

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

- 1) draw a variety of different shapes
- 2) adjust shapes using the node tool
- 3) rotate a shape
- 4) draw different types of lines.

Drawing Shapes

Step 1 Open a new A4, landscape drawing


Step 2

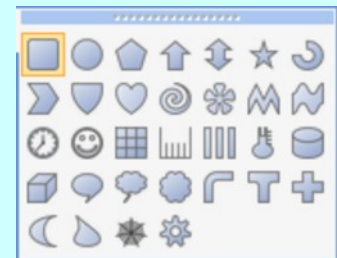


To draw a shape, click on the small arrow next to the rectangle tool.

This brings up the *shapes* menu shown to the right.

Click on the *quick petal* tool and draw a petal in the middle of the page.

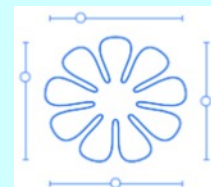
The *pointer* tool  can be used to drag the shape you have drawn about the page



Try - Draw 4 different shapes and position them in each corner of the page.

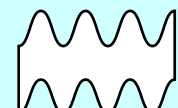
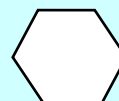
Using the Node Tool

Step 1 Click on the node tool  and use it to select the petal shape by clicking on it.




Step 2 Use the node tool to move some of the sliders that are next to the shape. Most of the shapes in Serif Drawplus have nodes that can be used to adjust the shape.

Try - See if you can produce the three shapes shown to the right.

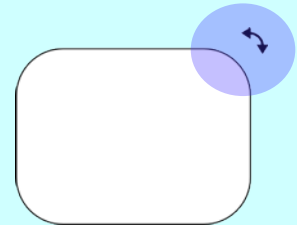


Rotating Shapes

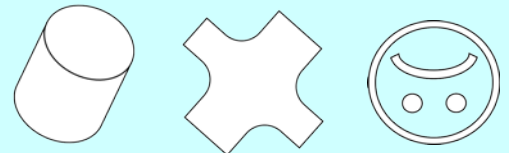
Step 1 Click on one of the shapes you drew earlier using the *pointer* tool. 

Step 2 If you hold the pointer just outside the corner of the shape the *rotate* icon will appear.

When you see the icon hold the mouse button down and drag the shape round.



Try - Use the shape, node and pointer tools to produce the shapes to the right.

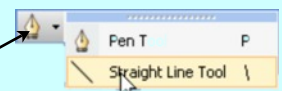


Drawing Different Lines

Step 1 The *line* tool is easy to use.

Simply select the line tool and draw a line on the screen.

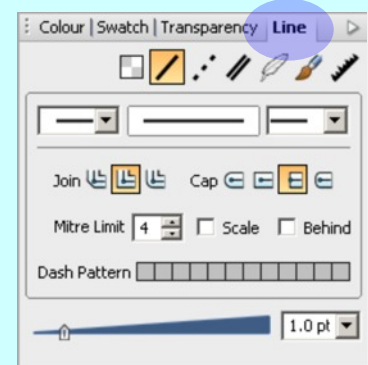
The *node* tool can be used to drag one end of the line to a different position.



Step 2 To adjust how your line looks click on the line and then look for the *line* tab.

Try - Find out on your own how to

- make the line thicker
- add an arrowhead to your line
- create a dotted line
- create a double line



Try - Use what you have learned to draw the diagram below.

