Draw a Summer Ice Cream Seamless Pattern in 10 Easy Steps

Summer is officially here! The best way to fight the summer heat is with a handful of delicious ice cream. While we won’t be learning how to make ice cream, we will be learning how to illustrate it. In this tutorial, we’re going to create a colorful ice cream seamless pattern using simple geometric shapes and handy functions in Adobe Illustrator. Let’s get cool!

Tutorial Details:

- **Program:** Adobe Illustrator CS6-CC
- **Difficulty:** Beginner
- **Topics Covered:** Shape Building, Align Panel, Pattern Tool
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 15 Minutes

Final Image: Ice Cream Seamless Pattern

Step 1

Take the **Rectangle Tool (M)** and make a **190 x 300 px** pink rectangle for the fruit ice. Then switch to the **Direct Selection Tool (A)** and select both top corners of the shape. Once you see a circle marker of the **Live Corners** next to each selected corner, pull either of them down, making the top corners rounded.

We can also edit the radius of the **Corners** manually by setting the exact value in the control panel on top.

Step 2

Let’s make the bottom corners slightly rounded as well, but not as much as the top of the shape.

Step 3

Continue using the **Rectangle Tool (M)** or grab the **Rounded Rectangle Tool** (in the same drop down menu) to create a **32 x 190 px** shape with fully rounded corners.

Make the shape a bit darker, forming a deepening on the surface of the ice.

Step 4

Now switch to the **Selection Tool (V)**, hold down **Alt-Shift** and move the rounded rectangle to the right to create a copy. Then press **Control-D** to repeat the last action, creating a third copy.

Step 5

We need to make sure that all the elements are perfectly centered. Let’s select the dark rounded rectangles and **Group (Control-G)** them.

Now select everything **(Control-A)** and open the **Align** menu in the control panel on top or from **Window > Align.**

Set **Align to Artboard** and click **Horizontal Align Center.** Now everything should be centered to the middle of our canvas.

Step 6

Let’s add a wooden stick to the bottom of our ice cream. Grab the **Rounded Rectangle Tool** and make a **45 x 135 px** light-brown shape. Keeping the shape selected, press **Shift-Control-[** to **Send to Back.**

Step 7

Great! Now that our ice cream is ready, we can **Duplicate** it **(Control-C > Control-V)** a couple of times and vary the colors of the icy parts.

Step 8

Let’s create a pattern! Select all the created ice creams and go to **Object > Pattern > Make.**

Step 9

From here, in the **Pattern Options** window we have some **Tile** settings that can make our pattern even more unique, so don’t hesitate and try them out! But as for this tutorial, we’re going to use the basic ones.

Let’s set the **Width** and **Height** of the **Tile** box to **600 x 600 px**

and leave everything else by default.

Move the ice creams and rotate them, looking for an interesting composition. You will see dimmed copies of the original objects around the **Tile** box. That really helps to visualize how our pattern will look like after it is ready.

Don’t be afraid to try various options – you will be able to return to the edit mode at any moment.

Once you’re happy with the result, click the **Done** button in the top panel.

Step 10

Now we can find our pattern in the **Swatches** panel **(Window > Swatches).** As you select it, press the **Edit Pattern** button in the bottom of the panel if you want to change something or add more details.

Otherwise, create any geometric shape (for example, a rectangle) and click our pattern in **Swatches** to apply it.

Voila! Our Ice cream Seamless Pattern is Finished!

Good job, guys! This ice cream seamless pattern will look great both on fabric and in digital version as a background for a blog.

I hope you've enjoyed following this tutorial and will create more colorful summer patterns!

Stay cool!

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