



# Pen Tool cheat-sheet (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign)



Click to create points, each point will create a **straight** connecting line.



Click and **PULL** to create points with (bezier) **handles** that will form **curved** lines.



With the pen tool, hover over an **existing point** and the cursor will *automatically* change to the **DELETE Anchor Point Tool**.



With the pen tool, hover over an **existing line segment** and the cursor will *automatically* change to the **ADD Anchor Point Tool**.



To **select and move a point**, hold down the **COMMAND** key (⌘) and the pen tool will change to the **DIRECT SELECTION Tool**.



To **MAKE handles** from a point that has none, hold down the **OPTION** key; the pen tool will change to the **CONVERT Anchor Tool**. **Click on the point and pull.**



To **select and move a handle**, hold down the **COMMAND** key (⌘) and the pen tool will change to the **DIRECT SELECTION Tool**. Click on the handle and pull or rotate.



To **REMOVE** handles from a point, hold down the **OPTION** key; the pen tool will change to the **CONVERT Anchor Tool**. Click on the point, the handles go away.

