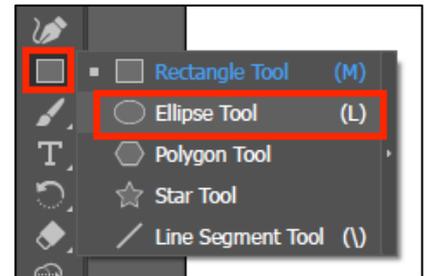# Making an awards badge

Setup

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

2. Click **View** > **Show Grid** (at bottom) to show grid across the Artboard

Drawing a circle

3. On the <u>left toolbar</u>, click and hold the Rectangle Tool > choose the Ellipse Tool

4. **Hold down SHIFT** and draw a perfect circle. Aim to fill about half of the artboard
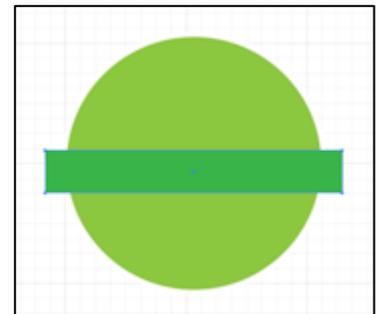
5. Use a use a solid **fill colour**

6. Make the **stroke** white at about 3 pt (**IMPORTANT** – you can't see this yet, but the stroke is crucial later)

7. **Select** the circle and use the **centre buttons** on the **<u>right sidebar</u>** to place it in the centre of the artboard

8. **Object** > **Lock** > **Selection** – this will lock the circle in place so that you can't accidentally move it later
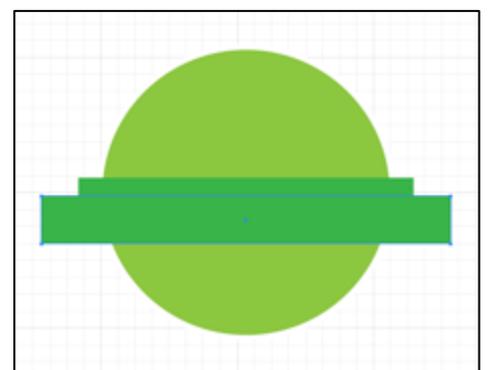
Add a rectangle

9. Click and hold the Ellipse Tool and switch back to the Rectangle Tool

10. Draw a rectangle across the circle as shown

11. Use a slightly darker **fill colour**

12. Make the **stroke** transparent (**IMPORTANT!!**)

Add the ribbon effect

13. Select the rectangle, **copy** it (**Edit** > **Copy**) and **paste** (**Edit** > **Paste**)

14. Make the rectangle a bit **longer** (no higher, just longer) and drag it down a little as shown
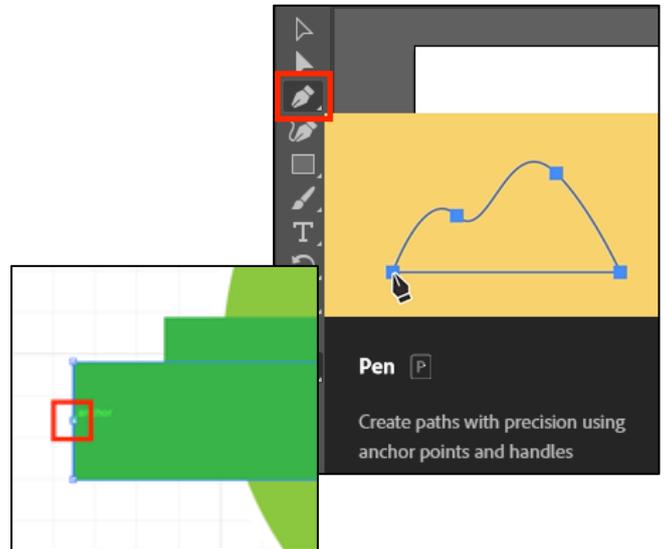
16. On the **left toolbar**, choose the **Pen Tool**

17. Click <u>once</u> **half way down** the **left end** of the **bigger rectangle** to add an anchor point
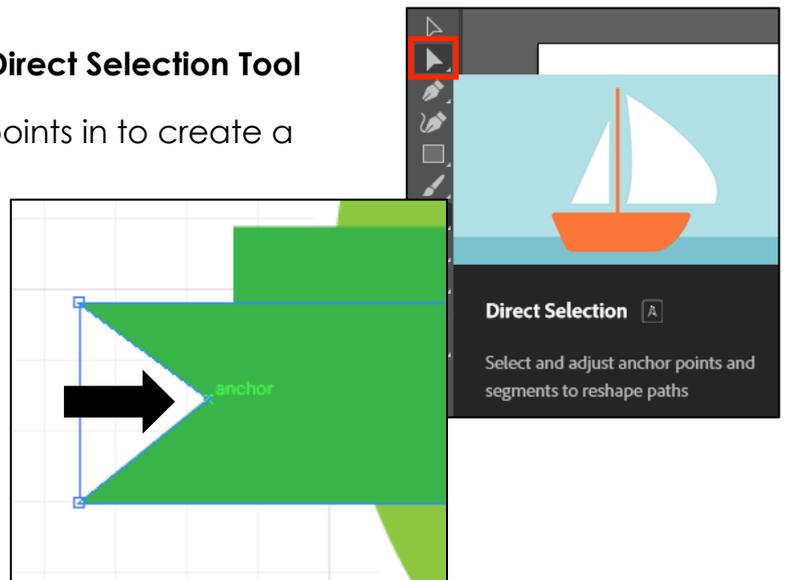
    It helps if you zoom in and use the grid

18. **Repeat** this on the right end

19. On the **left toolbar**, switch to the **Direct Selection Tool**

20. Use this to **drag** the new anchor points in to create a **ribbon look** at the end of the bigger rectangle
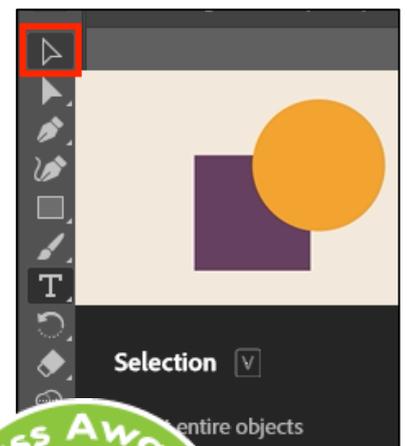
Finishing off

21. On the **left toolbar**, switch to the **Selection Tool**

22. Select the **bigger rectangle** – the one with the ribbon effect

23. Click **Object** > **Arrange** > **Send to Back**

24. Add lettering to the ribbon using the **Type Tool**

25. **Save** your work and **export** it as a **PNG file** (**File** > **Export** > **Export As**)

Options

- try adding the thin stroke to the top rectangle – or both of them

- change the width of the stroke on the circle

- add text on a curve (tricky)