**CLIPPING MASK TUTORIAL**

A CLIPPING MASK is an object whose shape *masks* other artwork, so you only see the shapes inside the clipped area.

* CLIPPING SET: The clipping mask and the objects that are masked*.*
* Clipping Masks are a great way to keep shapes cropped while also being able to edit the shapes

**HOW TO MAKE A CLIPPING MASK** (a short demo)

* Using the SHAPE TOOL, create multiple shapes: rectangle (M) or ellipse (L)
	+ Shapes can overlap one another
* Using the shape tool again, we are going to make the mask: make one large shape that is ON TOP of the other shapes
	+ Select all shapes> OBJECT> CLIPPING MASK> MASK (⌘7)
		- You will notice that everything OUTSIDE of the top shape will disappear, that means you are doing it right!!

|  |
| --- |
| **FAQ’­­s** |
| **Q:** My clipping set is not the shape I wanted.**A:** Make sure the shape you are clipping with is the TOP shape, and that all shapes you want to clip are selectedTo bring the shape to the front: Object> Arrange> Bring to front (⌘⇧]) |
| **Q:** I cant select the shapes in my clipping set.**A:** When you make a clipping mask all the objects are grouped into the clipping set. Double click the clipping set to access the items in the clipping mask.  |
| **Q:** I want to take away the clipping mask**A:** No problem!!! Select the CLIPPING SET and go: OBJECT> CLIPPING MASK> RELEASE (⌥⌘7) and all the shapes within the clipping set will be released from the clipping mask. |

****