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Icon	Tool or Action	Primary touch shortcut 	Secondary touch shortcut 
	Move	Move on X/Y axis	Duplicate
	Select	Add to selection	Select inside group
	Edit handles	Break handle pairing	Mirror handles
	Select points	Add to selection	None
	Scale from corner	Scale non-proportionally	Scale from center
	Scale from side or top	Scale both sides	None
	Rotate	Snap to 45 degrees	Snap to 10 degrees
	Drag handles	Break handle pairing	Move point
	Create shape	Draw unconstrained shape	Constrain from center
	Select layers	Add to selection	None

Picture	Gesture	Action
	2-finger tap	Undo
	3-finger tap	Redo
	Double-tap on a selected object	Edit points
	Drag to scrub values in fields	Scrub
	Drag the top bar to move it to the canvas	Remove from toolbar
	Tap and hold or double-tap tools and actions for more options	Show more options
	Use a 2-finger drag to pan and pinch to zoom	Zoom and pan canvas
	Use a quick 2-finger pinch	Fit to view

Using primary touch shortcut: Tap and hold the center of the touch shortcut icon with your other hand to activate the primary action of the selected tool.

Using secondary touch shortcut: Tap and slide to the outer edge of the touch shortcut icon with your other hand to activate the secondary action of the selected tool.

To view a list of touch shortcuts in Illustrator on your iPad, do this:

Tap  in the upper-right corner of the document workspace and then tap View touch shortcuts. Tap  in the upper-right corner of workspace and then go to App settings > Help > Touch shortcut.



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Illustrator on the iPad 2026 keyboard shortcuts

Connect a keyboard to the iPad for productivity. To view the keyboard shortcuts map for Illustrator on your iPad:

- From the Home screen, go to App settings > Help > Keyboard shortcuts.
- From the workspace, go to Help > View keyboard shortcuts.

COMMON TASKS

Cut	.....	Cmd + X
Copy	.....	Cmd + C
Paste	.....	Cmd + V
Paste in front	.....	Cmd + F
Paste in back	.....	Cmd + B
Delete	.....	Delete
Undo	.....	Cmd + Z
Redo	.....	Cmd + Shift + Z
Undo or Redo	.....	Cmd + Z or Shift + Cmd + Z
Switch between current and selection tool	.....	Cmd
Create new layer	.....	Cmd + L
Create new	.....	Cmd + N
Remove fill or stroke color	.....	/

TOOLS

Pen	.....	P
Pencil	.....	N
Rectangle	.....	M
Ellipse	.....	L
Text (horizontal)	.....	T
Selection	.....	V
Direct selection	.....	A
Artboard	.....	Shift + O
Blob brush	.....	Shift + B
Shape builder	.....	Shift + M
Eraser	.....	Shift + E

OBJECTS

Select all objects or text	.....	Cmd + A
Deselect	.....	Cmd + Shift + A
Select on active artboard	.....	Cmd + Opt + A
Group	.....	Cmd + G
Ungroup	.....	Cmd + Shift + G
Lock	.....	Cmd + 2
Unlock all	.....	Cmd + Opt + 2
Hide	.....	Cmd + 3
Show all	.....	Cmd + Opt + 3
Duplicate	.....	Opt + click + drag
Bring to front	.....	Shift + Cmd + }
Bring forward	.....	Cmd + }
Send to back	.....	Shift + Cmd + {
Send backward	.....	Cmd + {
Nudge object or change value	.....	arrow ▲/▼
Nudge object	.....	arrow ◀/▶
Nudge object or change by 10x	.....	Shift + arrow ▲/▼
Nudge object by 10x	.....	Shift + arrow ◀/▶
Swap fill and stroke colors	.....	Shift + X
Move in 45-degree constraints	.....	Shift + drag

TEXT

Outline text	.....	Cmd + Shift + O
Text size up	.....	Shift + Cmd + .
Text size down	.....	Shift + Cmd + ,
Kerning	.....	Opt + ◀/▶ arrow + edit text
Increase or decrease kerning	.....	Cmd + Shift + [/]
Inc or dec tracking	.....	Opt + ◀/▶ + text object
Increase or decrease leading	.....	Opt + ▲/▼ arrow

APP SETTINGS

App settings	.....	Cmd + K
Units in app settings	.....	Cmd + ,
Open file settings	.....	Cmd + Opt + P

DRAWING

Break handle pairing	.....	Opt + draw smooth point
Snap handles 45°	.....	Shift + draw smooth point
Move anchor point	.....	Space + draw smooth point
Handles indpdntly	.....	Cmd + draw smooth point
Handles indpdntly	.....	Opt + close path w/ drag
Reposition anchor point	.....	Space + close path
Draw constrained 45°	.....	Shift + draw w/ blob brush
Switch to smooth tool	.....	Opt + draw w/ blob brush
Draw from center	.....	Opt + shape tool/area text tool
Draw constrain center	.....	Opt + Shift + shape tool
Draw constrain center	.....	Opt + Shift + area text tool
Resize unconstrain center	.....	Opt + resize area text
Lock proportions	.....	Shift + scale artboard
Join end points; repeat closes all points	.....	Cmd + J
End current path and start new	.....	Esc

GUIDES & GRIDS

Hide or show Smart Guides	.....	Cmd + U
Hide or show grids	.....	Cmd + '
Hide or show guides	.....	Cmd + ;
Lock or unlock guides	.....	Cmd + Opt + ;

PATHS & MASKS

Make clipping mask	.....	Cmd + 7
Release clipping mask	.....	Cmd + Opt + 7
Make compound path	.....	Cmd + 8
Release compound path	.....	Cmd + Opt + 8

ZOOM

Zoom in	.....	Cmd + +
Zoom out	.....	Cmd + -
Fit artboard to screen	.....	Cmd + 0
Actual size	.....	Cmd + 1
Outline view	.....	Cmd + Y

