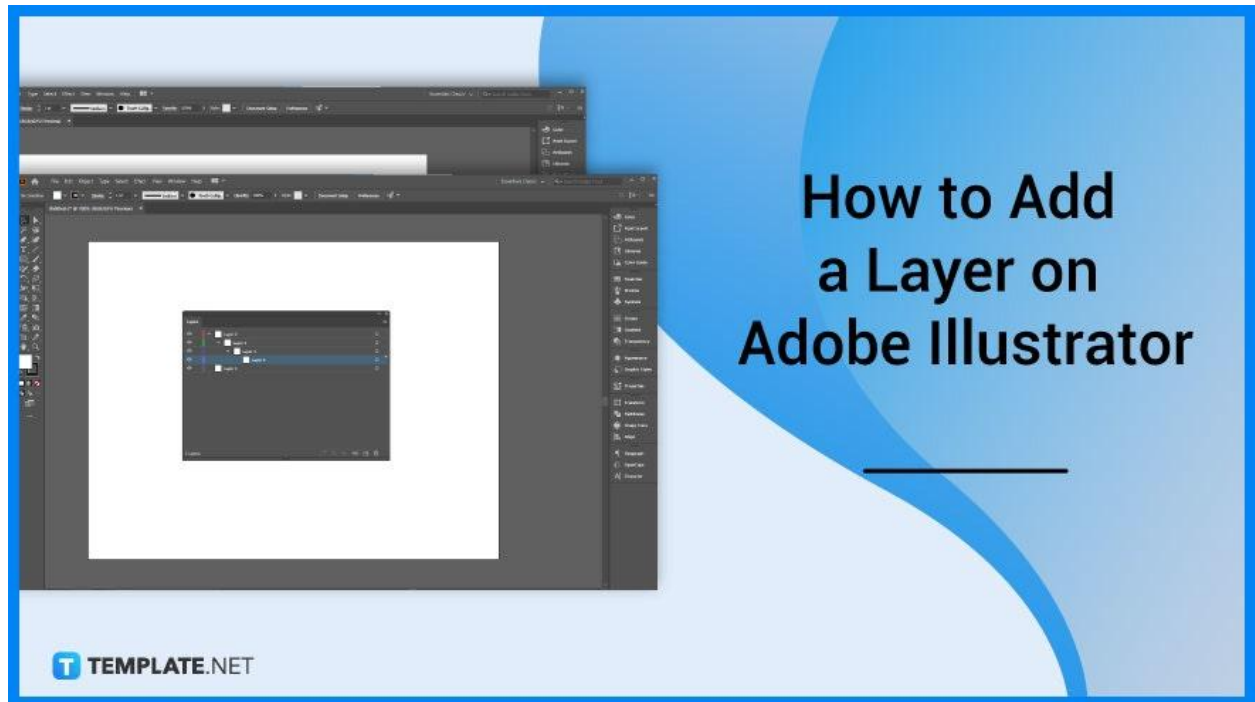# How to Add a Layer on Adobe Illustrator

Layers are essential tools in Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, and other Adobe software as they offer ways to manage all the components that make up your artwork or design. They act as systematic folders that assist you in changing or moving items for your creative work. Read this article to know more on how to simply add a layer on Adobe Illustrator.
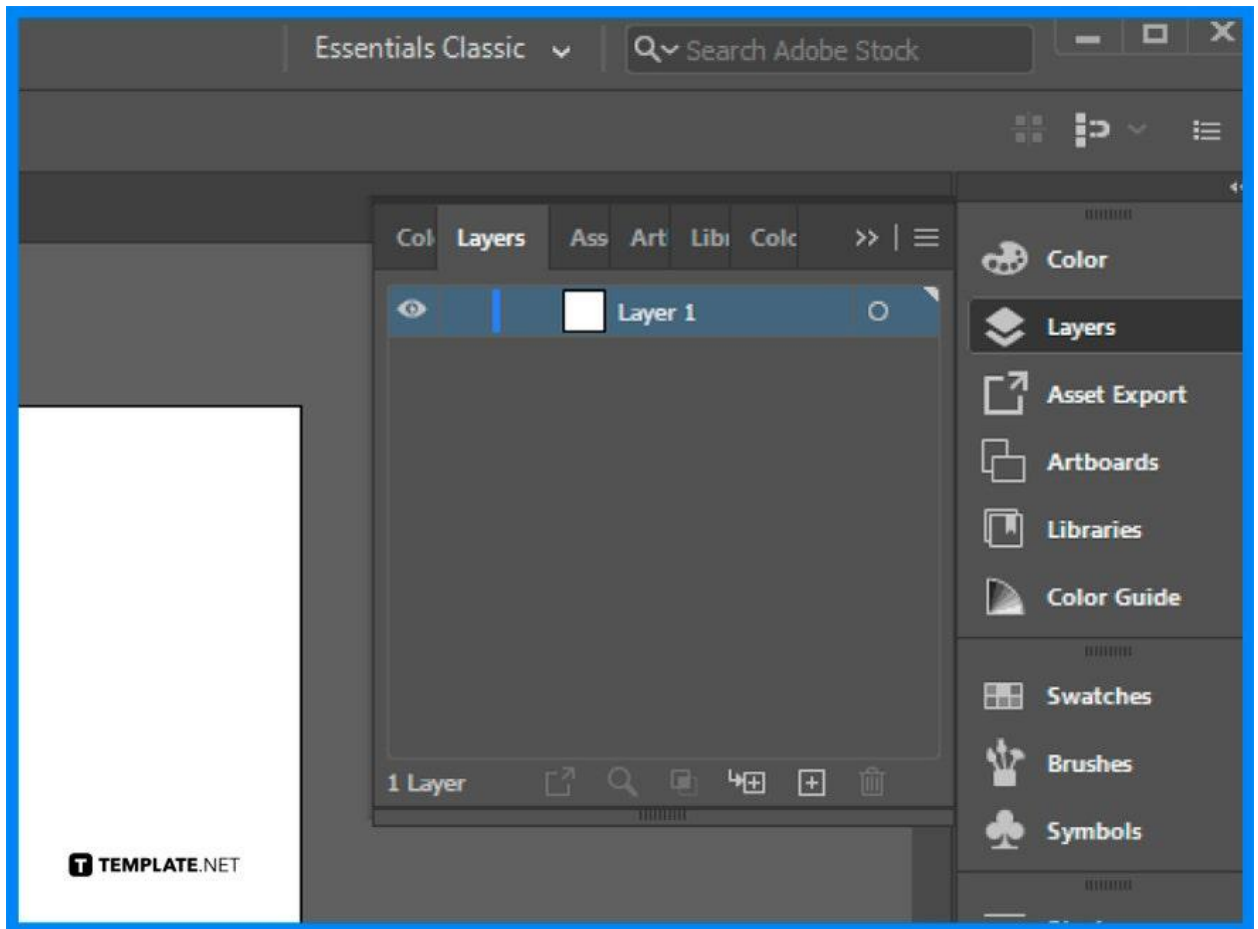

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Organizing the different components of your design or illustration work allows you to easily select, hide, lock and modify the appearance attributes of your work. Below are easy steps that you can follow if you need to add a layer on your ongoing project.
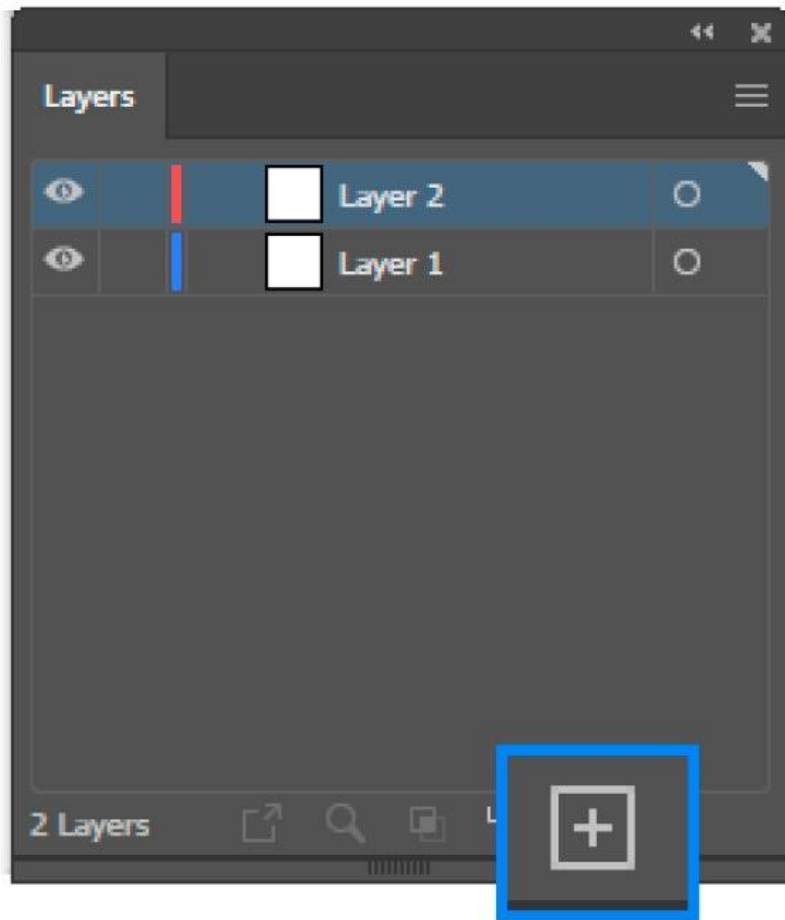
- **Step 1: Open the Layers Panel**
  Look at the bottom right of your workspace interface in Illustrator. Then, move and open the Layers panel near your artwork or design.
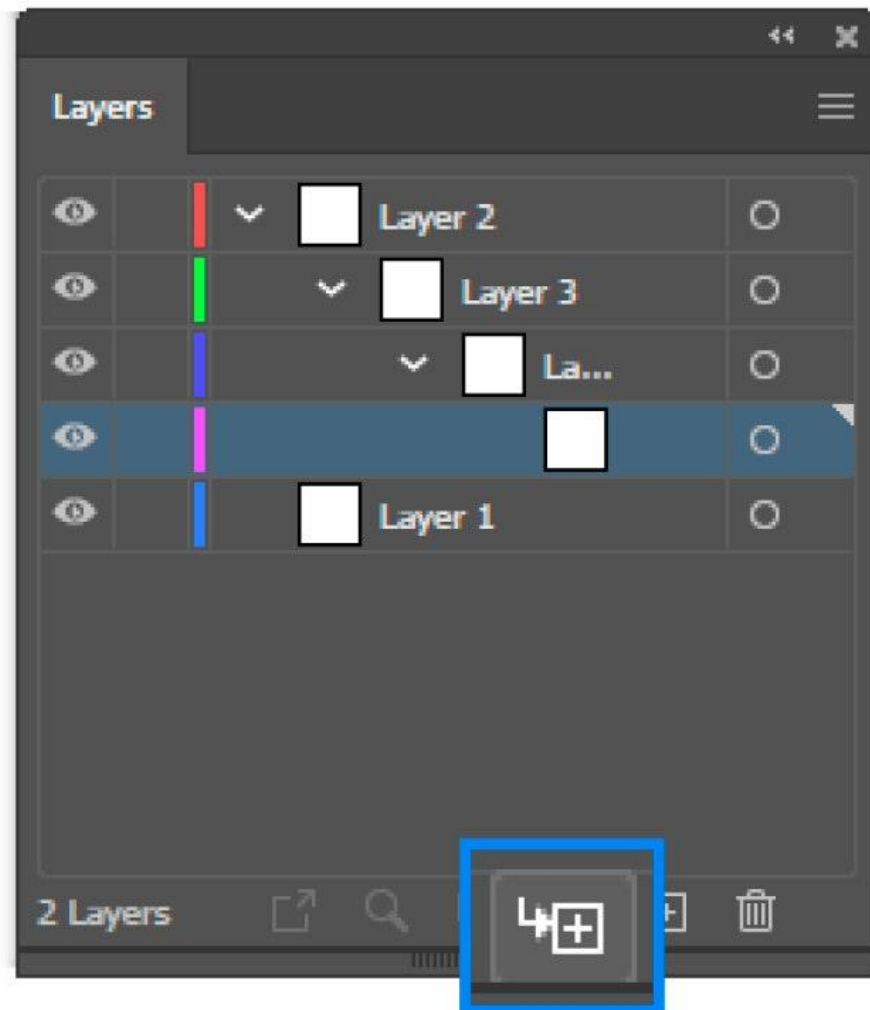
- **Step 2: Click Create New Layer**
  To make a new layer for your work, go to the fourth icon located at the bottom of the
  Layers Panel. Click Create New Layer, and you will see a new layer has been added
  on the panel and the total number of layers.

- **Step 3: Select Create New Sublayer**
  Press the Create New Sublayer, and this feature allows you to combine multiple objects and images in sublayers so that you can adjust each and every components of the artwork individually. Use this part if you want to adjust, and move other components inside the layer like the path.

FAQs

What are the different columns in the Layers Panel called in Illustrator?

The different columns in the Layers panel are visibility column, edit column, target column and selection column.

What is the purpose of layers in Adobe Illustrator?

Layers in Adobe Illustrator are useful in keeping the overall design process more neat and tidy so that artists and designers are able to easily track all the components of their work.

What is the advantage of using layers?

Using layers in your creative work lets you incorporate various components to a particular image and work on them one at a time without the need to modify your original image permanently; you can also adjust the color and brightness, include special effects, reposition layer content, and other things for your work.

What are the disadvantages of using layers?

Having too many layers in Illustrator can be very complicated to use and it is hard to specifically assign functionalities to the proper layer.

How to move an object to another layer?

Click the name of the destination layer in the Layers panel, choose Object > Arrange > Send to Current Layer from the Layers panel dropdown menu, drag the selected-art indicator at the right of the layer in the Layers panel, and then to the layer where you want to transfer the object.

How to make multiple layers in Illustrator?

Go to the Layers Panel, select the layers you want to merge, click on the Layer Panel Options and choose Merge selected.