Illustrator CC 2017

TOOLS

V...........Selection	E...........Free Transform
A ....Direct Selection	Shift–M.Shape Builder
Y...........Magic Wand	K ....Live Paint Bucket
Q ....Lasso	Shift–L ..Live Paint Selection
P ....Pen	Shift–P...Perspective Grid
+ ....Add Anchor Point	Shift–V ..Perspective Selection
- ....Delete Anchor Point	U ....Mesh
Shift–C...Anchor Point	G ....Gradient
Shift–` ...Curvature	I...........Eyedropper
T...........Type	W...........Blend
Shift–T...Touch Type	Shift–S ...Symbol Sprayer
\...........Line Segment	J ....CC Charts
M..........Rectangle	Shift–O...Artboard
L...........Ellipse	Shift–K ..Slice
B ....Paintbrush	H ....Hand
Shift–B...Blob Brush	Z...........Zoom
Shift–N .Shaper	X...........Toggle between Fill & Stroke
N ....Pencil	Shift–X...Swap Fill & Stroke
Shift–E...Eraser	D ....Default Fill & Stroke
C ....Scissors	(white fill/black stroke)
R ....Rotate	< ....Fill or Stroke w/Color
O ....Reflect	> ....Fill or Stroke w/Gradient
S............Scale	/...........Fill or Stroke w/None
Shift–W .Width	Shift–D..Cycle through Drawing Modes
Shift–R..Warp	F...........Cycle through Screen Modes

Double–click tools to bring up options
Press CAPS LOCK to change tool pointer to crosshair
Hold down Shift to constrain movement to 45°, 90°, 135°, or 180°

SELECTING & MOVING

To access Selection or Direction Selection tool (whichever was used last) at any time	⌘ (Command)
Switch between Selection and Direct Selection tools	⌘–Option–Tab
Cycle through tools hidden behind another tool	Option–click tool
To make copy while dragging	Option
Add to a selection	Shift
Move selection (in 1-point increments)	Arrow keys
Move selection (in 10-point increments)	Shift–Arrow keys
Lock selected artwork	⌘–2
Lock all deselected artwork	⌘–Option–Shift–2
Unlock all artwork	⌘–Option–2
Hide selected artwork	⌘–3
Hide all deselected artwork	⌘–Option–Shift–3
Show all artwork	⌘–Option–3

PATH EDITING

Join and Average at same time	⌘–Option–Shift–J
To get Anchor Point tool while using Pen tool	Option
Switch between Add Anchor Point and Delete Anchor Point tools	Option
To get Add Anchor Point tool while using Scissors tool	Option
Move anchor point while drawing with Pen tool	Spacebar
Create closed path with Pencil or Paintbrush tool ...When finished drawing, hold Option and release mouse	
Connect to an open (and selected) path with Pencil tool	⌘–drag

PAINTING & TRANSFORMING

To get Eyedropper tool while using Live Paint Bucket tool	Option
Sample intermediate color from gradient, picture, etc. with Eyedropper	Shift
Set center point and show dialog	Option–click with tool
Duplicate while transforming selection	Option–drag
Transform pattern without transforming object	~(tilde)–drag
Scale proportionally with Selection tool	Shift–drag bounding box
Scale from center with Selection tool	Option–drag bounding box
Move mesh point along path with Mesh tool	Shift–drag
Add mesh point with Mesh tool without changing color	Shift–click
Remove mesh point with Mesh tool	Option–click

SHAPES (WHILE DRAWING)

Draw from center	Option
Draw from center with dialog	Option–click
Constrain proportions	Shift
Constrain orientation of polygons, stars, spirals	Shift
Move object while drawing	Hold Spacebar
Add/subtract sides, points, spiral segments	Up/Down arrow
Decrease/Increase inner radius	⌘
Create continuous duplicates along mouse movement	Hold ~ while dragging

VIEWING & GUIDES

To get Hand tool (while NOT editing Type)	Spacebar
To get Hand tool (while editing Type) ... Hold ⌘, then Spacebar. Continue to hold Spacebar but let go of ⌘	
Zoom In tool	⌘–Spacebar
Zoom Out tool	⌘–Option–Spacebar
Zoom In to exact size	⌘–Spacebar–drag
Switch between Outline and Preview modes	⌘–Y
Switch between GPU and CPU preview (if available)	⌘–E
Hide/Show all tools and panels	Tab
Hide/Show all panels except Tools and Control	Shift–Tab
Switch between horizontal/vertical guide....hold Option while dragging out a new guide	
Release guide (turns it into a regular path)	⌘–Shift–double–click

TYPE

Increase/Decrease size of selected text by 2 pts	⌘–Shift–> or <
Increase/Decrease size of selected text by 10 pts	⌘–Option–Shift–> or <
Increase/Decrease leading by 2 pts	Option–Down/Up arrow
Increase/Decrease kerning/tracking	Option–Right/Left arrow
Kerning/tracking x 5	⌘–Option–Right/Left arrow
Increase/Decrease baseline shift	Shift–Option–Up/Down arrow
Baseline shift x 5	⌘–Option–Shift–Up/Down arrow
Align text left/center/right	⌘–Shift–L/C/R
Justify with last line aligned left	⌘–Shift–J
Justify all lines	⌘–Shift–F
Reset horizontal/vertical scale to 100%	⌘–Shift–X
Reset kerning or tracking to 0	⌘–Option–Q
En Space	⌘–Shift–N
Em Space	⌘–Shift–M
Thin Space	⌘–Option–Shift–M
Superscript	⌘–Shift–equal (=)
Subscript	⌘–Option–Shift–equal (=)
Discretionary Hyphen	⌘–Shift–hyphen (-)

PANELS

Show/Hide Brushes panel	F5
Show/Hide Color panel	F6
Show/Hide Layers panel	F7
Show/Hide Info panel	⌘–F8
Show/Hide Gradient panel	⌘–F9
Show/Hide Stroke panel	⌘–F10
Show/Hide Attributes panel	⌘–F11
Show/Hide Graphic Styles panel	Shift–F5
Show/Hide Appearance panel	Shift–F6
Show/Hide Align panel	Shift–F7
Show/Hide Transform panel	Shift–F8
Show/Hide Pathfinder panel	Shift–⌘–F9
Show/Hide Transparency panel	Shift–⌘–F10
Show/Hide Symbols panel	Shift–⌘–F11

LAYERS PANEL

To create new layer and edit properties	Option–click New Layer button
Toggle layer between Preview/Outline mode	⌘–click on eye
Show layer while turning off all others	Option–click on eye
Select all items on layer	Option–click layer name
Copy selected item to different layer	Option–drag selection square in Layers panel
To create new layer at the top of list	⌘–click New Layer button
To create new layer below selected layer	⌘–Option–click New Layer button

COLOR PANEL

Saturate/Desaturate current color	Shift–drag color slider
Change Color Mode	Shift–click color bar
Select compliment of current color	⌘–click color bar

SWATCHES PANEL

Create a swatch as a global color	⌘–Shift–click New Swatch button
Replace a swatch with another	Option–drag new swatch over old

MISCELLANEOUS GOOD STUFF

Create New Symbol	F8
Swap colors in a gradient	Option–drag a color stop onto another
Revert file	⌘–Option–Z