



# HOW TO SKEW OBJECTS OR TEXT IN ADOBE® INDESIGN®

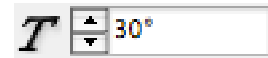
The Shear tool or Skew on the Control and Transform palettes slants an object or text along its horizontal axis. The Shear dialog box can also shear an object along a vertical or slanted axis. Skewing or Shearing may be used to create a shadow or simulate some types of perspective.

## CONTROL PALETTE AND TRANSFORM PALETTE

Control palette

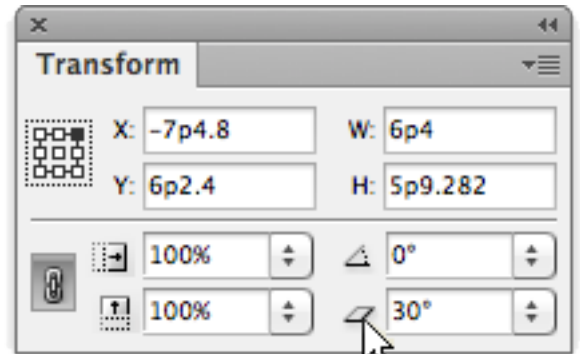


- Click on the object or text with the **Selection** tool or highlight text with the **Type** tool.
- Click a point on the Proxy, the object is skewed from this point.
- Type an angle measurement in the Skew (object) or Shear X Angle (text) field (same field - different name).
- Positive values skew to the right.
- Negative values skew to the left.
- Press Enter/Return or
- Choose an angle from the drop-down menu.
- Text is given a false italic with the Skew tool, use it with caution.



***SKREW***

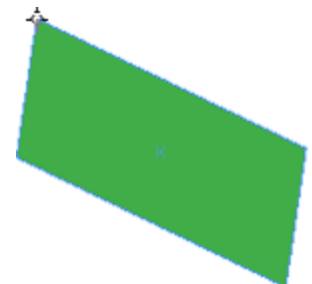
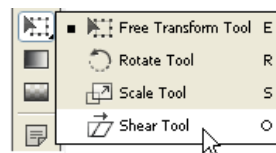
Transform palette



Shear X Angle

## SHEAR TOOL

- Select the object with the **Selection** tool.
- Click on the **Shear** tool tool.
- CS6-Click and hold on the Free Transform tool, choose Shear
- CS5 and below-Click and hold on the Scale tool, choose Shear
- Click away from the object and drag.
- Drag to the left to shear to the right, drag to the right to shear to the left.
- The farther from the object you click, the more control you will have.
- The object will shear from the point selected on the Proxy.
- Hold down the Shift key to constrain the shear to 45° increments.

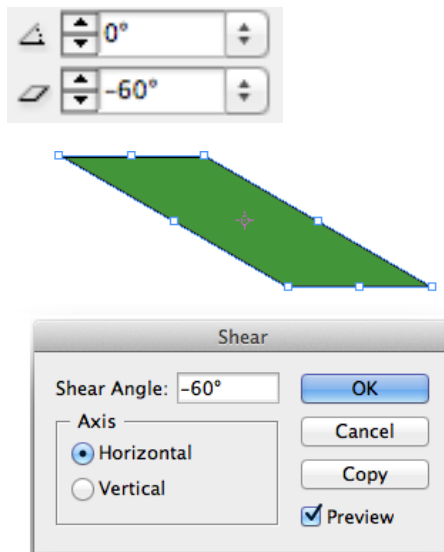


## SHEAR DIALOG BOX

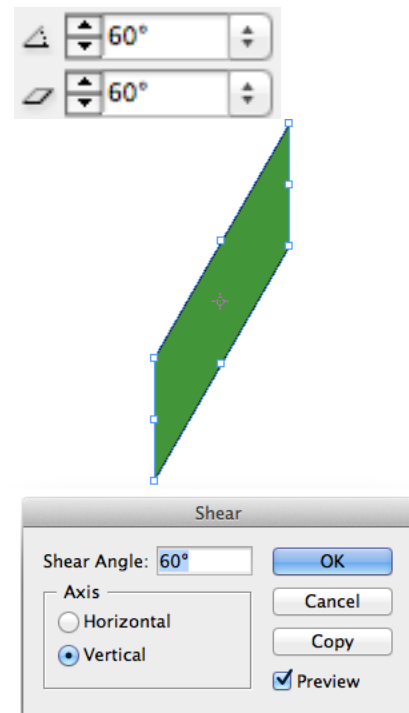


- Select the object or text with the **Selection** tool.
- Double click on the **Shear** tool.
- Type an angle in the **Shear Angle** field. The object will shear clockwise from the current axis.
- Choose the **Horizontal** or **Vertical** axis
- The same effect can be created using the Control palette in the **Rotation Angle** and **Shear X Angle** fields.
- Check **Preview** to see the change take place.
- Click **OK** to finish.
- Click **Copy** to shear a copy of the object. Use this option if a shadow will be created behind the object.

Shear Horizontal



Shear Vertical



## TO CREATE THE SHADOW:

- Select the top copy with the **Selection** tool or highlight text with the **Type** tool.
- In the **Swatches**, select a **Tint** percentage in the **Tint %** field.
- Send the shadow to the back. Go **Object > Arrange > Send to Back** or Windows: **Ctrl + Shift + [** or Mac: **Command + Shift + [**.
- Reposition the shadow if necessary using the arrow keys.

**SKEW**