

# Get to Know Graphic Styles in Illustrator

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Don't limit your styles to just text. Illustrator gives you the ability to style artwork in much the same way you style your text.

Properties that affect the appearance of your artwork, or text, can be captured into a Graphic Style. These styles, which appear in the Graphic Styles panel, can then be applied to any object in your [Illustrator](#) document. Graphic styles can include fill and stroke colors, stroke values, drop shadows, opacity, and any of the effects available within the appearance panel.

Graphic Styles provide a powerful way to explore design possibilities in a fraction of the time.

In the example below, we'll add some appearance properties onto the text for the ranking values. These properties will include a drop shadow, 3D extrusion, and rounded corners, which will give the text a puffy three-dimensional look.



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Next, select the text object and drag it into the Graphic Styles panel. You can then rename the style by double-clicking on the swatch. Finally, select any artwork or text objects within your layout and click on the style in the Graphic Styles panel to apply it.

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