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Want more Styles in Illustrator? You can make your own and save them to use later.

To make them yourself, set up objects with the strokes and fills you want to save as styles. Drag each of them to the styles palette. Do not delete them from the page yet.



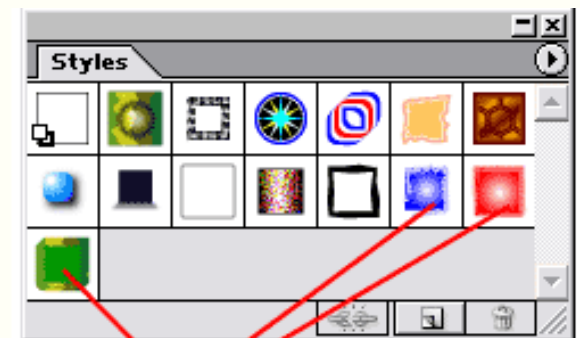
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Your styles palette will look something like this:



The new styles in the palette

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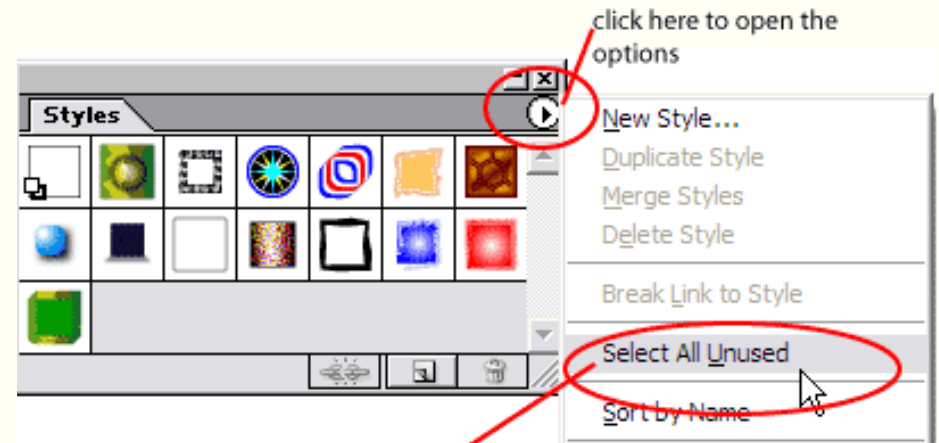
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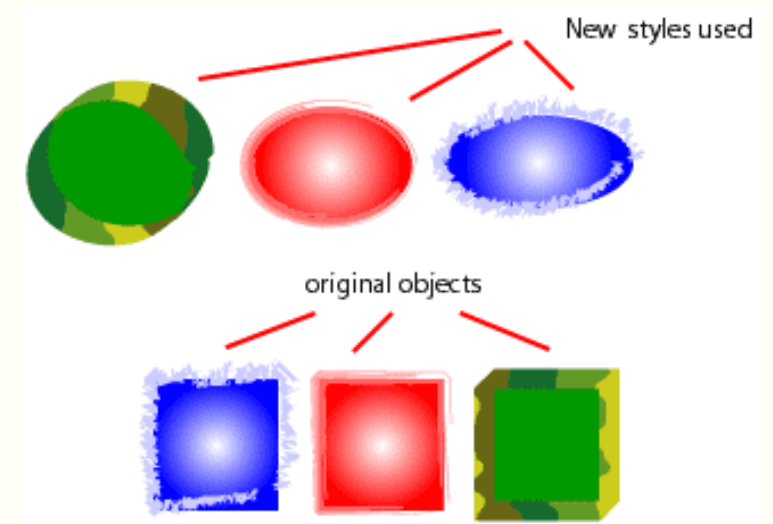
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On the Styles palette, click the options triangle and choose "Select all unused".

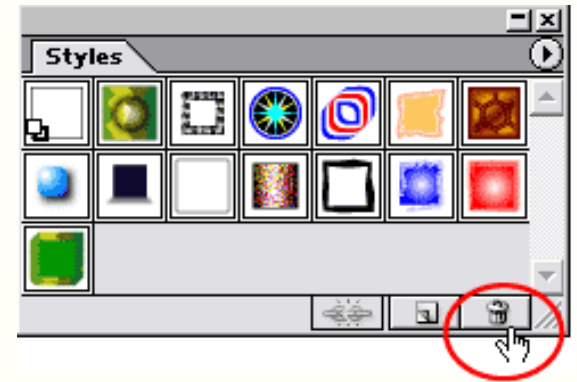


choose this option

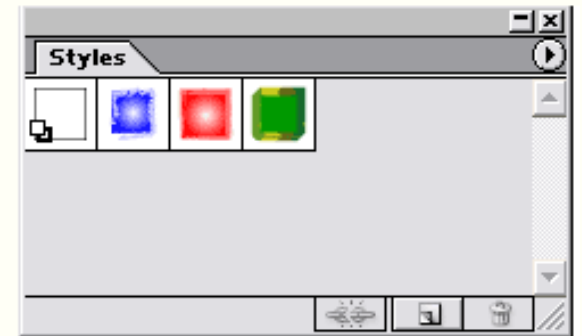
This is an important step! You may think the styles you made are used but they aren't yet...you must make new objects and USE THE NEW STYLES!



The unused styles are selected. Click the trash can at the bottom of the palette and say yes when asked if you want to delete the selected styles.



Now your styles palette will look something like this one:



We need to do the same thing for brushes, swatches and symbols (symbols are in AI 10 only).

- On the **Swatches palette**, click the options triangle and choose "**Select all unused**". Then click the **trash can** at the bottom of the palette and say yes when asked if you want to delete the selected swatches.
- On the **Brushes palette**, click the options triangle and choose "**Select all unused**". Then click the **trash can** at the bottom of the palette and say yes when asked if you want to delete the selected brushes.
- **AI 10 only:** On the **Symbols palette**, click the options triangle and choose "**Select all unused**". Then click the **trash can** at the bottom of the palette and say yes when asked if you want to delete the selected symbols.

You will now have only items used in the document in the palette. You can now delete the objects using the styles from the page. The new styles are stored in the styles palette.

Save the file where you can find it and give it a descriptive name.

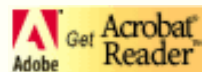
Close the file. The file **MUST** be closed to load the styles.

Loading the custom styles

To use the styles:

- Go to **Window > Style Libraries > Other Library** and navigate to where you saved the file.
- Highlight it and click **Open** to open it.
- The styles will be in the styles palette, ready for use.

Adobe Acrobat Reader is available as a free download from <http://www.adobe.com>



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