PINE TREE SYMBOLS

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Pine Trees, snow, mountains and cold. This is a quick way to create in icon of a tree, turn it into a Symbol then use the Symbol Sprayer to create a whole forest full of trees. Enjoy!
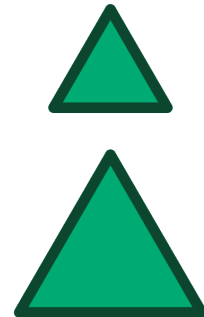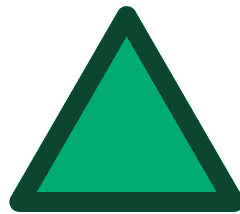
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Create a triangle by using the Polygon Tool. Fill with a lighter green, add a heavy stroke of a darker green. Use the Stroke Panel to round the corners of the Stroke.

Duplicate the first triangle, then increase the size and place it below the first triangle. Open the Transform Panel and make sure Scale Stroke and Effects is OFF before you scale.
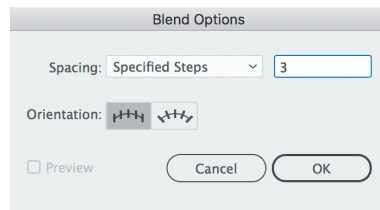
Select both triangle and choose Object>Blend>Blend Options. Set the Blend Options to Specified Steps and choose 3 steps. Click OK.
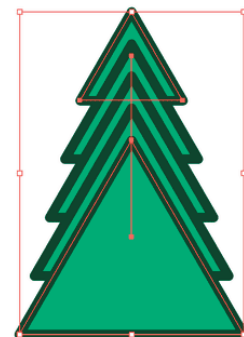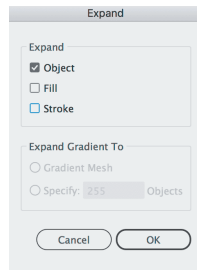
Choose Object>Blend>Make to blend the shapes together.
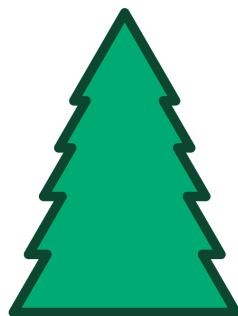
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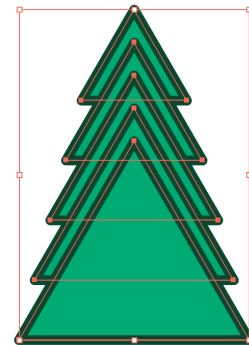Choose Expand under the Object Menu. Check ONLY the Object button so it breaks it the triangles out of Blend Mode. Click OK.

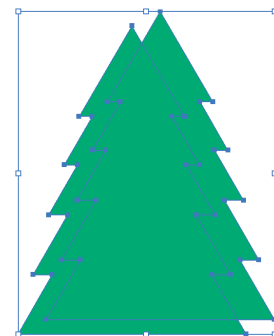Expand makes all the actual shapes instead of a blend appearance.

With all the triangles selected, use the Pathfinder Panel to Unite all the shapes into one tree.

Duplicate the tree, tun off the stroke then duplicate it over itself in a slight offset as show.

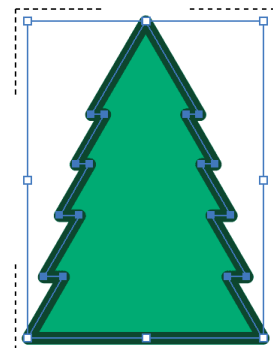Use the Pathfinder Panel Minus Front to leave just a sliver of the tree shape. Fill it with a slightly darker green. COPY this final shape.

Select the tree, and Select the Draw Inside Mode at the very bottom of the Tool bar. PASTE the sliver of the tree you just copied into the tree and set the opacity of the sliver to 50%
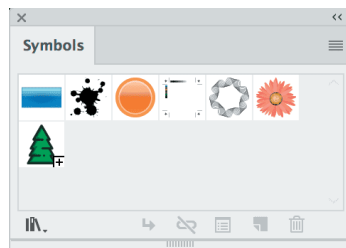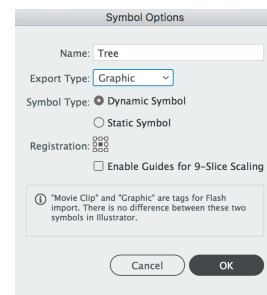
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Click back on the Draw Normal mode in the Tool bar to go back to normal drawing.

Add some horizontal lines with rounded (hot dogged) ends and throw in a circle or two for some character. Select the entire tree with the Selection Tool.
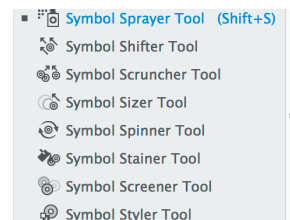
Open the Symbols Panel from the Window Menu. Drag the Tree into a free space in the Symbols Panel.

This will open the Symbol Options dialog box. Select the Type as Graphic from the drop down window. Set the Type as Dynamic, click OK.
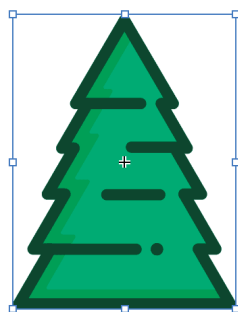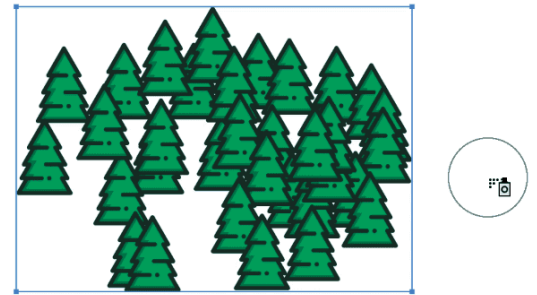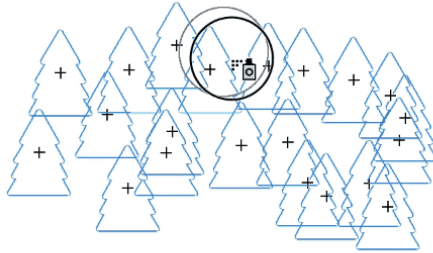
A + in the selected tree will indicate that the tree is now a Symbol.

You can use the Symbol Tools to Spray the symbol and play with the other Symbol Tools.

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Select the Symbol Sprayer and click and move the mouse around, "spraying" trees while you drag the mouse OR just click each time you want a tree to appear instead of holding the mouse down and dragging.

This is what the bunch of symbols will look like when you are done.

Add the trees to any scene you create and you now have a winter wonderland! The mountains can be created using the same steps a the trees starting with triangles and adding slip shadows like the tree has. Add lines and dots for texture.