How To Draw A Birdhouse in 10 Simple Steps!

This time we'll be creating a lovely wooden birdhouse with blooming flowers. We'll learn using simple shapes and modifying them with the **Shape Builder Tool** as well as applying **Effects** in order to create things fast and easy! Let's begin!

Tutorial Details

- **Program:** Adobe Illustrator CS6 – CC
- **Difficulty:** Intermediate
- **Topics Covered:** Shape Building, Effects, Shape Builder Tool, Align panel
- **Estimated Completion Time:** 20 minutes

Final Image: Birdhouse

Step 1

Create a **New Document** of **600 x 600 px** size, **RGB Color Mode**. If you don’t like working on a blank white canvas, grab the **Rectangle Tool (M)** and create a **600 x 600 px** blue square for the background. Keeping it selected, use the **Align** functions in the control panel on top (or **Window > Align**) to center your square. Now we can **Lock** the background layer in the **Layers** panel and create a **New Layer** for the birdhouse.

Let’s begin building our birdhouse from a square. Use the **Rectangle Tool (M)** to make a **250 x 250 px** white shape.

Step 2

Now let’s make a roof. Take the **Rounded Rectangle Tool** (you can find it in the same drop-down menu as the **Rectangle Tool**) and make a **300 x 25 px** brown shape. We can control the **Corner radius** of our shape by selecting it with the **Direct Selection Tool (A)** and editing the value in the control panel on top.

Use the **Selection Tool (V)** to rotate the shape **45 degrees.**

Step 3

Keeping the brown shape selected, double-click the **Reflect Tool (O),** select the **Vertical Axis** and click **Copy** to flip the shape to the other side. Combine both pieces of the roof and **Group (Control-G)** them.

Now we can select everything and click **Horizontal Align Center** to make everything perfectly aligned.

Step 4

Now we don’t need the top white corners of the house, so let’s get rid of them. Select everything and take the **Shape Builder Tool (Shift-M).** Hover the mouse over the top left corner, hold **Alt** and click to delete it. There we go! Repeat the same for the opposite corner.

Step 5

Create the bottom part of the birdhouse from a **287 x 25 px** brown rectangle with rounded corners.

Now take the **Ellipse Tool (L)**, hold **Shift** and draw a **100 x 100 px** circle.

Use the **Align** panel to center everything to the Artboard.

Step 6

Use the **Rectangle Tool (M)** to make a **250 x 4 px** grey line and align it to the white shape of the birdhouse.

Step 7

Select the created shape, hold **Alt-Shift** and drag the shape up to create a copy. Then press **Control-D** a few times to repeat the last action.

Once we have all the lines, select them and press **Control-8** to **Make Compound Path,** turning separate objects into one single shape.

Step 8

Let’s select everything and use the **Shape Builder Tool (Shift-M)** to delete all the pieces on the top of the birdhouse that we don’t need. Hold down **Alt** and click the tips of the lines to delete them.

Select the wooden parts and the circle element and press **Shift-Control-]** to **Bring to Front.**

Step 9

Let’s make some flowers to decorate the birdhouse. Use the **Polygon Tool** to make a hexagon. Go to **Effect > Distort & Transform > Pucker & Bloat** and set the **Bloat** value to **50%**. Then **Object > Expand Appearance** to apply the effect.

Finish up with the flower by adding a yellow circle in the center of the flower.

Step 10

Now that our birdhouse is ready, let’s make some more copies of the flowers and add them to the composition. I’ve also placed an additional circle to the front side of the house, making it look more interesting.

Great work! Our Birdhouse is Finished!

There we have it, guys! Our birdhouse with spring blooming flowers is built. I hope you've enjoyed following this tutorial and found some useful tips and tricks that will help you!

Have fun!

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