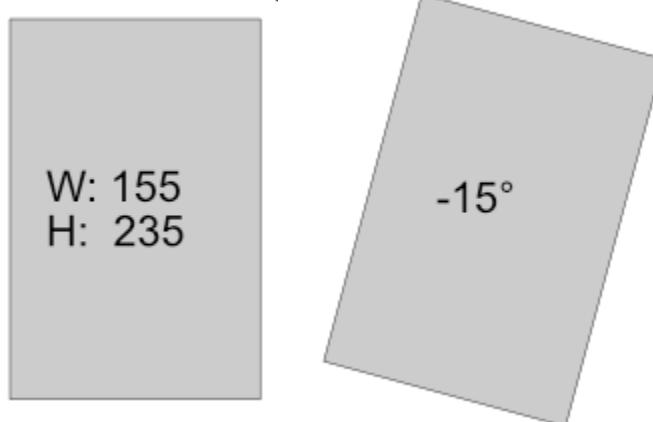
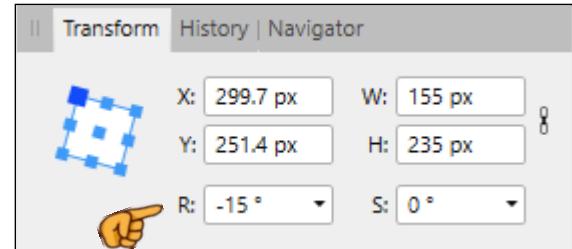
### LET'S GET STARTED

1. On the main menu, select **File\New** and create a new document in a size of your choice. 800x800 pixels with 96 DPI is good.
2. If the **Transform** panel is not visible, select **View\Studio\Transform** on the main menu.
3. On the **Color** panel, select the **Grayscale** palette from the drop-down menu. The **Stroke** color will automatically be set to black. Choose a light gray for the **Fill** color by moving the slider.
4. On the **Stroke** panel, set the width to zero.



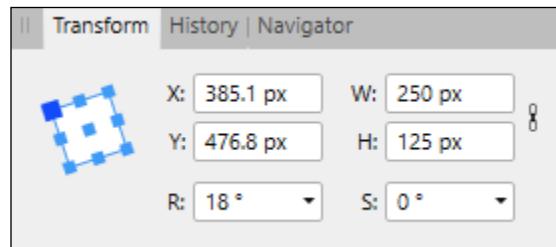
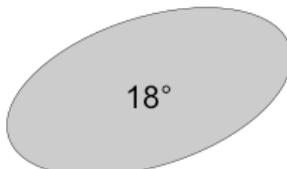
### THE STOCKING BODY

1. Select the **Rectangle** tool  from the left toolbar and draw out a rectangle.
2. Use the **Transform** panel to type in the width and height: **W:** 155px, **H:** 235px and type -15° in the **Rotate** window to slightly rotate the rectangle.

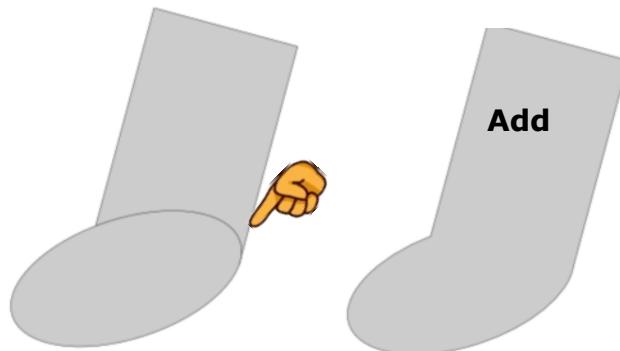


## THE STOCKING TOE

1. Select the **Ellipse** tool  from the left toolbar and draw out an ellipse. Use the **Transform** panel to set the width and height as follows: **W:** 250, **H:** 125. Set the rotation to **R:** 18°.

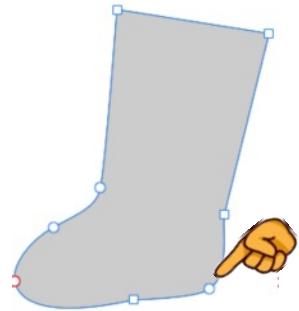


2. Move the ellipse over the rectangle and position as shown with the right side of the ellipse in alignment with the rectangle.
3. With both objects selected, on the main menu, select **Layers\Geometry>Add**. This will join the two pieces together as one.



4. Using the **Node** tool  from the left toolbar, add a node on the right side of the stocking so you can create the heel. Adjust the nodes and lines until you are happy with your final shape. There is no right or wrong here, it's your stocking so shape it to your liking.

**Hint:** To adjust the handles of a node on one side only, hold down the **ALT** key as you move the handle.



## THE CUFF

1. With the **Move** tool  , click anywhere on your document to deselect the image. On the **Color** panel, move the grayscale slider down to about 65 so we have a darker shade of gray to use on the cuff.
2. Select the **Rectangle** tool  and draw out a rectangle. Use the **Transform** panel to set the width and height as follows: **W:** 190, **H:** 85.
3. On the **Context** menu (top of window), set the **Corner Type** to **Rounded** and change the rounded value to 10%.
4. On the **Transform** panel, set the rotation value to **R:** 10°.
5. Move the cuff into place on top of the stocking. If you have changed the width of your stocking top, you may need to adjust the cuff width accordingly.



## THE LOOP

1. Using the **Tear** tool from the left toolbar, draw out a tear. On the **Transform** panel, set the size to **W: 50, H: 135**.
2. On the **Color** panel, change the grayscale color to about 50. Draw out a second tear and set the size to **W: 38, H: 113**.
3. Drag a box around both images to select them. On the main menu, select **Layers\Alignment\Align Middle**.
4. While the two objects are still selected, on the main menu, select **Layers\Geometry\Subtract**. This will cut out the center of the loop.
5. On the main menu, select **Layer\Alignment\Flip Vertical**.
6. On the **Transform** panel, rotate the loop about 160° and move into place on the side of the stocking.
7. On the main menu, select **Layer\Arrange\Move to Back**.



Your stocking is ready to color and decorate. Before doing that, you might want to group it and save your basic stocking to either your **Assets** panel or to your hard drive so you can use it over again. Enjoy!

Here some examples that were made using this stocking:



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