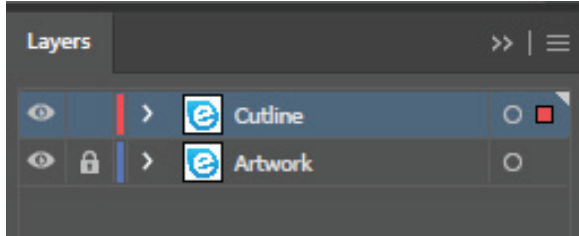# CREATING CUTLINES
Adobe Illustrator

FROM AN IMAGE

place your artwork image on one layer, copy it (Ctrl + C). In layers panel **create new layer and paste artwork in place** (Crtl + Shift + V). Name your layers accordingly, and lock your artwork

Select the artwork on the cutline layer, and **click image trace** (at the top or on the right in the properties panel under quick actions)

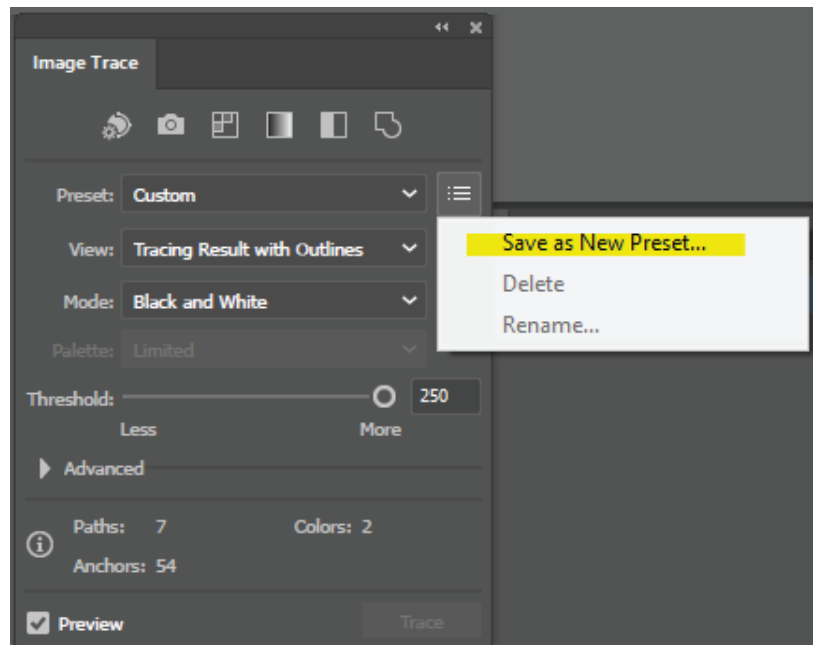**open the image trace panel and set to**
- Black and White Logo
- Threshold: 250
- View Tracing Result with Outlines
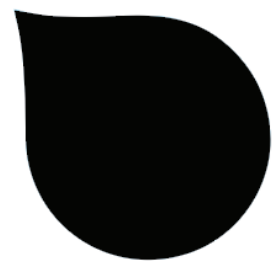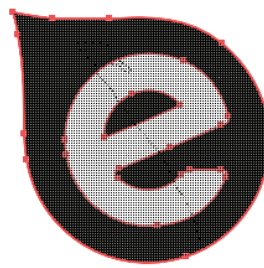
Save preset for future use

Click expand and then ungroup (in the properties panel or top panel)

You'll be left with a vectored black and white image trace like this.
Note: the image trace will create some excess shapes from the background etc. You can delete these so you're left with just the main shape.

Next **select all elements, click the shape builder tool, run your mouse through all elements,** and you'll be left with a solid shape.
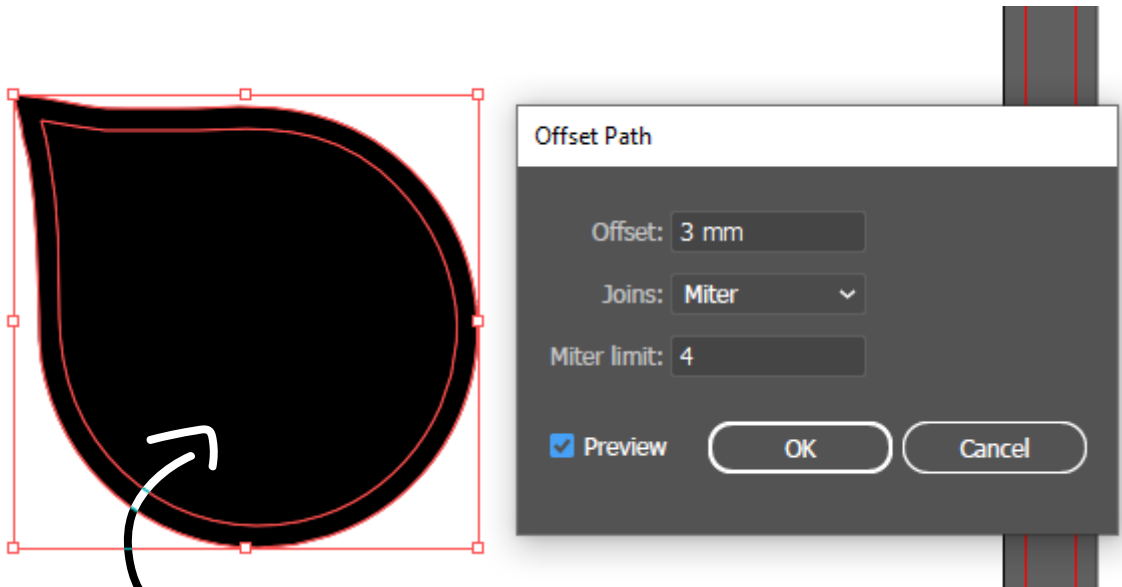
With your object selected, **go Object > Path > Offset Path**

Set your offset path to 3mm. Your Joins can be whatever is most suitable, in this case, Miter fits best, however round is often most suitable.

Now **delete the original shape**, leaving only the 3mm offset path.

Set to no fill, and outline to magenta.

There you have it, a diecut line for your image!

When supplying files for print, please provide

- the print by itself
- the cutline by itself
- the two together as an example

You can easily save the different variations by toggling visibility in your layers panel