

Module 2 - Working with Curves and Artistic Media

Understanding and Drawing with Curves

✦ What are Curves?

In CorelDRAW, curves are lines that can be bent, shaped, or edited to create more natural, flowing designs. These are different from straight lines or basic shapes because they can be reshaped and have flexible control points.

Tools to Draw Curves

1. Freehand Tool

• **Location:** Toolbox → Freehand Tool

• **Use:** Draw free-form lines with your mouse like sketching by hand.

• **Steps:**

1. Select the **Freehand Tool**.
2. Click and drag on the page to draw.
3. Release the mouse to finish the curve.

 *Tip: Use it for basic creative curves or simple sketching.*

2. 2-Point Line Tool

• **Location:** Toolbox → Under Freehand Tool

• **Use:** Draw straight lines between two points.

• **Steps:**

1. Click on the starting point.
2. Drag and click on the endpoint.

3. Bézier Tool

• **Use:** Create precise curves and angles using control points.

• **Steps:**

1. Select the **Bézier Tool** from the toolbox.
2. Click to place the first point.
3. Click again to place more points.
4. Click and drag a point to curve the line.
5. Press **Enter** to finish.

 *Great for drawing logos and custom shapes with smooth edges.*

4. Shape Tool (for Editing Curves)

• After drawing a curve, you can reshape it:

1. Select the curve.
2. Click the **Shape Tool**.
3. You'll see **nodes (points)** appear.
4. Drag nodes to bend or adjust the line.

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✿ Types of Nodes:

- Cusp Node: Sharp corner.
- Smooth Node: Smooth curve.
- Symmetrical Node: Balanced curve on both sides.

Using Artistic Media in CoreIDRAW

✦ What is Artistic Media?

Artistic Media is a powerful tool that allows you to draw **stylized strokes** such as brush lines, calligraphy, and pressure-sensitive effects. It helps add creative expression to your designs.

✍ Artistic Media Tool Options

1. Brush Tool

- Adds brush strokes that look like painting.
- Can use different textures like watercolor, chalk, marker.
- Steps:
 1. Select **Artistic Media Tool** → Choose **Brush**.
 2. Click and drag to draw.
 3. You can change the brush style from the **Property Bar**.

2. Sprayer Tool

- Sprays an object like a stamp (e.g., stars, flowers, leaves).
- Use it for decorative patterns.
- Steps:
 1. Select **Sprayer** from Artistic Media tool.
 2. Choose a preset object from the sprayer library.
 3. Drag on the canvas to spray the pattern.

3. Calligraphic Tool

- Mimics a calligraphy pen. Good for stylish text or hand-lettering.
- Steps:
 1. Select **Calligraphic Pen**.
 2. Adjust pen angle and nib width.
 3. Draw like a real calligraphy pen.

⚙ Modifying Artistic Strokes

- After drawing a stroke, you can:
 - Resize or rotate it.
 - Change stroke width.
 - Convert it to curves to reshape using the Shape Tool.

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Assignment

Draw a basic curve 	Reshape a curve 
Draw with Artistic media tool 	Apply preset strokes 