



Intermediate Graphics

in Serif DrawPlus X5

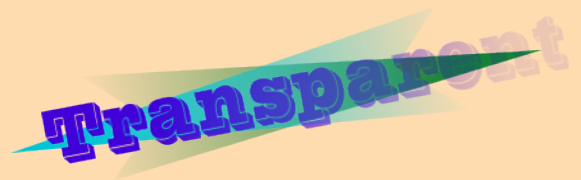
Transparency & Shadows

By the end of this task I should know how to...

- 1) add simple transparency to a shape
- 2) use the transparency toolbar
- 3) add shadows to shapes and text.


Adding Transparency to Shapes

Transparency is the ability to be able to see through an object. This can be used to create professional effects.



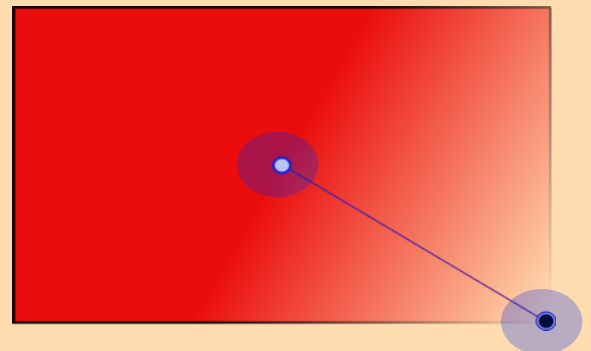
Step 1 Open a new A4, portrait drawing.

Step 2 Draw a rectangle in the middle of your page and change the fill colour to a dark colour.

Step 3 Click on the *transparency tool* 

Now click in the middle of the rectangle and drag the line that appears to the bottom right-hand corner as shown.

The white circle shows the starting point. The black circle shows the end point of the transparency.



Step 4 Drag the starting point and end point to different areas of the page.

Try - Draw four rectangles and set the fill colours and transparency to match the diagram shown. Drag the rectangles on top of each other to create the effect shown.



x 4 =





Using the Transparency Toolbar

Many of the tools in Serif DrawPlus have toolbars that allow the user to change settings for the tool.



This allows you to select *Transparency Type* or shape of the transparency.

Opacity Start and *Opacity End* allow you to choose how transparent your selection is at the start and end of the line.


100% = not transparent

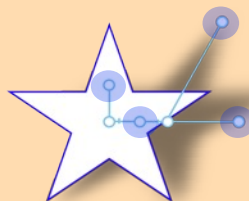
Try - Draw some other shapes and add a transparency. The toolbar appears at the top of the page. Use the toolbar to experiment with different transparency types.

Try - Use From and To to create shapes that range from having slight transparency to shapes that are almost completely transparent.

Using Shadows

Shadows can be used to add depth to objects by making the look as if they stand out from the page.

- Step 1** Draw a white star in the middle of a new, A4 page.
- Step 2** Select the *Shadow tool*  and click on the star shape.
- Step 3** The shadow can be adjusted by pulling one of four small nodes.



Try - Create a shadow that makes some text look like it's standing on its edge.

Shadow