How to Warp, bend text in Adobe Illustrator

In previous articles, TipsMake has guided you on how to change the default background color and how to crop images in Illustrator. In this article, TipsMake will continue to guide you on how to warp, bending text in Adobe Illustrator.

By using Warp, you can bend text in Adobe Illustrator to create and highlight images. Refer to the article below from TipsMake to learn how to Warp and bend text in Adobe Illustrator.

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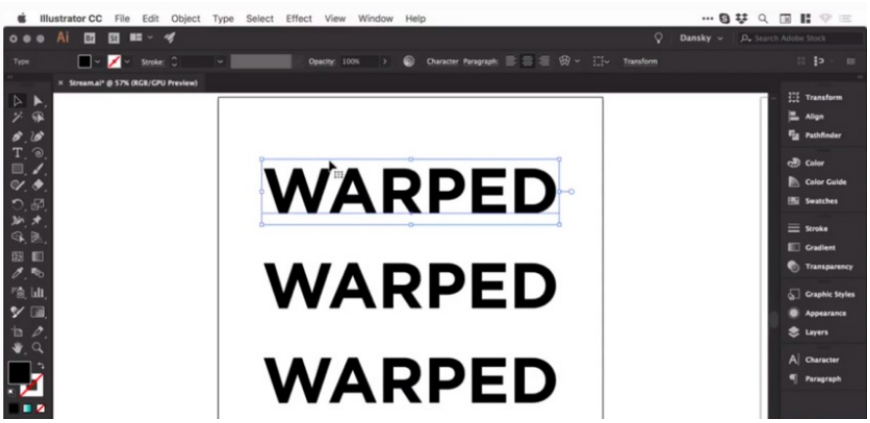
Follow the steps below to warp, or bend, text in Adobe Illustrator:

1. Enter the text you want to warp or bend.

First, use the Type tool. Left-click anywhere on the drawing board and type text there. In this example, TipsMake types "WARPED". Then, access the Character panel in the upper corner and select a font to use, such as the Gotham Bold font.

Next, access the alignment options and select **Align Center** to center the text. Then, create several copies by pressing and holding **Alt + Shift** and dragging. The screen will now look like this:



2. Create a bending (Bulge) effect

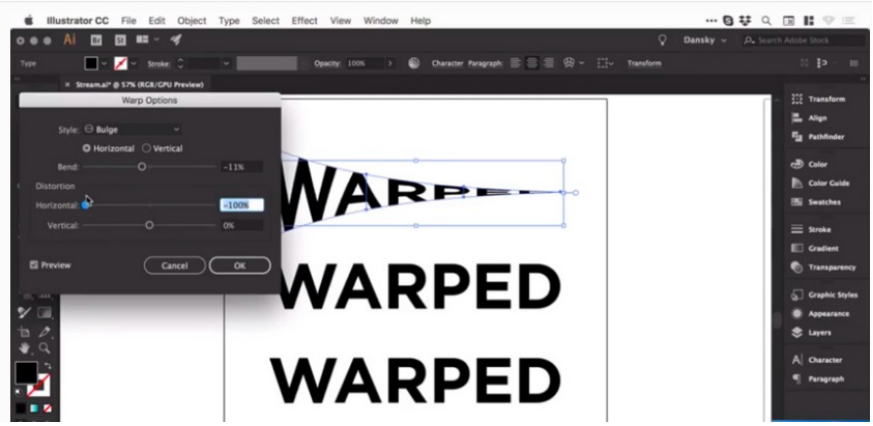
Select the first block of text, then go to **Object** => **Envelope Distort** => **Make with Warp . Next, check the Preview** option , and if desired, you can also check the **Style option.**

In this tutorial, we're bending the text horizontally, so we can adjust the Bend slider. Increasing it by a few percent will make the text bulge, and conversely, decreasing it will make the text contract.

Additionally, you can also bend the text vertically if you wish.

3. Add Distortion

To distort both the horizontal and vertical dimensions, we can use sliders. To make one side appear larger, drag the Horizontal Distortion slider down to **-100** .



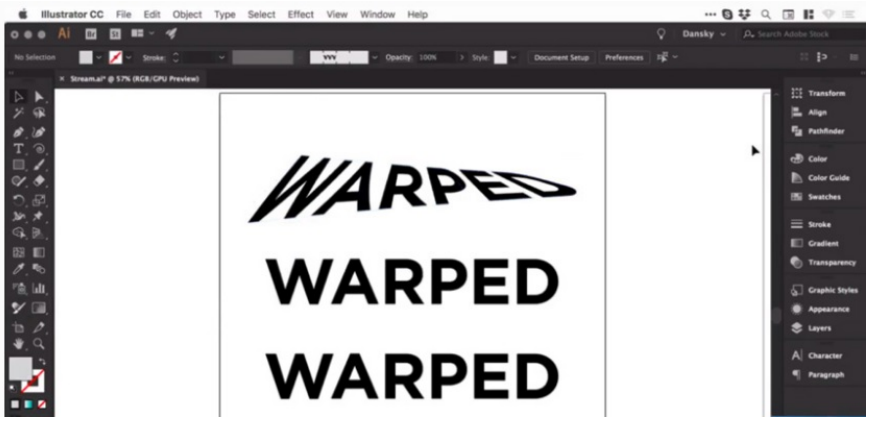
Enter the following values:

- Horizontal Bend: -2%

- Horizontal Distortion: -54%

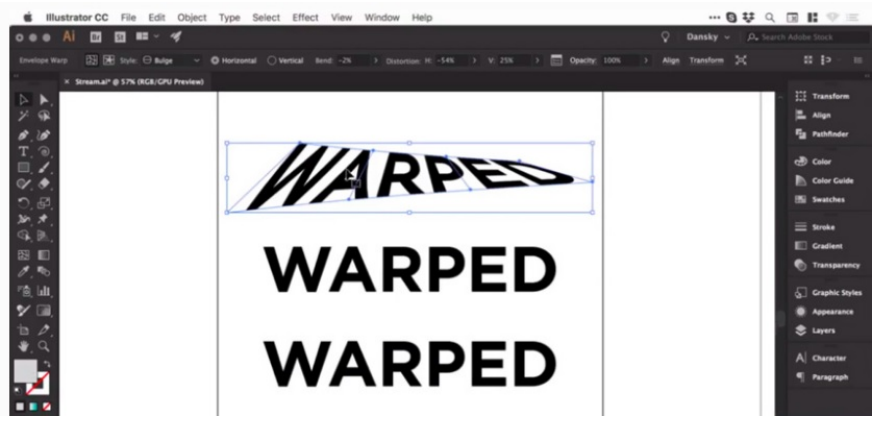
- Vertical Distortion: 25%

Then click **OK,** and you will see that the text has been transformed.

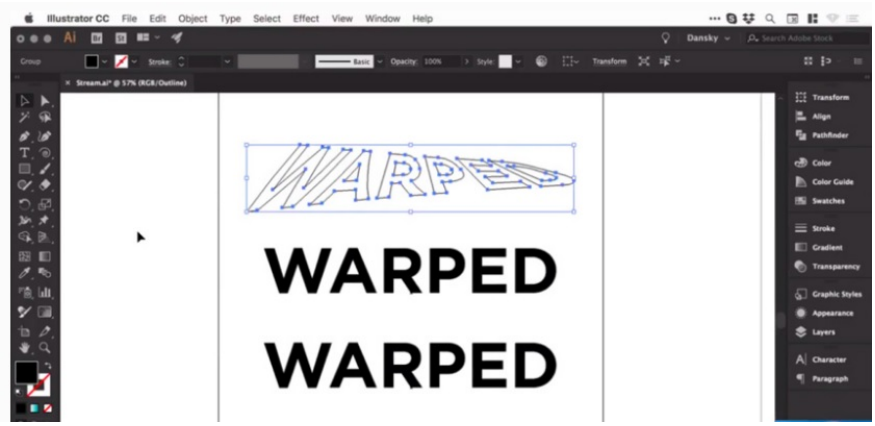


4. Adjust the Bulge effect.

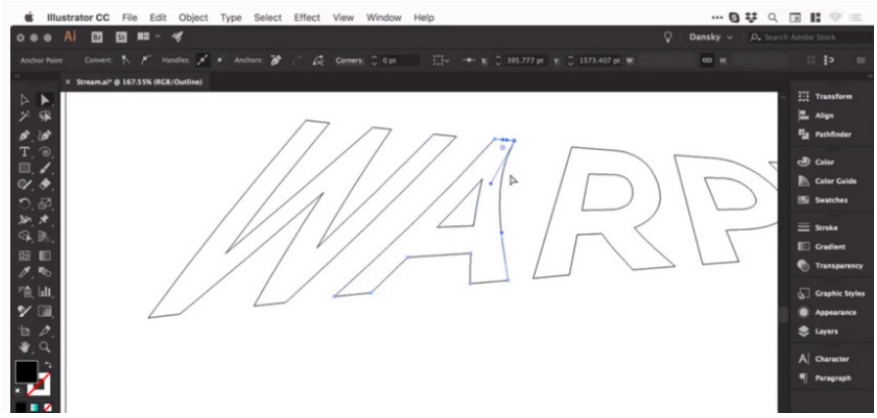
Press **Command + Y** to switch to Outline mode; it still has a frame and lines around it, and you can't change the color or anything.



Next, go to **Object** => **Expand.** Keep **the Object and** Fill **selected** , then click **OK** and switch back to Outline Mode to view the text.



Note that when you expand anything in Illustrator, what you see essentially becomes the path of the shape. Therefore, many anchor points are created, and we can access and adjust these anchor points if we want to modify the text shape.



Additionally, you can easily fill and change the colors if you wish.

5. Create an Arc effect

Click to select the second text as above, then go to **Object** => **Envelope Distort** => **Make with Warp** . This time, select **Arc for Style** . Set **Distortion** to **0** , then you can bend it up or down; if you want, you can also adjust **Bend** to **Vertical.**

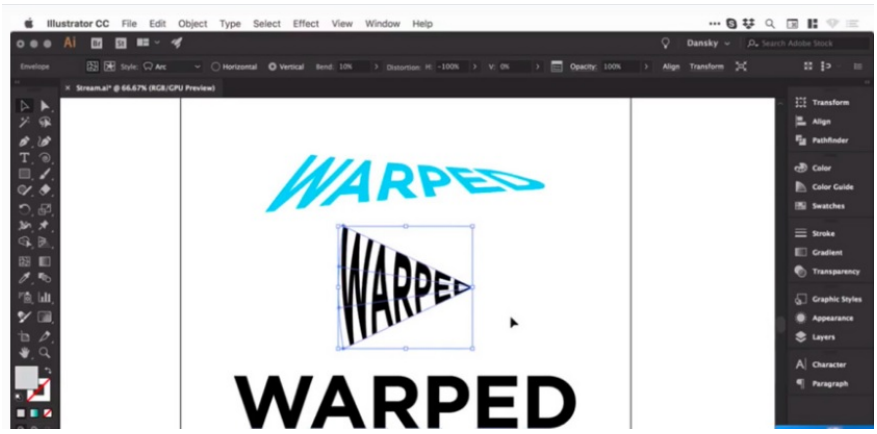
Try the following values:

- Vertical Bend: -72%

- Horizontal Distortion: -100%

- Vertical Distortion: 0%

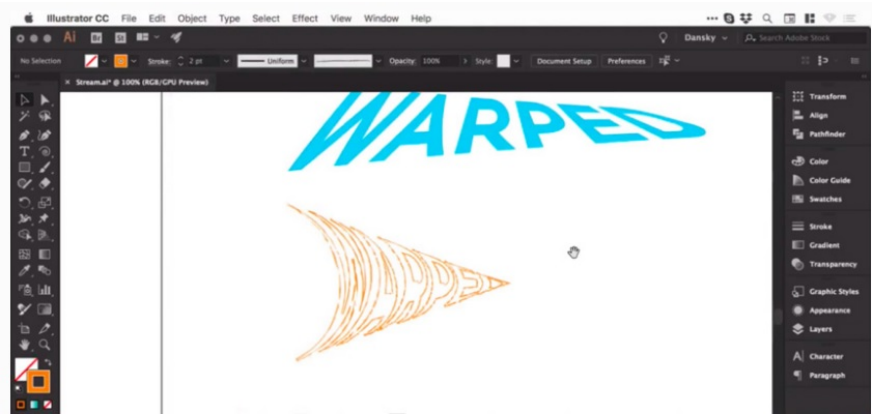
The text now looks like this:



6. Adjust the Arc effect

Once you're satisfied, you can add color, strokes, etc., to the text by accessing **Object** => **Expand.** Keep the selected **Object** and **Fill , then click OK.**

The next step is to add some brushes. We'll start by inverting the fill and stroke to create a sketch. From the Brushes panel, select the orange pencil brush.



After completion, the document will be in the following format:

In summary, the above article from TipsMake has guided you on how to warp and bend text in Adobe Illustrator. Hopefully, this article has provided you with useful information. Additionally, you can refer to other articles on TipsMake to learn how to create and edit gradients in Adobe Illustrator.

Along with the text bending function, the curve drawing function in Illustrator is also widely used to help you create arc-shaped curves for various objects. You can find detailed instructions **on drawing curves in Illustrator** in our article.

You can refer to how to convert handwritten calligraphy into vector in Adobe Illustrator - one of the software's most interesting features. The specific instructions on **converting handwritten calligraphy to vector in Adobe Illustrator are available on taimienphi.**

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