Solution

# Selection Basics

To remove all of your artboards you will need to open the Artboard Panel, select the second artboard, hold the Shift Key, and then select your last artboard before clicking on the trashcan icon in the lower right of the panel. Next, press Command/Ctrl+0 to fit your last remaining artboard to your screen.

From here, switch to the Rectangle Tool (M) and hold the Shift Key while dragging out your first square and press ‘D’ on the keyboard to set your default colors. Repeat this to create a second square next to the first one.

Use your Selection Tool (V) to drag the handles of the shape outwards from each of the sides, and then try moving your cursor over any of the corners and dragging to rotate the shape.

On your second shape, use the Selection Tool to click on one of the small circles on the inside corner of the shape and then drag inwards to round the corner. Repeat this on the opposite corner to round that corner.

Once you’ve done that, switch to your Direct Selection Tool (A) to click on any of the points in your two shapes, and once you’ve selected a point you can either click and drag it or use your arrows to manipulate the points creating more abstract shapes.

## Exercise notes

* Remember that holding the Shift Key while dragging out a shape will constrain its proportions.
* Holding the Shift Key while rotating a shape will rotate it by increments of 45°.
* You can round all the corners of a square at the same time by clicking on any of the small circles inside of the shape and dragging inwards.
* To round out one or more specific corners, you first need to click on the small circle inside of the shape so it changes to a filled in circle, and then drag that corner inwards.