

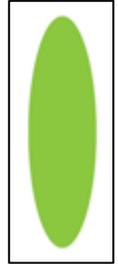
# Working with shapes – create a leaf

## Setup

1. **File > New** to create a new Artboard. Make it **200mm by 200mm**

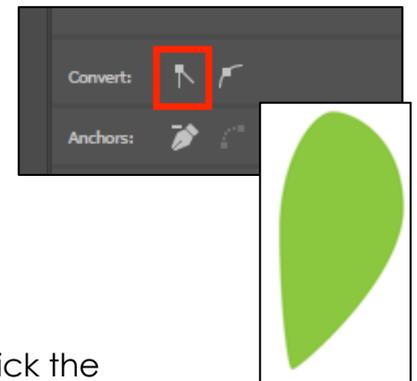
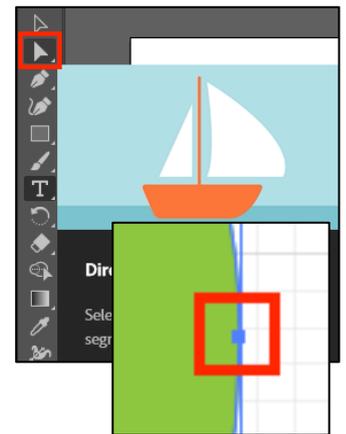
## Draw a basic ellipse

2. On the **left toolbar**, **click and hold** the **Rectangle Tool > Ellipse Tool**
3. Draw a **long ellipse** – not a circle
4. Set the **fill colour** to lime green and make the **stroke** transparent



## Warping the shape

5. **IMPORTANT:** on the **left toolbar** choose the **Direct Selection Tool**
6. Find the **four anchor points** – the blue squares on each side
7. **Click** on **one** of the anchor points until it turns into a **filled blue square**
8. **Drag** the anchor points to create a leaf shape
9. Click on the **bottom anchor point** to select it – make sure it turns into a **filled blue square**
10. On the **right sidebar**, find the **Convert section**
11. Click the **sharp corner option**. This creates a point rather than a curve



## Add a stem

12. On the **left toolbar**, **click and hold** the **Ellipse Tool** and pick the **Polygon Tool** (the hexagon)
13. **Click once** on the canvas and change **Sides** to **3 > OK**  
This creates a triangle
14. Use a **brown fill** and no stroke
15. From the **left toolbar** choose the **Selection Tool** (the top arrow). Use this to make the triangle long and thin to act as a stem for the leaf
16. **Save** your work and **export it** as a **PNG file** (**File > Export > Export As**)

