

Chapter 6: Creating Color Swatches

Introduction: Why care about color swatches?

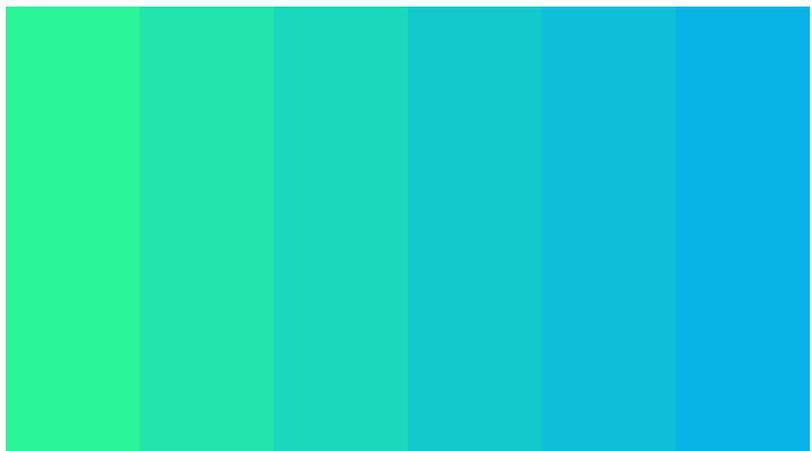
Color swatches allow the designer to access a wider variety of colors that fit the theme or look that they are going for rather than using only the standard colors in adobe indesign.

Equipment: What you will need-

You will need a computer or desktop that supports adobe InDesign. You will also need internet access and connection to wifi

Special Notices: What to make sure you know-

Make sure that you are in "advanced settings" to follow along with this tutorial. On the top right corner of your screen you will see a downward arrow. Click that, then click advanced.



Lets begin!

Step 1:

You will first want to access the InDesign Software.



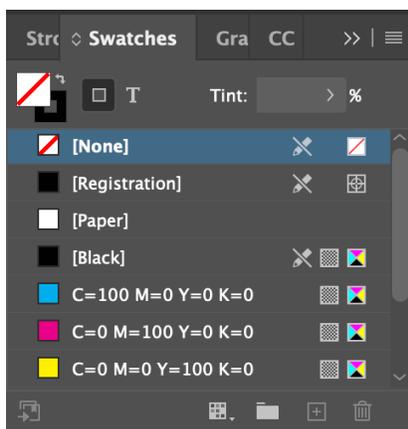
Step 2:

You will be guided to the home page where you will select the size of your project. The size will pertain to your specific project!



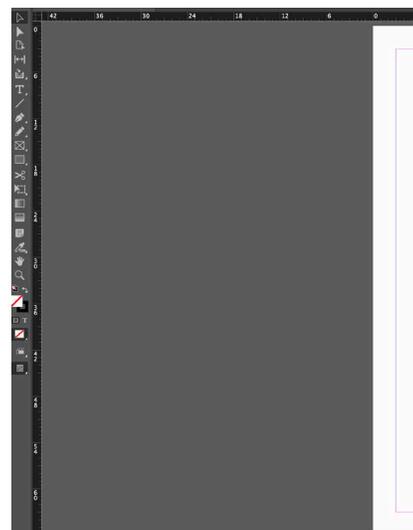
Step 3:

Once you pick your project, you will then click "swatches" on the right side of the screen. Here you will see the standard colors provided by InDesign.



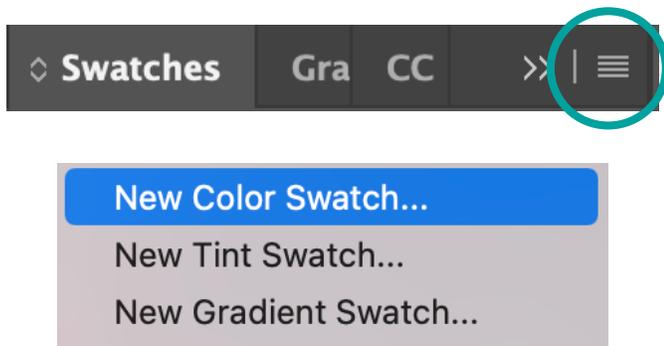
Step 4:

Deselect items. If any items are selected, they will be deselected when clicking in the grey area. This is the better known as the pasteboard.



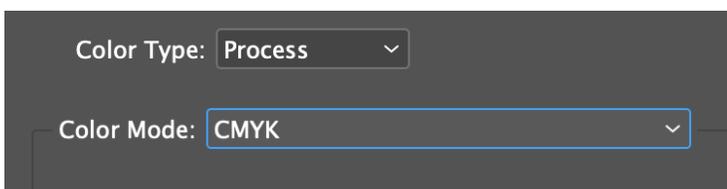
Step 5:

Its time to create a new color swatch! In the “Swatches” menu, click the 4 white horizontal lines in the upper right corner. Once you do so, click the first option labeled, “New Color Swatch...”



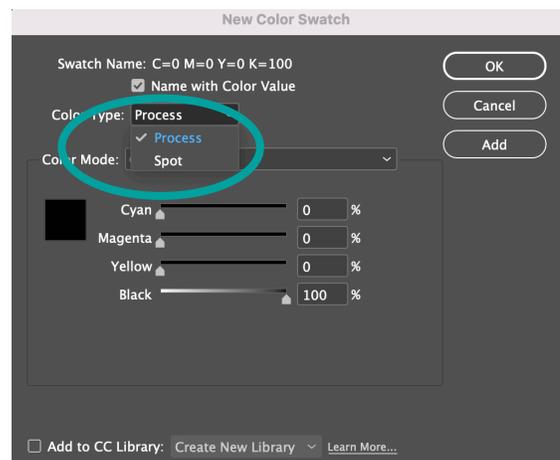
Step 7:

Now, you can choose your color mode. Below “Color Type” you will see “Color Mode”. Click that and select “CMYK” if you will be printing. If your project is for viewing purposes, you can select RGB.



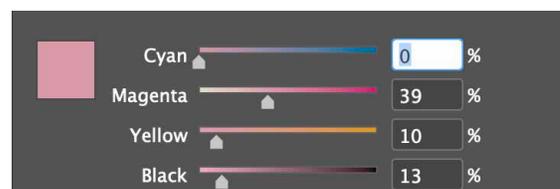
Step 6:

Now, you can choose your color type. Choose “Color Type”. “Spot” is most commonly used for printing purposes so if you are not printing or in need of special ink, you will click “Process”.



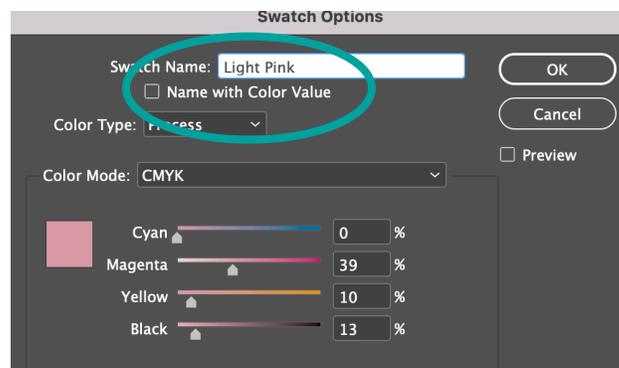
Step 8:

On your screen you will see sliders in which you can change the colors by shifting them. These sliders are labeled, “Cyan”, “Magenta”, “Yellow”, and “Black”. You can move these around until you get the color you want. You can also type the values in the box with a “%”.



Step 9:

Your color swatch is nearly complete! You can now change the swatch name in this step. Once you get the color you want, you will see “Swatch Name” above. To rename the swatch, you need to uncheck “Name With Color Value”. Once you rename your swatch, press “Ok”.



Step 10:

Lastly, you will be applying your color swatch. Select the frame in your document that you want to apply the color to. You will see the color/colors you created in the swatch panel on the right. Now you're ready to create color swatches!

