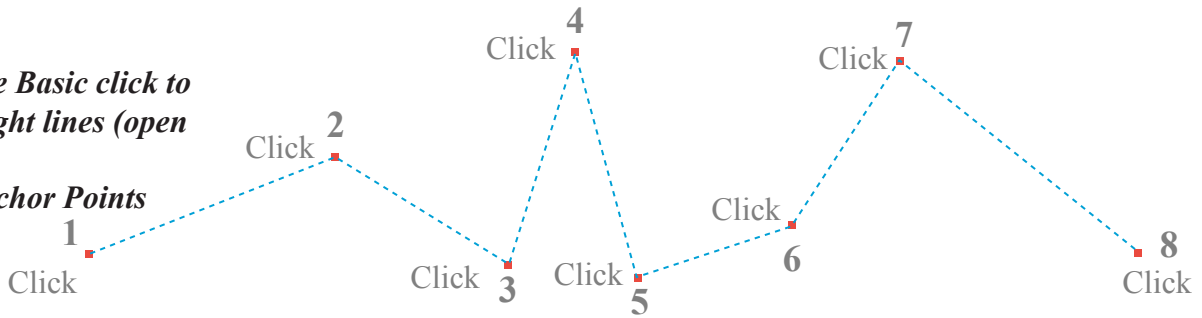


The Pen Tool— Drawing Straight Lines

Bezier Straight Lines using the pen and simple clicks

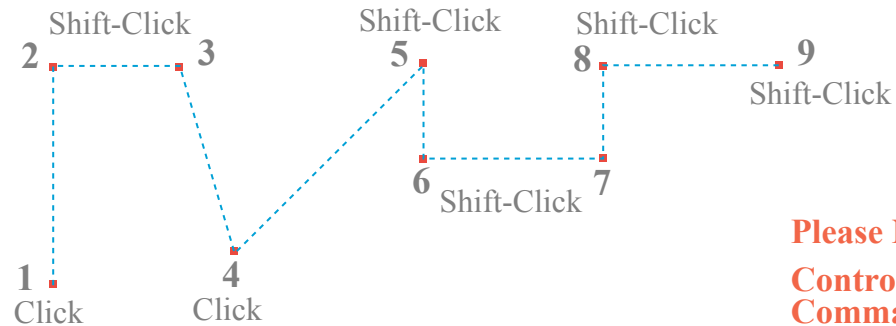
1. *The Basic click to draw straight lines (open path).*

Anchor Points



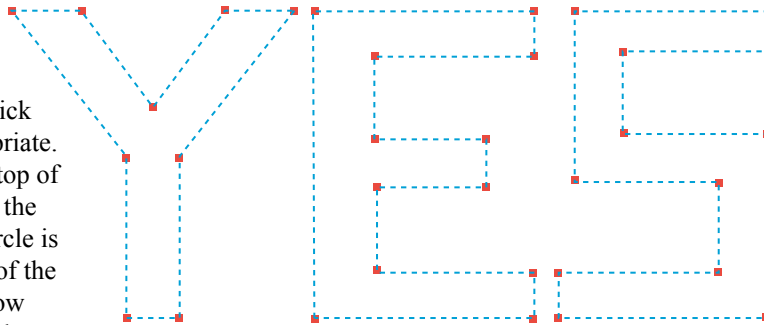
2. *Shift clicking to draw straight lines, restricting to vertical, horizontal or 45° straight lines.*

See Hints below.



3. TRACE

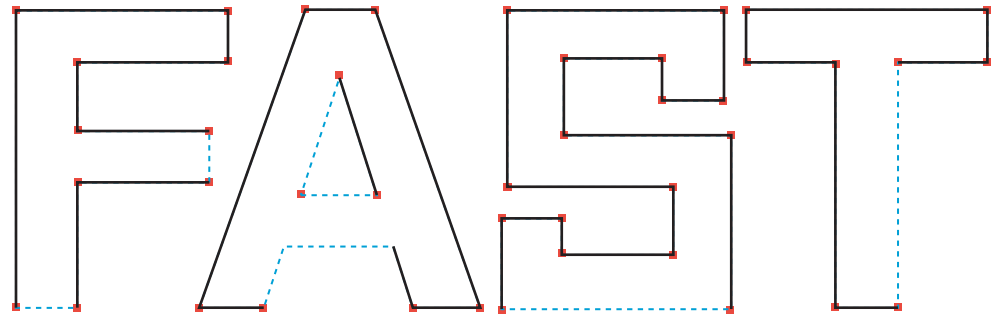
LETTERS using the click or shift-click when appropriate. Your last click will be on top of the first point. This closes the path. Note how a small circle is shown on the lower right of the pen tool. This lets you know that you are directly over the first point.



Please Note:

**Control (pc)
Command (mac)
Click to stop the pen from continuing (end the line segment). When you release the mouse, your pen reappears and you are ready to start another line.**

4. COMPLETE the missing segments of the letters. Use the Direct Selection Tool (hollow arrow) to select the Anchor Points you want to connect. Use the **Object>Path>Join** to connect 2 line segments. Please note, when you click on an anchor point it will be a solid box and the others will be outlined (hollow). The hollow ones are NOT SELECTED. Or you can select a path and click directly on top of an end point and then the other.



Exception to the Shift-Click Rule: On your last click, when you close the the object, the last connection will be an arbitrary angle if your are not lined up with the starting point.

Hint: Using the shift click, the program defaults to vertical, horizontal or 45 degrees. If you are working with a specific angle, like increments of 30 degrees, you may want to reset this in your Edit>Preferences.