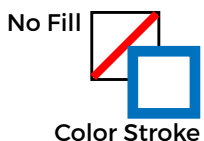


# Pen Tool-Lines (straight)

The Pen Tool is a powerful and versatile asset in the toolbar of all three major design programs (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop). Spending time getting familiar with it's potential and comfortable with using it will open up possibilities for how you work and what you can create.



For these exercises make sure that at the bottom of the tool palette there is no fill, and you have selected a color for the stroke. That way you can see the lines you are creating.

## Pen Tool (P)


The Pen Tool can be used to create straight lines. For practice in creating a line select the Pen Tool then click the page move mouse to the across the page and click again. Each time you click you create an Anchor Point connected by a line. Think of Anchor Points like a hub that allow you to change direction of your line, if you choose.

ANCHOR  
POINT



ANCHOR  
POINT

## Add Anchor Point Tool (+)

The Add Anchor Point Tool can be used to add Anchor Points on any existing segment or line. For practice in adding Anchor Points select the Add Anchor Point Tool then click in multiple spots on the line. Unlike the example below, Anchor Points are not visible on the line. To see the points, click on the line with the Direct Selection Tool ()



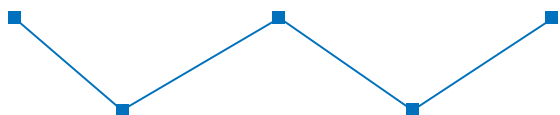
## Delete Anchor Point Tool (-)

The Delete Anchor Point Tool can be used to remove Anchor Points on any existing segment or line. For practice in deleting Anchor Points select the Delete Anchor Point Tool then click on any existing Anchor Point.

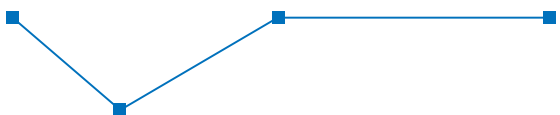


## Pen Tool Exercises

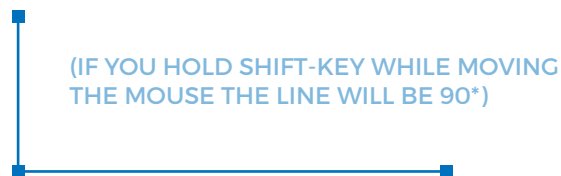
Use the Pen Tool to create this line segment.




Use the Delete Anchor Point Tool to make this adjustment.



Use the Pen Tool to create this line segment.



Use the Add Anchor Point Tool to place a new Anchor Point, then use the Direct Selection Tool () to pull the Anchor Point down to match this line segment.

