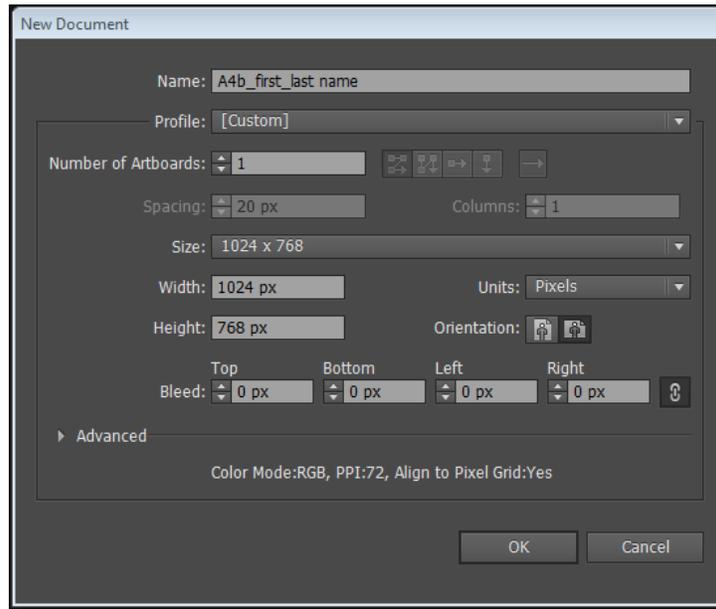


DGM 1110

Assignment 4a Illustrator Wire Frame Project

Wireframe

In this assignment, we are going to start the process of designing the simple layout of a website. This is usually the first step in the process to design a functional website.



Open up a new document and name it A4b_first_last name. Under profiles, select Web, and then under the size dropdown menu, select 1024 x 768. (double check to make sure the units are in pixels) Hit OK.

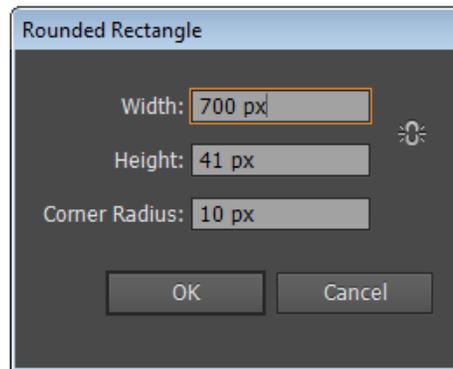


What we want to do is give a very basic outline of how we want the layout of our size to be. This is what we call a wireframe. We'll be setting up a basic blog site layout, so begin by selecting the Rectangle Tool to make the basic body of our site. Left click on the art board and set the Width to 750 px, and the height to 680px. Center the shape in the middle out your page, and fill it with a light gray. Also make sure the stroke is set to

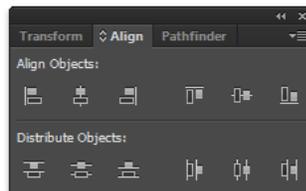
zero. You can resize it later if you need to your own preferences, but make sure smart guides is also turned on to help with placement. (View > Smart Guides)



With the selection tool, make sure your new rectangle is selected and go to the file menu, Object > Path > Offset Path, and choose 10 px. This will create another shape in front of the one that we already selected. Click in the middle of the shape to select our next shape, and fill this with white. We now have the basic body of our site. Select the Text tool, and create the words My Blog somewhere on the art board. Move it to the top, and change the font size to something around 48 pt. At this point it may be helpful to turn on the Rulers (CTRL/CMD R) and pull out some guides to center your text and objects as you see fit.



Next, let's create a simple spot for where our navigation bar will go. Select the Rounded Rectangle Tool, and before you right click on the art board, select a light shade of gray (or your shape will disappear into the background). Right click anywhere on the art board and set the shape to a width of 700 px, and a height of 40 px. Change the corner radius to 10 px.



Set the bar just under "My Blog". Create 4 more rounded rectangles (fill with white) with a width of 95 px, and height of 25 px. The corner radius should still be 10px. Roughly space them inside our grey bar for now. Then, while holding shift and the Selection tool, select all 4 white boxes along with your grey bar. Open the align window (Window > Align) and under the distribution, select the vertical distribution, and then Horizontal Alignment Left. You should end up with all four evenly spaced across your grey bar.

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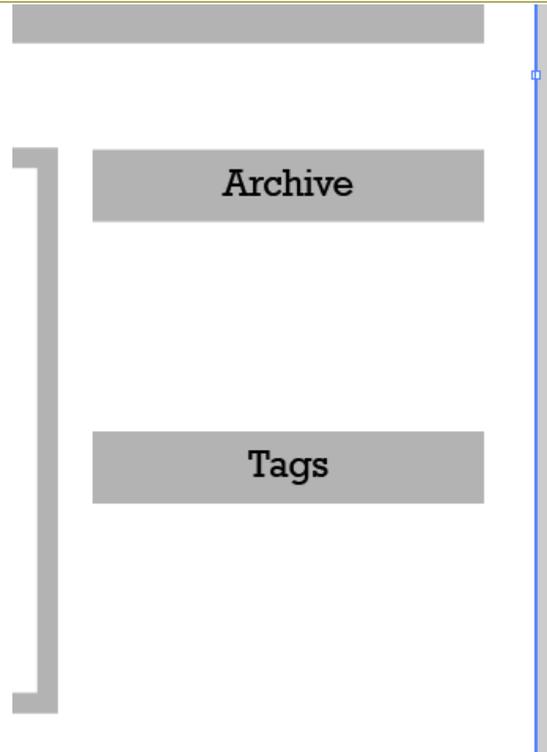
Archive

Label each button with Home, About, Contact, and Archive by using the text tool to create individual text for each button. Adjust the font type to something more basic and the size to fit in the buttons. You can align the text within the white rectangles the same way we did with the grey bar by holding shift, and selecting both, and then distributing them appropriately to your liking.

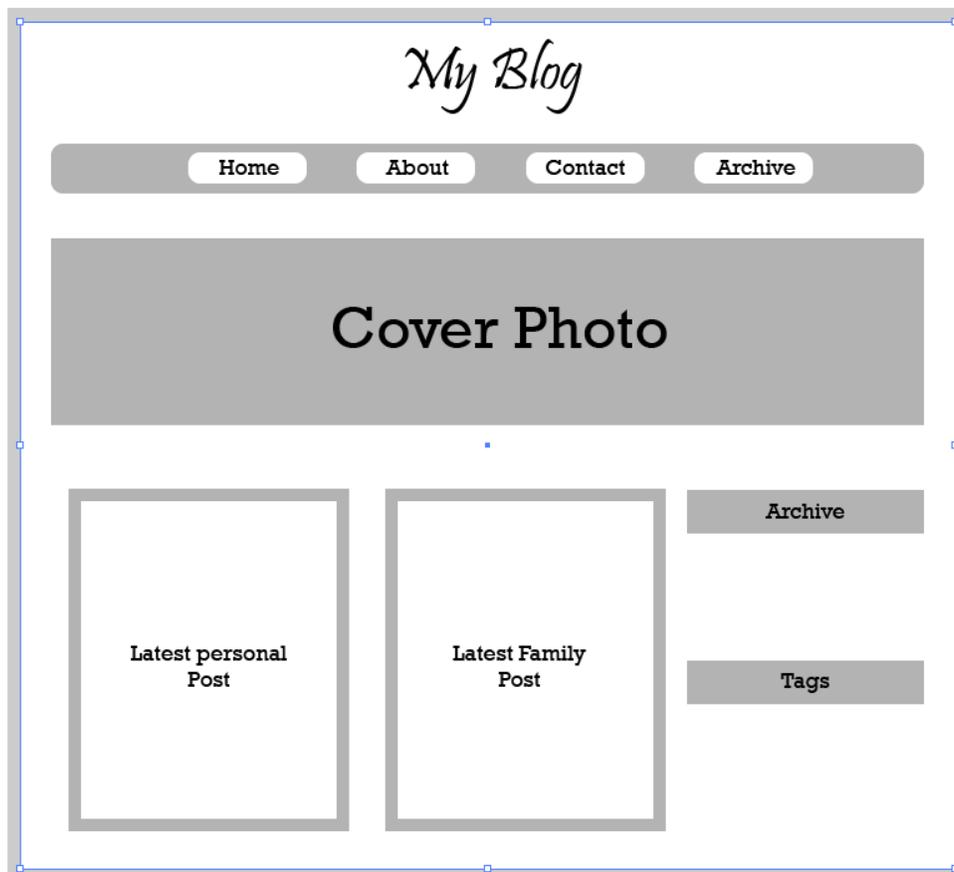
Now let's add a spot for our cover photo. Select the Rectangle tool, and left click on the art board. Make the shape 700 x 150 px. Create text to label this cover photo, and name it Cover Photo.



Let's add two spots for our latest blog entries along the bottom left under our cover photo. Select the rectangle tool, make sure gray is selected for your fill, and left click to set the size to 225 x 275 px. Copy (CTRL/CMD C) and Paste in front (CTRL/CMD F) to create another shape and drag it to the right. Again, select each box Object > Path > Offset Path, but this time put it -10 px. This will create a frame for each box. Label one as "Latest Personal Post", and the other as "Latest Family Post".



To finish up, let's add an Archive bar, and a Tags bar along the right. Remember, keep it basic for now since you're only doing a layout to guide the rest of what happens on the site. Create two rectangles with the rectangle tool that are 190 x 35 px. Distribute them below the cover photo, and to the right of our latest post boxes. Label them Archive, and Tags.



You should now have a basic wireframe for your new blog site.