



Using Pantone swatches in Illustrator.

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Scenario: As a designer, you will be required to use Pantone colours to create spot-colour documents for multi-colour print projects.

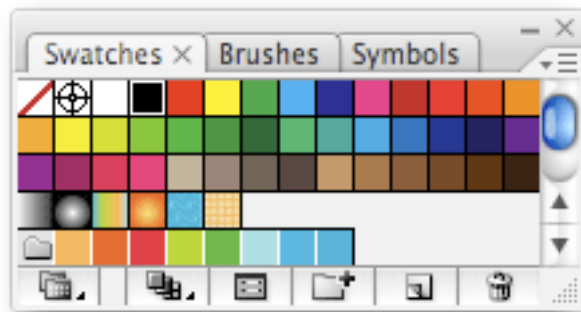
About Pantone Colours

When producing spot colour files (which use specified ink colours other than CMYK) each colour is selected from the Pantone swatch library. Each Pantone ink colour is numbered. The commercial printer uses a specified mixing formula for each Pantone colour to ensure accurate colour matching.

How to add Pantone swatches in Illustrator:

Step 1. Remove the default colour from the Swatch window.

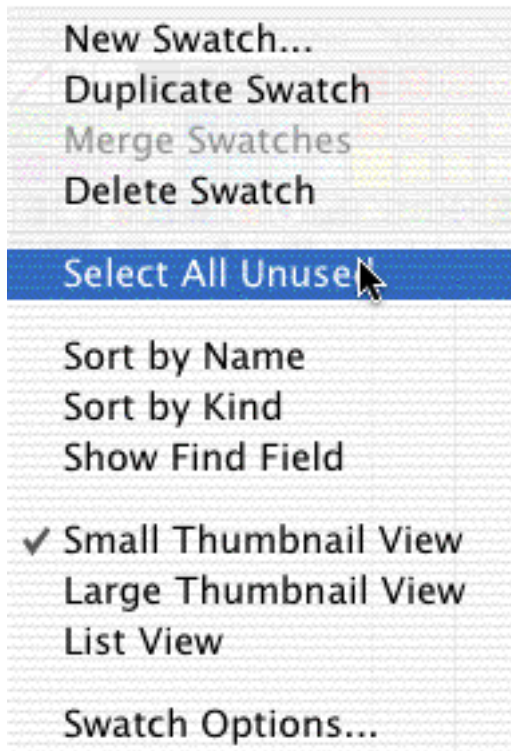
- With the Illustrator document open, Choose **Window>Swatches**.
- The default settings for the swatch window include colour swatches that are composed of CMYK colours.



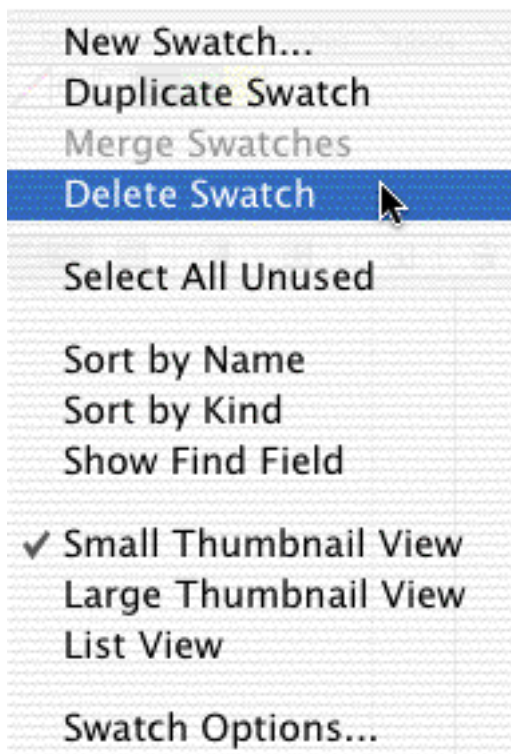
These colours should be removed before adding Pantone colours.

Note: Production designers always should remove unnecessary colours before sending out job files.

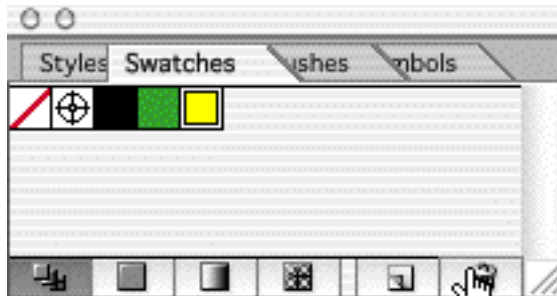
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- To remove unnecessary colours, first choose **Select All Unused** from the swatch window options.



- With the swatches selected, choose **Delete Swatch** from the swatch window options.

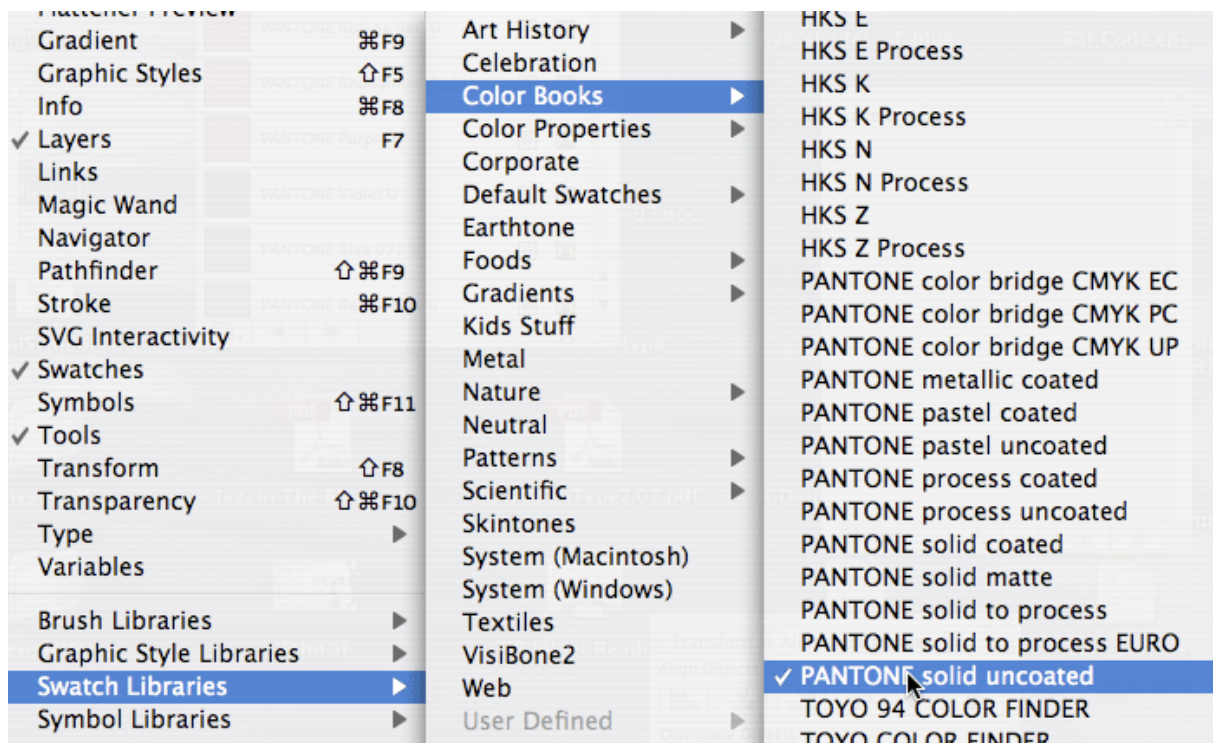


Usually some swatches remain undeleted.

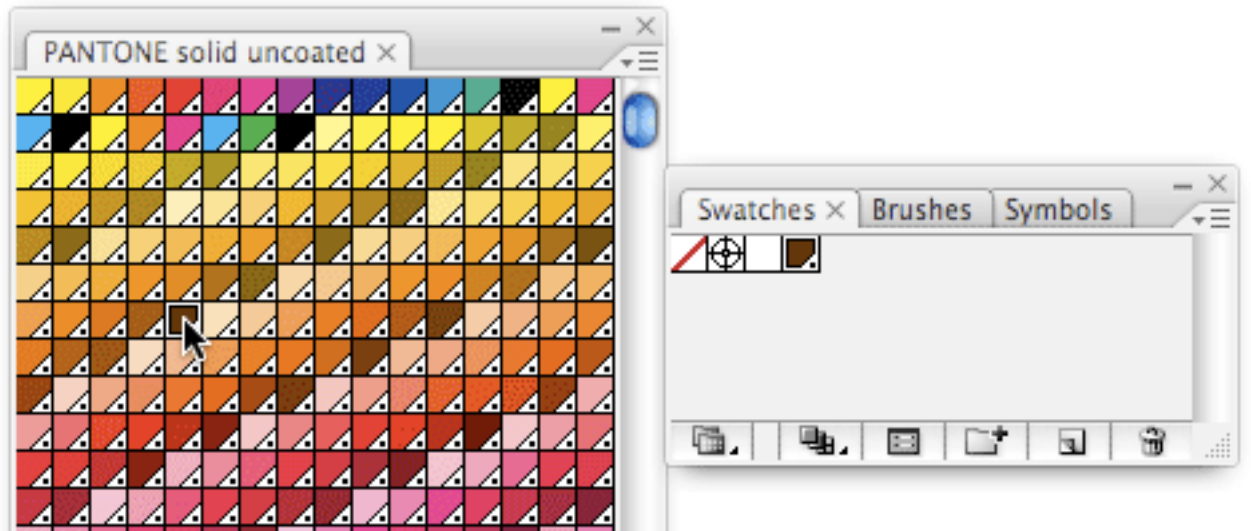


To delete the remaining swatches, select each manually and click on the trash icon at the bottom right corner of the window

- To add Pantone colours, choose **Window>Swatch Libraries>Colour Books>**. In the pop-up menu select the appropriate Pantone swatch library.



colour to add it to the swatch window.



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