



MIRRORME

Introductory Manual for Version 1



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This Introductory Manual describes only what's required to get up-and-running with MirrorMe—the basic essentials. To get the most out of this Adobe Illustrator plugin, a series of movies has been produced to better illustrate what's possible and how to quickly and easily achieve it.

Visit www.astutegraphics.com/products/mirrorme/movies.html



Installation

MirrorMe is supplied as a single standard Illustrator plugin and are installed using standard Mac OS or Windows installer systems. The license key unlocks the trial version into the full version.

MirrorMe requires Adobe Illustrator CS5, CS6 or Illustrator Creative Cloud version 17 — referred to hereon as “CC(17)” — to operate.

Unified installer

MirrorMe is available for Illustrator CS5 to CC(17) via a single unified installer. The installer process should automatically locate each version of Illustrator present on your computer and install the correct plug-in version. Note that Illustrator CS5, CS6 and CC each require a different plug-in version.

Important!

You may require computer administrator rights to install MirrorMe.



Mac OS 10.5 and above

1. Quit Illustrator.
2. Open the “MirrorMe.dmg” disk image
3. Start the “MirrorMe” installer package and follow the instructions.
Note: the installer will attempt to seek all installations of Illustrator CS5, CS6 and CC and provide options to install for one or more of these. It is also possible to manually specify the target folder for each installation by clicking on the [...] button to the right of each entry.
4. Start Illustrator. You can confirm that the software has been successfully installed, running initially in its Trial period, but following Illustrator » About MirrorMe... (Cancel closes the window).

Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8

1. Quit Illustrator.
2. Open the .zip archive and extract the “MirrorMe.exe” program installer file.
3. Start the installer and follow the instructions.
*Note: the installer will attempt to seek all installations of Illustrator CS5, CS6 and CC and provide options to install for one or more of these. The appropriate 32 or 64 bit version will be installed automatically. It is also possible to manually specify the target folder for each installation by clicking on the **Browse** button to the right of each entry.*
4. Start Illustrator. You can confirm that the software has been successfully installed, running initially in its Trial period, but following Help » About MirrorMe...

Notes

- If you later wish to install MirrorMe for other versions of Adobe Illustrator on the same computer (not virtual machines), simply re-run the installation process.



Trial period and licensing

When installed for the first time, MirrorMe operates in a Trial period for a nominal period. When in this mode, you have access to all tools.

Upon expiry of the Trial period, the tools are no longer active and an information window stating that the Trial has expired will be displayed in the tool's panels or when attempting to switch to one of the tools via the Illustrator toolbar.

To continue using the tools, you will need to purchase a license, which will result in a license key being sent by email. To purchase a license key, please visit www.astutegraphics.com/buy/. Keep this information safe for future reference.

The license key allows you to install on all computers for the number of concurrent users determined by the number of licenses purchased. Confirmation of the number of concurrent users permitted is displayed when a license key is successfully applied.

Notes

- The Astute Graphics licensing system applies valid license keys for the whole computer, not just individual installations of Adobe Illustrator. It's therefore possible to simultaneously operate licensed copies of the plug-in on more than one installation of Adobe Illustrator simultaneously.
- **It is very important that you store your license key safely for both future reference and to ensure that others do not gain improper access to it. As per the license agreement displayed during the installation process, Astute Graphics retains the right to block the use of any licenses which have found to be misused.**



Activating with a license key

Once you have installed MirrorMe and received your license key following purchase, follow:

Illustrator » About MirrorMe... (Mac OS)

Help » About MirrorMe... (Windows)

To license MirrorMe, take the following steps:

1. Click on the Activate button
2. Copy and paste the license key into the box and click OK

You may be asked to enter your, or your administrator, password; please do so
3. If successful, you will be informed that MirrorMe is activated and confirmation of the number of concurrent users permitted
4. Click OK and further confirmation of the plug-in version/level licensed may be seen in the About window
5. Click on the Close button to close the About window and restart Illustrator to ensure you have access to the plug-in toolset

It is also possible to gain direct access to the Activate / Deactivate window by following Help » Astute Graphics » MirrorMe » Licensing...

The activation process may be repeated on all computers to be used by the concurrent user(s).





De-activating your computer

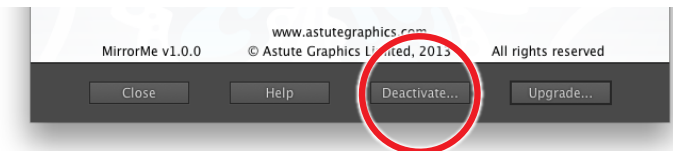
If you intend to change computer, discarding your existing licensed computer, it is essential that you first de-activate your license. Failure to do so may result in abuse of your license key which will result in the key being blocked for future use!

When ready to de-activate your computer, open the About window following:

Illustrator » About MirrorMe... (Mac OS)

Help » About MirrorMe... (Windows)

1. Click on the Deactivate button
2. Confirm that you intend to de-activate your computer
3. Following confirmation, close the confirmation and About window
4. Restart Illustrator



It is possible to re-activate the computer at a later date by following the previous activation instructions.

Other online services

The Help » Astute Graphics » MirrorMe » menu also contains entries for the following services:

- **Check for Updates:** opens a website page detailing the latest public versions of MirrorMe ready for download.
- **Buy/Upgrade:** if you are still operating in the Trial period, this will take you to the online purchase web page. If you are already operating a licensed version of MirrorMe, you will be taken directly to the upgrade page. If your license number is available, you can proceed immediately with the upgrade process without need of the original invoice number.
- **Licensing Help:** for additional information of the licensing system, including automated assistance tools, this will open the www.astutegraphics.com/licensing/ web page.



Introduction

Mirror your artwork instantly on one single or multiple reflective axis. This will become an essential part of your daily vector design workflow.

Draw faces / characters / patterns / fractal & kaleidoscope effects with simplicity and have fun while you work. Recycle your existing artwork elements into exciting new designs and patterns in seconds. See a transformation before your eyes!

Get more from MirrorMe - Movies

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Get more from MirrorMe - Example files

Some great examples files are supplied with MirrorMe, including:

Liquorice

Intricate patterns created with simple MirrorMe steps to result in a wonderful packaging design. Be warned — this file is highly detailed!

Text Fractal

Having first converted simple text characters to shapes, MirrorMe was used to create this artwork with ever-increasing detail towards the edge.

Creative Harmony

MirrorMe's flexible persistent layers-based mirroring mechanism lends itself perfectly to quick and accurate symmetrical character design. Note that not all aspects are mirrored through the wise control of the tool.

Von Patterns

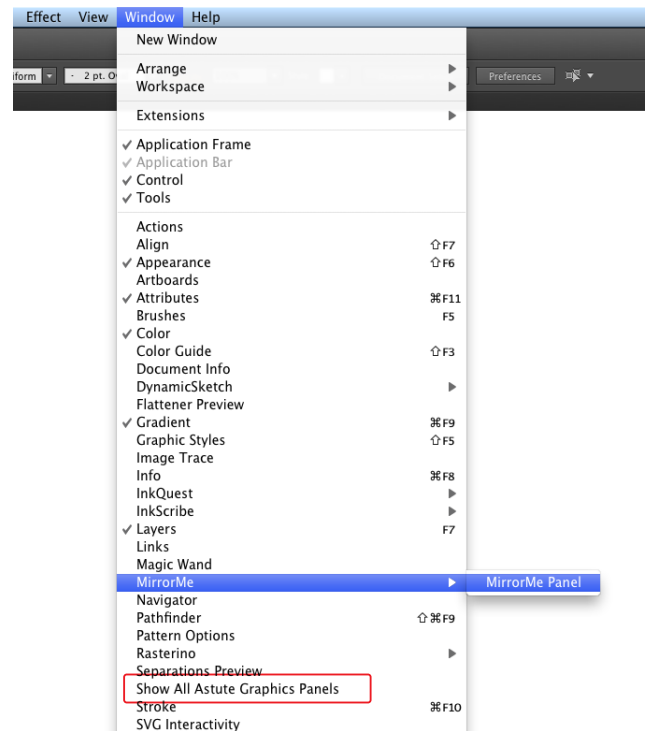
A set of three patterns by the master of vector — Von Glitschka. Using simple elements to create effective patterns in seconds is now possible.



Opening the MirrorMe panel

Once the MirrorMe plugin is installed, the tool's panel may be opened by selecting [Illustrator] Window » MirrorMe » MirrorMe Panel (shown right).

Alternatively, opt for Window » Show All Astute Graphics Panels which opens all installed Astute Graphics panels (for all current latest plugins).



Toolbox tool button



MirrorMe adds a single new tool in the Illustrator toolbox as shown left.



For the latest information, please visit the Astute Graphics website: www.astutegraphics.com

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