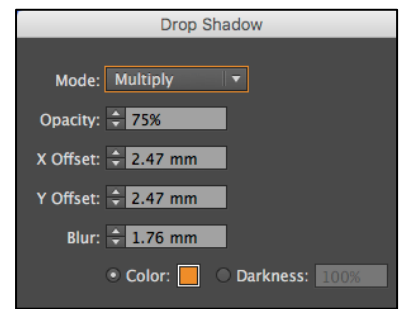
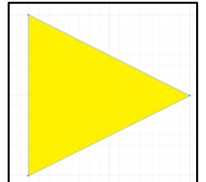


Shapes, effects and drop shadows

Drawing a triangle

1. Set up a new artboard. Add a grid to it (**View > Show Grid**)
2. Chose the **Pen Tool** from the left toolbar.
3. Set a yellow **fill colour** and a **transparent stroke**
4. **Click once** on the grid to set the start point. Then **click twice more** to create a triangle. Use the grid to help you. Finally **click back on the start point** to complete the triangle. This is **IMPORTANT** to do
5. Chose the **Selection Tool** (the top arrow) and click to select the triangle
6. Click **Effect > Stylise > Round corners > OK**
7. Click **Effect > Stylise > Inner Glow > OK**
8. Click **Effect > Blur > Gaussian Blur > OK**
9. Click **Effect > Stylise > Drop Shadow >** change the colour to an **orange > OK**



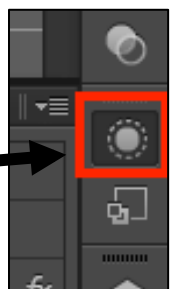
You can experiment with different effects to see how they work.

Drop shadows

1. Type some words on an artboard
2. Click the **Selection Tool** and select the words (don't highlight them)
3. Click **Effects > Stylise > Drop Shadow**

Interesting, but it's probably not what you were looking for...

4. Try and repeat the effect and look at the error message
5. On the right toolbar, find the **Appearance Panel** and click it
6. **Double click** the **Drop Shadow** section
7. Change the settings to ones similar to the screenshot > click **OK**



The word 'designcats' is written in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font on a grid. A dark gray drop shadow is applied to the text, making it appear to float above the grid.

