



Creating a Rhinestone Brush

1. Select the “Ellipse Tool” from the tools toolbar on the left hand side.
2. Click once without dragging your mouse and the Ellipse option window will open up.
3. Enter the width and height of the circles you want cut out. It is usually best to make the circles slightly larger than the width of the rhinestones you will be using.
4. Click “OK”.
5. You will now have circle that you can select and modify the coloring of if wanted.
6. Once you have the color and sizing set you will select the circle and click and drag it into the “Brushes” window.
7. In the “New Brush” window that opens up, select “New Scatter Brush” and click “OK”.
8. The “Scatter Brush Options” window appears. The only setting you will need to change for now is the “Rotation relative to:” It should be set to “Path.”
9. Click “OK.” Your new brush is now available for use.

Note: Brushes will only be available for your current project unless you save them into a Library.

Save Brush Library:

If you would like to save it for future use you can click the icon in the lower left corner of the “Brushes” window and then select “Save Brushes” in the drop down. Then name the Brush Library and click “Save.”

Load Brush Library:

To open them in future projects you will need to click the icon in the upper right corner of the “Brushes” window. Hover over “Open Brush Library” from the dropdown and then over “User Defined.” Select the library that you saved before and a new Brushes window will appear.

Applying Rhinestones to Path

1. Open/Create your vectored design.
2. Some artwork may need to be separated from other components in the design in order for a brush to be applied. If this is the case you will need to select your design and click “Object>Expand.” You will want to use the default settings in this window and then click “OK.”
3. Now select the paths that you will want to apply rhinestones to. Select the brush from the Brushes window. This will apply the circle brush you created earlier.
4. We now need to set the spacing of the rhinestones. Double click the brush you just applied to open the “Scatter Brush Options” window.
5. To make this part easier click the checkbox to turn Preview on. This will allow you to see the changes in spacing as you make them. To change the spacing drag the slider for “Spacing” to the right or left. Click “OK” once done. Click “Apply to Strokes.”
6. Now in order to edit each individual rhinestone you will need to go to “Object>Expand Appearance. This will make each rhinestone its own shape.
7. All the rhinestone will be grouped together. To ungroup them select them then go to “Object>Ungroup.” If your design has several individual pieces you may need to do this twice.
8. Finally, you can edit the positioning of each rhinestone and once completed you will be ready to send it to your cutter.