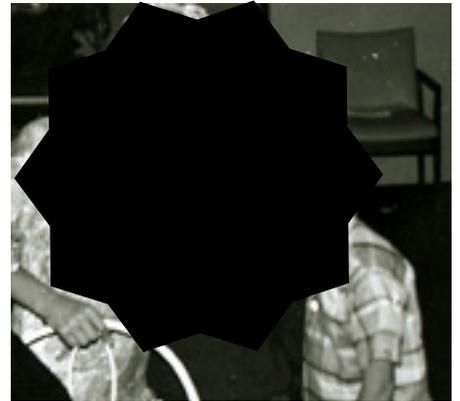


# Masks

To create a mask you must have at least two objects, the object that is to be the mask, and the object to be masked. The object that is to be the mask must be in the foreground covering, or over, the object to be masked.

- 1) Select both of the object(s) to be masked and the masking object, and go to Object > Masks > Create (Command-7).
- 2) Notice that when the mask is created, the stroke and fill of the masking object disappears. You can add a stroke to the mask again at this point.
- 3) To locate masks in use go to:  
Edit > Select > Masks (Command-7)  
To release masks go to:  
Edit > Masks > Release (Command-Option-7).



## Adding an object to a mask

(From Illustrator Help)

- 1 Use the selection tool to select the object to add to the masked artwork, and drag it in front of the mask.
- 2 Choose Edit > Cut.
- 3 With the direct-selection tool, select an object within the masked artwork.
- 4 Choose either Edit > Paste in Front or Edit > Paste in Back. The object is pasted in front of or behind the selected object and becomes part of the masked artwork.

