

Indesign

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Cad Applications: Use And Understanding

PHOTOSHOP INDESIGN ILLUSTRATOR

USE

IMAGE EDITING: Creative artwork layering/ compositing between imagery. Editing and changing the fabric of the imagery. LAYOUT AND TYPOGRAPHY: software for compiling and producing creative portfolio design and industry standard practises such as lookbook design, swing tags, and promotional materials and CV's/essays.

USE

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WORKING DRAWINGS/PATTERNS: Vector based illustration package for use and application with flat technical drawings for manufacturing purposes. As a more creative tool the software can be used to create print pattern designs to be applied to both digital print, silk screen print, and laser cutting.

WEAKNESS

LAYOUT AND TYPOGRAPHY: Type is rasterised, therefore not as sharp as type created in INDESIGN. Lack of multiple viewable pages to create a sequence of pages that lack coherence as a project. Artwork is resolution dependant, so can only be enlarged to a certain degree.

WEAKNESS

RETOUCHING: Photographic manipulation: Although it has some ability with the software to layer imagery, this work is ideal for photoshop, so it's important to work between the two. As a creative tool Indesign lacks the tools useful to aid garment design in terms of placement prints and repeat print.

WEAKNESS

LAYOUT: Unable to effectively view an overview of portfolio pages as a layout tool due to it's overview of the layout.

STRENGTHS

IMAGE EDITING: As a creative tool to then aid the design of garments, such as photographic digital prints on to fabric from photographic imagery with the use of layered imagery and blend modes.

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ECONOMIC & TRANSFERABLE: Instead of having to print out various images to use as scrap book compositions, only the final layout needs to be printed. Digital portfolio's can be easily designed and sent out to employers and manufacturers

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DRAWING EASILY EDITED: Industry standard of a fast turnover of flat technical flats. Drawings can be quickly adjusted in illustrator. As a creative tool within the design process, eg, designing garments in illustrator to be transferred to be Laser cut.

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Photoshop retouching on photographic imagery



Illustrator embellishments with Photoshop tools



Textures and fabric samples in Line-ups



Swing tags / Packaging and branding



Garment Labels / Type setting



Look books / layout and commercial presentation.



Pattern design on garments



Digital print designs on fabric



Repeat patterns and the ability to construct these in Illustrator

Illustrator Notes

ILLUSTRATOR

Illustrator is a vector graphics editor used to create artwork for print design, technical drawing and graphic design.



PRINT DESIGN



TECHNICAL FLATS



GRAPHIC DESIGN

Pixel And Vector





Photoshop — Images built of square pixels, image quality and size dependant on pixels per inch. **Illustrator** — Images built from vector mathematics. Artwork can be blown up to any Scale.

Drawing Styles

Flat drawing

Closest representation of 2-D flat pattern required to make drawn item. IDEAL FOR TECHNICAL DRAWING AND MACHINIST SHEETS.

Freehand drawing

Usually shows how garment would look on an hanger, or as worn standing straight and still. To add folume, freehand sketeches use creases and folds. **IDEAL FOR RANGE PLANS**.

Life drawing

Closer to a fashion drwing than a technical drawing. Useful way to convey the mood and feel of a collection. **IDEAL FOR LINE UPS**.









Technical Flats In Illustrator



Flat sketches, also called "flats" in the fashion industry, are apparel sketches that show a garment as if it were laid "flat" to display all seams, topstitching, hardware, and any other design details. In the apparel industry, flat sketches are an important reference for patternmakers, technical designers, merchandisers, manufacturers and the production and sales teams. Flats are always included in presentation boards and tech packs as well as being a must in any fashion design portfolio.

Flats: Hand Drawn > Adobe Illustrator



HAND DRAWN FLAT

PROS - Initially easy and comfortable - Everyone has access to a pen and paper

CONS

- Inability to edit drawing for fast turnover
 looks messy and unprofessional
 Lack of symetry in flat drawings
 Detailing is laborious and limited
 Pattern and swatch inclusion is limited.
 Not industry standard
 - Jepordises employability



CAD (ILLUSTRATOR FLAT)

PROS

Quick and easy to edit and change the design
Intuative and simple to include pattern and material swatches in flat drawings.
Helps to properly visualise and exhibit intentions of a garment to a secondary party.
Ideal for rendering complex details
Industry standard

CONS

- Initially time consuming

- Need access to software





If you feel it's required, zoom in on details to aid the communication of the drawing.











Illustrator Use 2: Design Development



Flats can also aid the development process, as they can quickly be modified and changed. Placement print, fabric variations and the designs themselves can be modified quickly and responded to.











Illustrator Use 3: Range Plans



Range plans are used to exhibit the garments, colour ways, sizes, styles and price points in a single collection in an easy to understand presentation. A range plan drawing can be far more illustrative and thee dimensional than the spec based equivalent.

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Drawing Process/Drawing Reference To Use In Al







1. Flat photograph of sample or finished piece/ prototype used as reference

A 'birds eye' photograph. Easiest to trace round and reference details of product. The product is already flat, meaning not too much modifying when tracing in AI.

2. Hand Drawing used as reference

Second option - Draw it as flat as possible to make tracing the basic shape easier. Then render the details and construction in Al.

3. Toile Photograph used as reference

A toile photograph can be used but remember that the final Illustrator drawing has to be modified to appear completely flat, not as if it's being worm.

Drawing Process - Trouser Styles









Casual Trouser

Sports

Drawing Process - Shirt Styles



Basic Shirt

Patterned Shirt

Frill Shirt

Drawing Process - Creating Looks



Post Illustrator Higher Learning - Clo 3D



In second and third year, you also have the chance to experiment with 3D pattern cutting visulisation software such as Clo 3D to create renders of your final pieces. Learning the core digital skills in Illustrator will aid the cross-over to Clo 3D.