Welcome to Adobe Illustrator!

Since it's a new year, you can learn the basic ways to move and copy objects in Illustraor while making a clear schedule to help you stay organized.

Illustrator is like Photoshop but there are some key differences.

1) There are two move tools in illustrator. A black arrow and a white arrow.

Press V: The Selection Tool, the black arrow, allows you to move entire objects and groups of objects.

Press A: The Direct Selection Tool, the white arrow allows you to move specific points of the objects and edit their shape.

Selection Tool
Whole objects
Groups of objects

Direct Selection Tool
Paths and anchor points
of objects

The following steps use the Selection Tool (V)

1) You can click on any object at any time in Illustrator, unless you lock it (CMD 2)

Click on the yellow box.

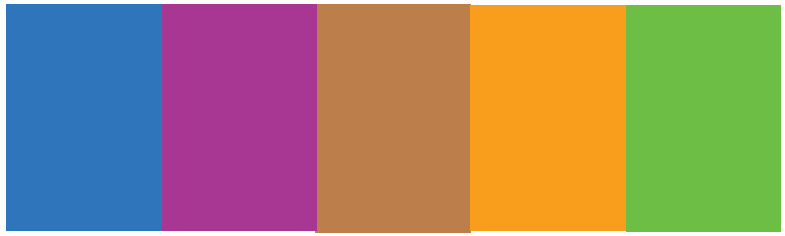
Press CMD X and CMD F to cut and paste it on top of the green box.

2) You can copy objects easily by clicking on them, holding ALT and dragging.

Click on the red box, hold alt and drag past this text. You should now have two red boxes.

3) You can select multiple objects by holding SHIFT as you click on them.

Hold shift as you click on these boxes to select them all!



4) After you select multiple objects, you can group them together by pressing **CMD G.** Now, you can select them with a single click on any object.

Select the boxes above using shift and press CMD G.
Now you can select all of them with one click of the direct selection tool!

Copy and use the squares from the previous exercises to create and combine new shapes in the space below.