

Preparing Line Art for Coloring

Step 1

Open up the line art file.

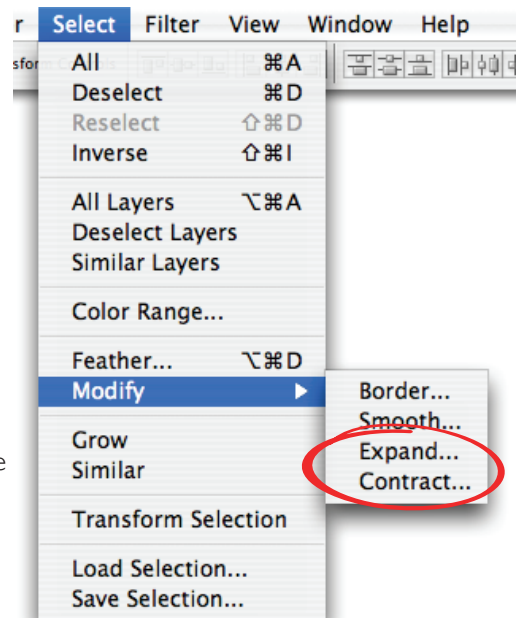
- Open clean line art file. This file should be cropped to its final size.
(**File > Open**)
- Immediately save with a new name indicating this will be a color file. (example: PW_RGB.tiff)
(**File > Save As**)
- Convert file from Bitmap to greyscale. If you are creating two color artwork leave the image as is.
(**Image > Mode > greyscale**)
- If you are creating full color art convert the greyscale image to either RGB or CMYK mode.
(**Image > Mode > RGB color**)
- Reduce dpi of illustration from 1200dpi to 400dpi.
(**Image > Image size > Resolution 400dpi**).

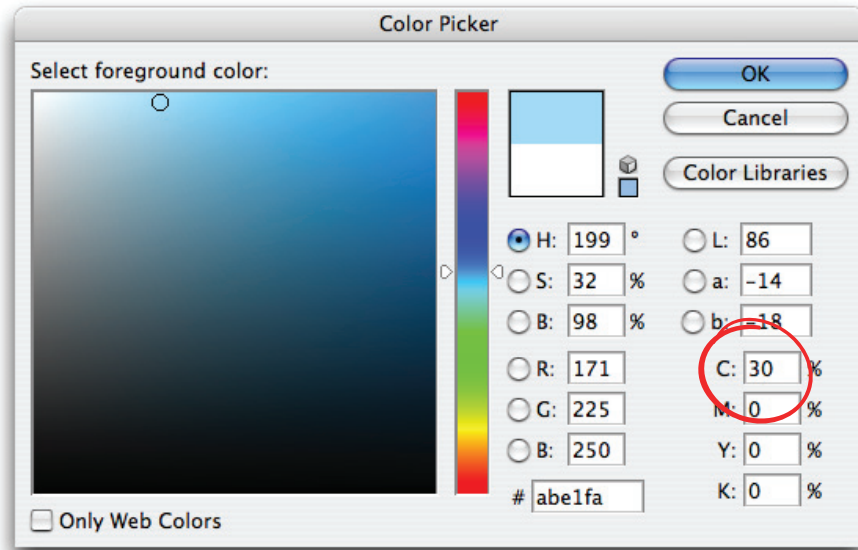


Step 2

Setting up the trapping layer.

- In the Layers palette rename the background layer to line art by double clicking on the words "Background Layer". In the new layer pop up window typing "Line Art" in the name field. At this time you should also change the layer's mode to Multiply.
- Create a new Layer.
(**Layer > New > Layer**)
Rename this layer Trapping and using the Layer Palette move it beneath the Line Art layer.
- Using the magic wand tool select all the black line art by clicking on a part of the line art with the tool. Be sure to have the Sample all Layers box checked and the Contiguous box unchecked.
- Reduce selection by one pixel.
(**Select > Modify > Contract**)
- If you are creating four color art, select a 30% percent Cyan from the color swatch palette (which might need to be made specifically for this purpose).
- Fill the selection. If you are creating two color art use 30% grey to fill the selection. (**Edit > Fill**).
- Choose Foreground Color in the Fill pop up window. Make sure the 30% Cyan was placed on the Trapping Layer not the Line Art Layer. See next page for 30% screenshot.





(Setting up the 30% cyan for the trapping layer.)

Step 3

Setting up the color layer.

- a) Create another new layer and name it Color. Then move this layer beneath the Line Art and Trapping Layer. Using a combination of tools (brush, magic wand, lasso), color the image as you like. Feel free to make as many layers as you need.
- b) Before compiling line art and color art in InDesign, delete Line Art layer.

