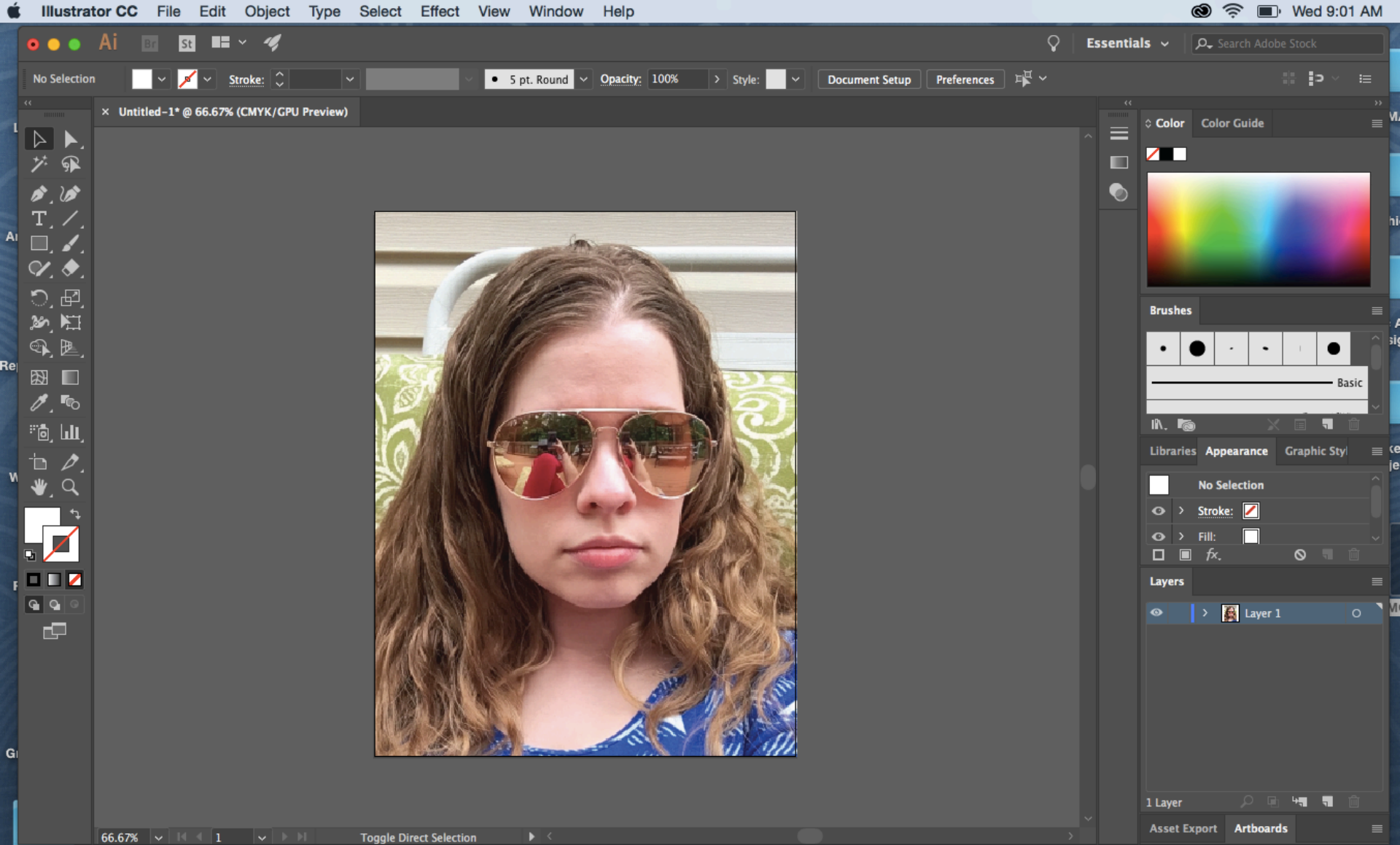


Character Selfie

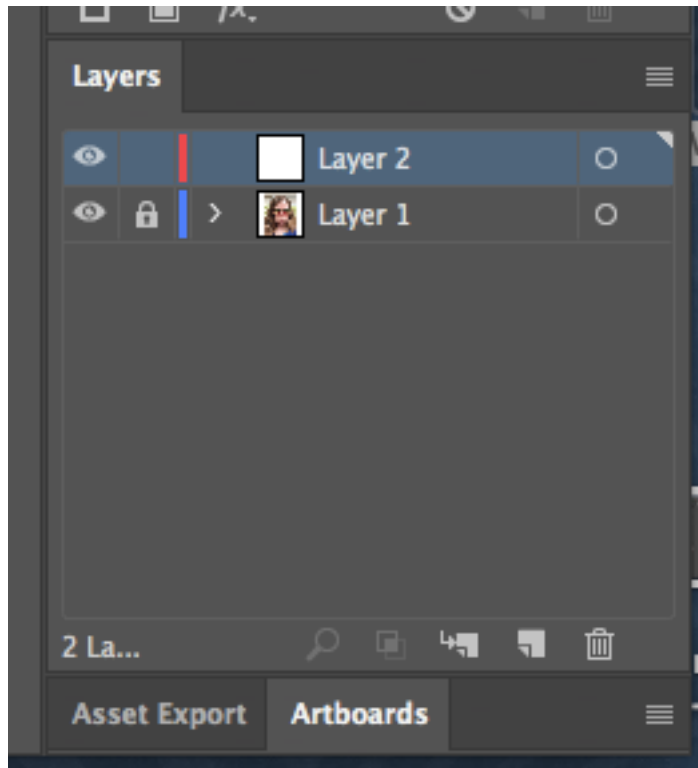
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Choose a selfie. Just your face!

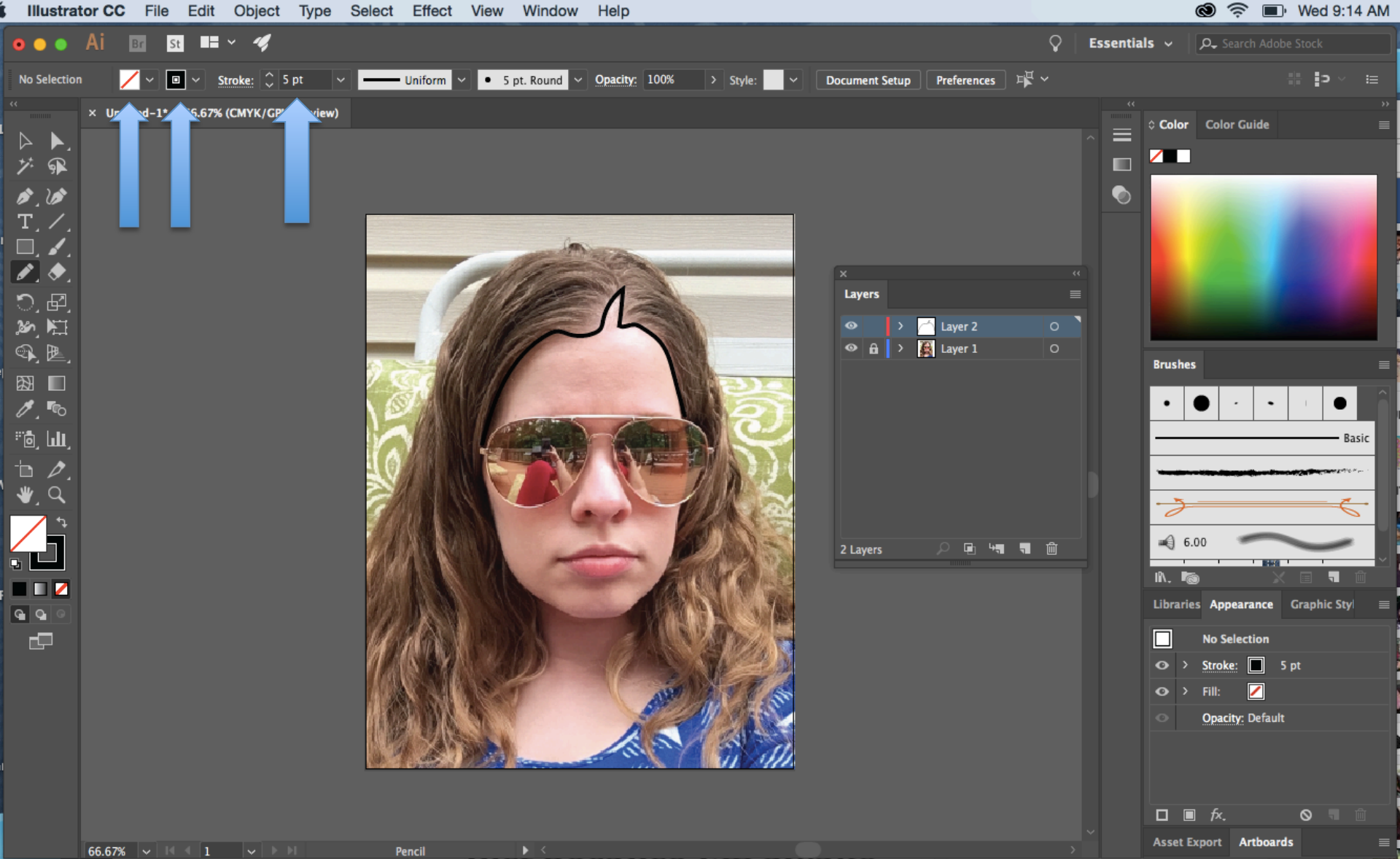
You can attach the photo to an email to yourself to get it on the computer.

Open the photo in a new illustrator file 8.5 x 11"

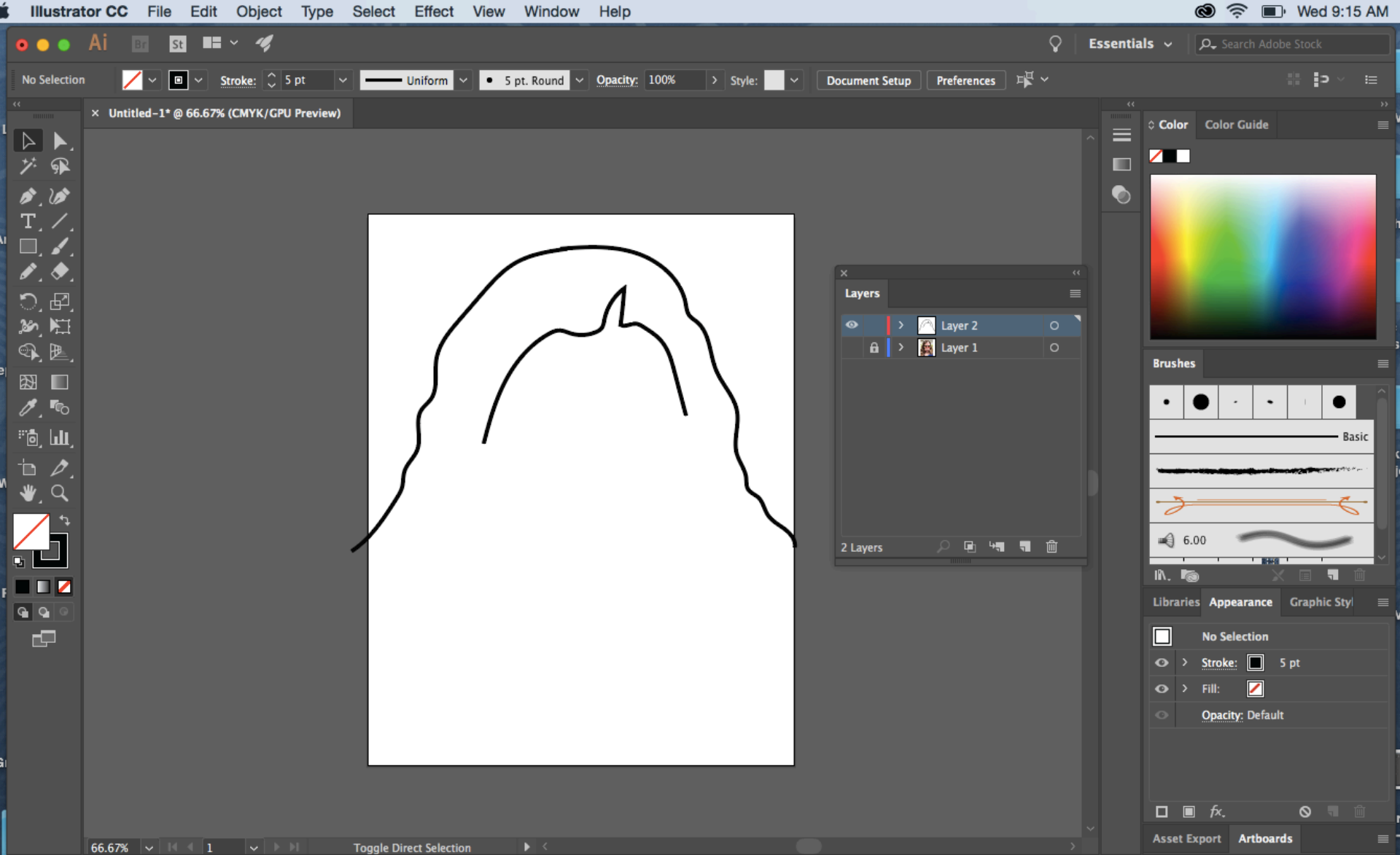


Lock the layer with the photo.
(click the empty space next to the eye)

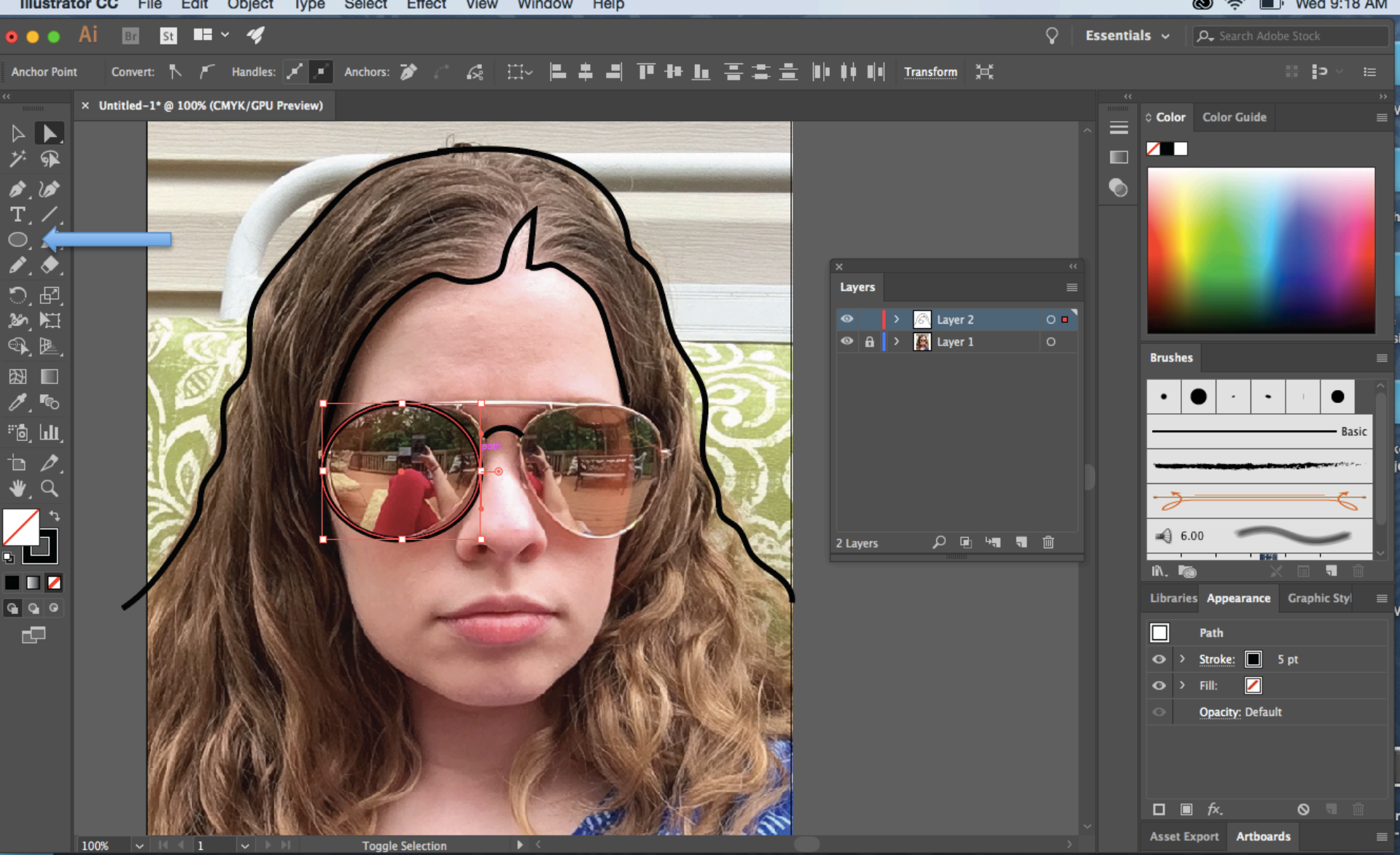
Create a new layer on top.
This will be the line layer.



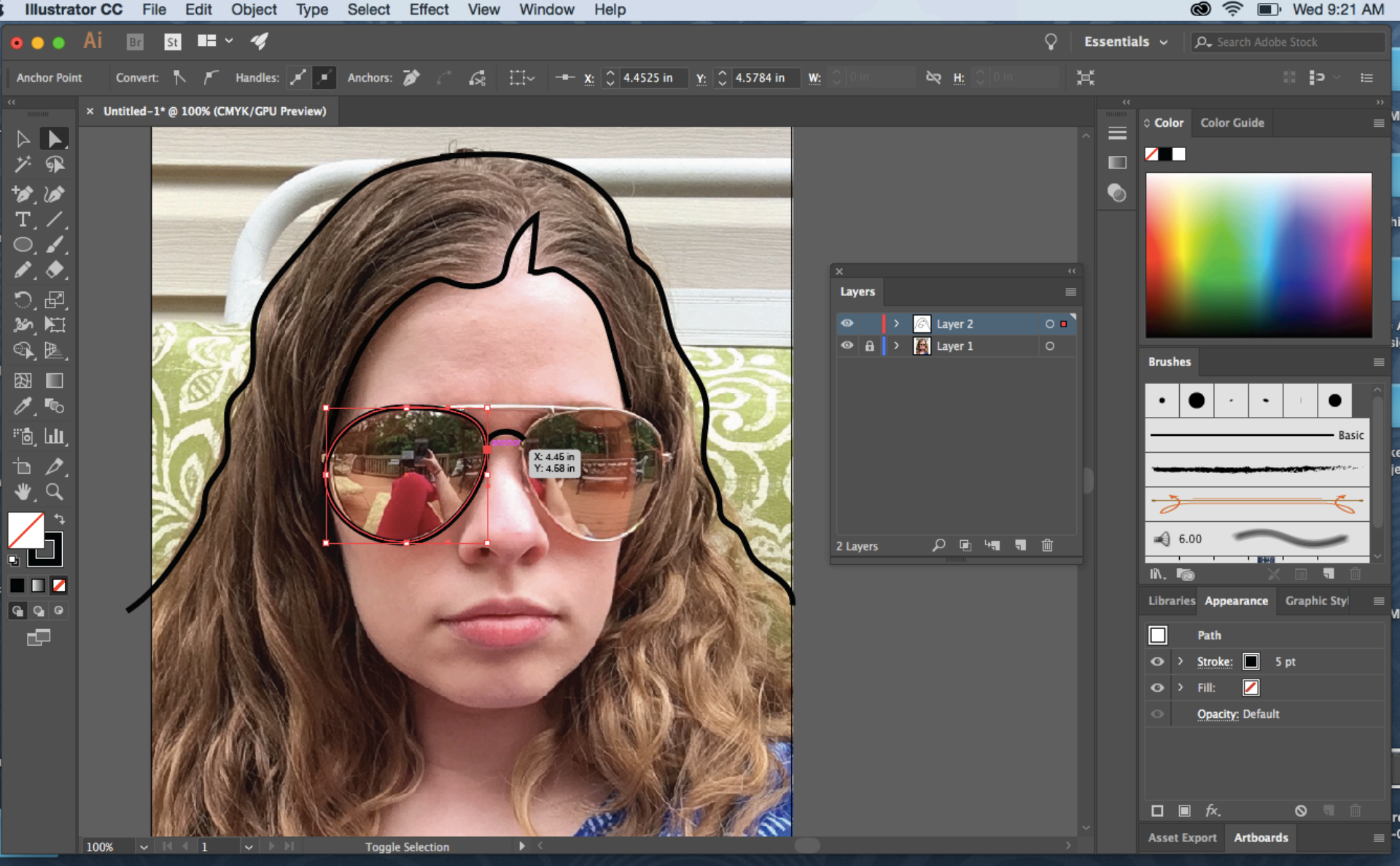
Using the pencil tool, you are going to start drawing your contour lines.
The pencil tool smooths out your line for you.
Make it have no fill and a black stroke
5 pt stroke size



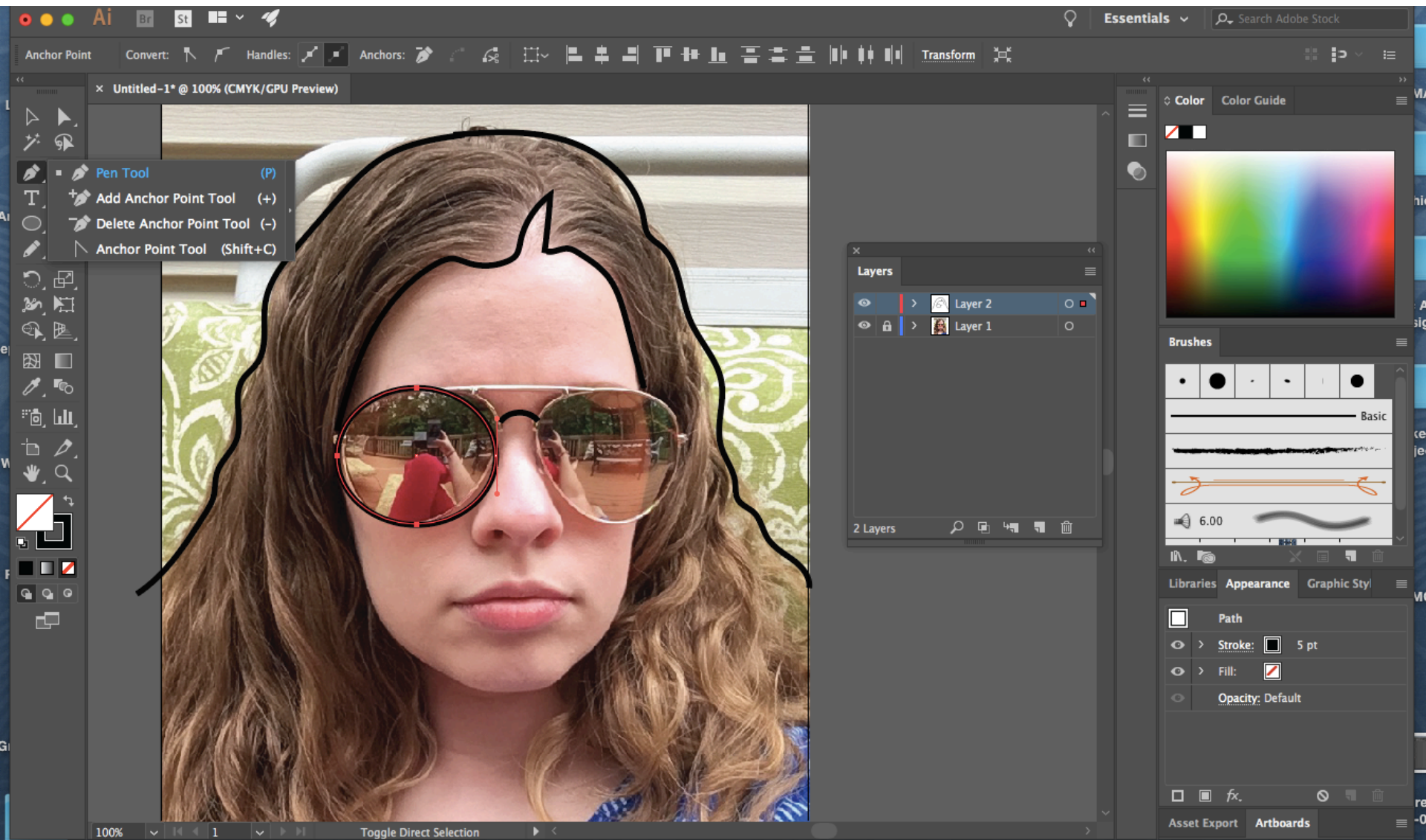
Turn the eye off the photo layer every so often to see your progress clearly.



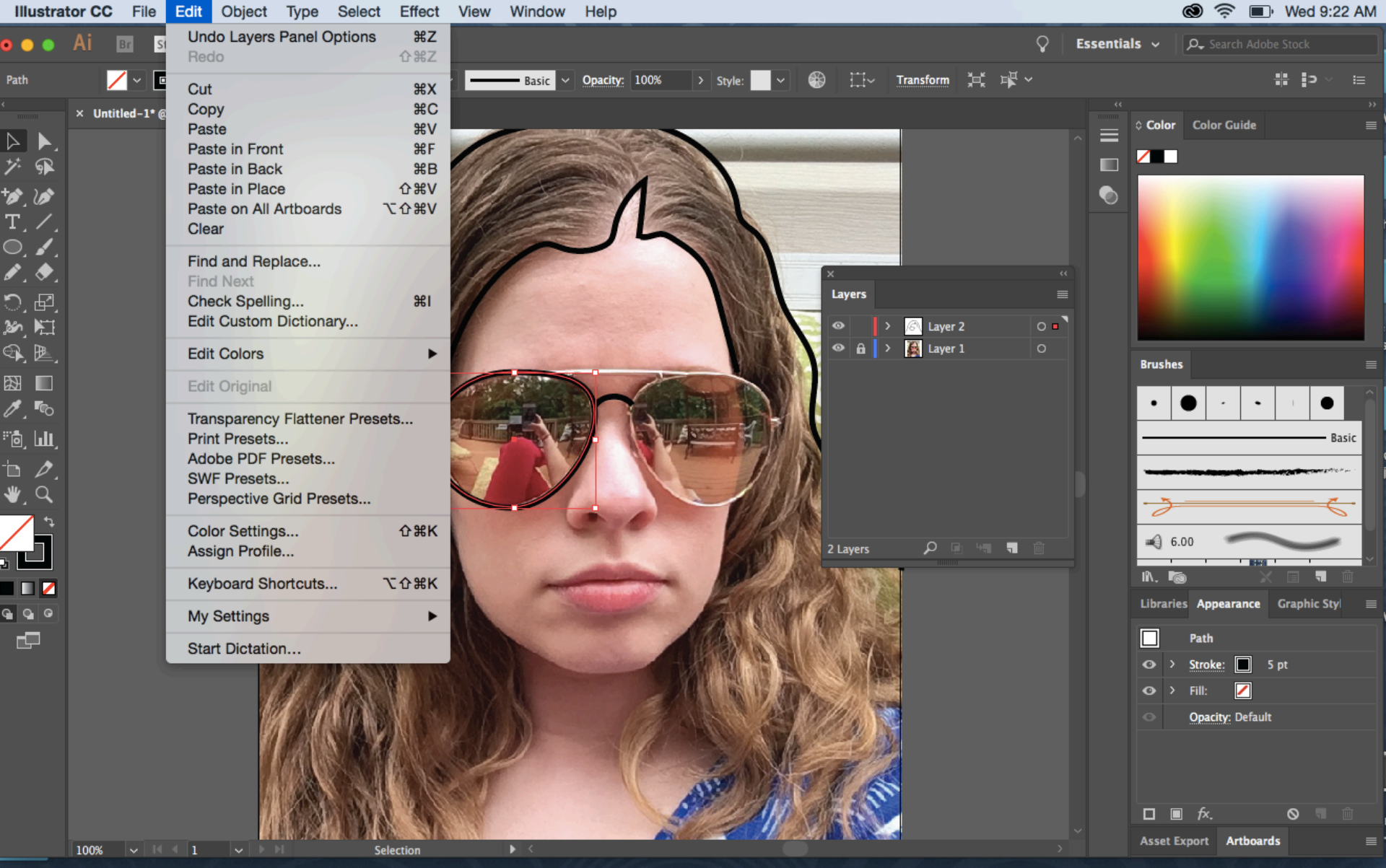
Say you have a circular shape like sunglasses. You can use the ellipse tool to draw an oval.



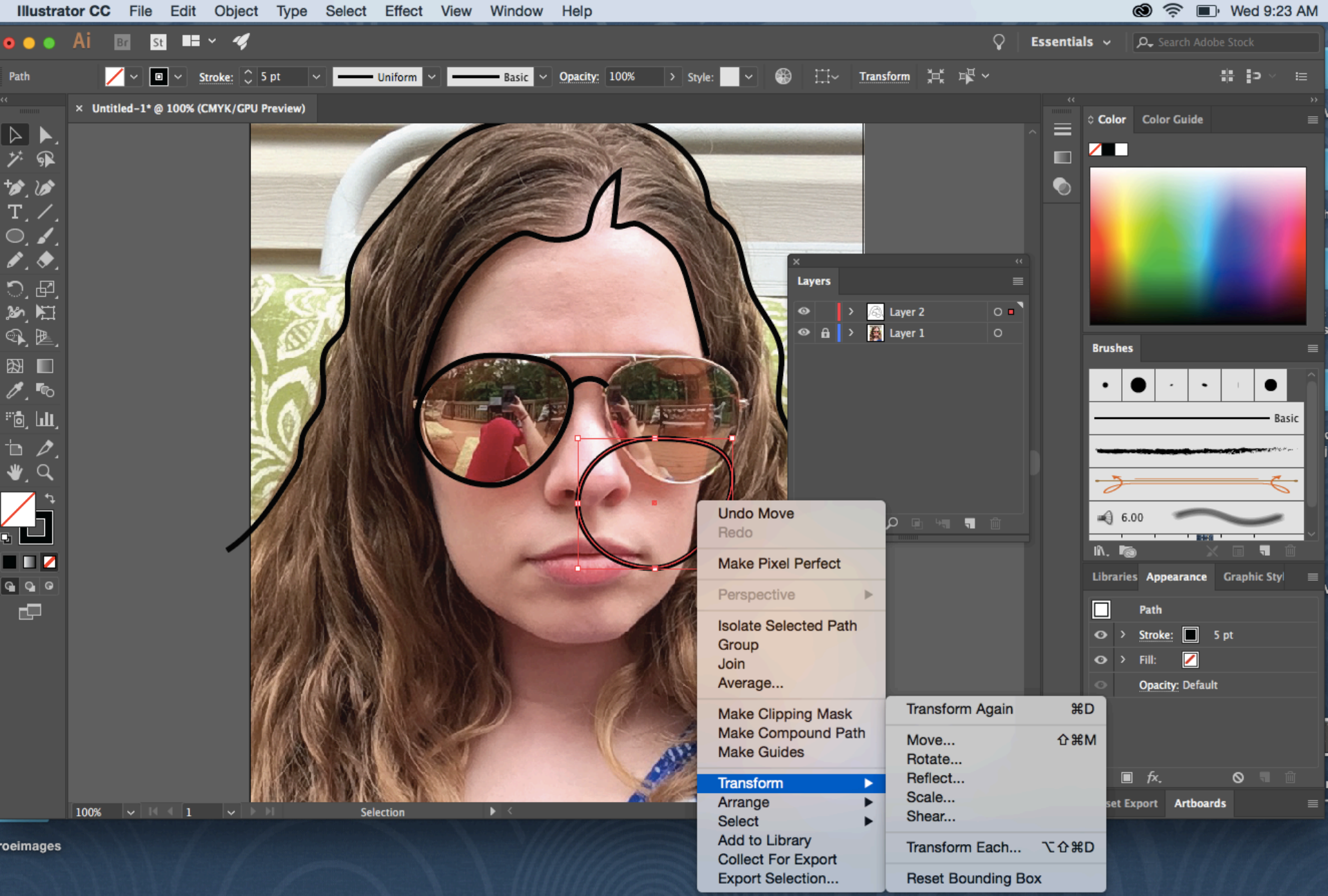
Use the direct selection tool (the white cursor) to select an anchor point, Hold down shift, and drag the point where it needs to go, manipulating the shape as needed.



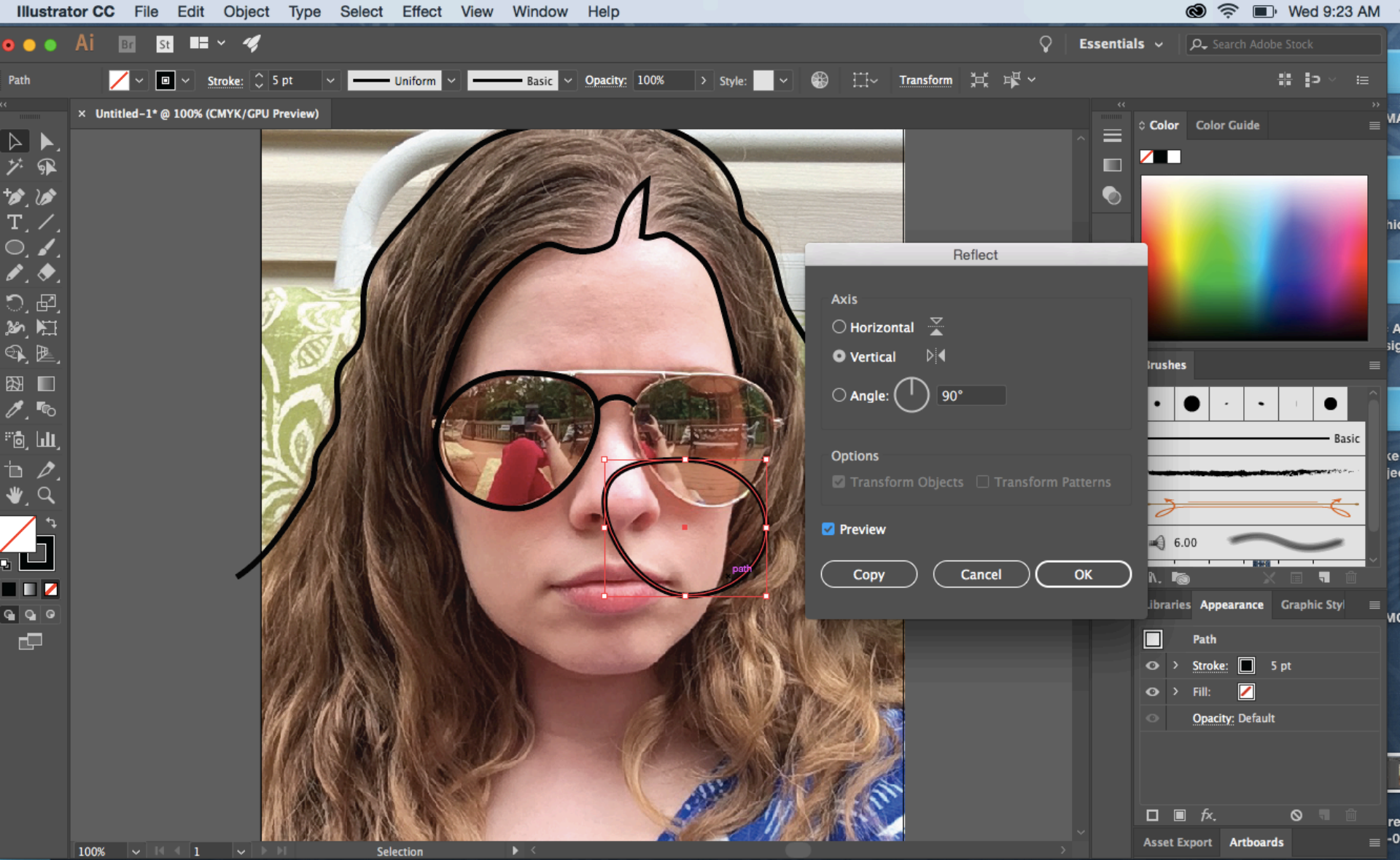
You can also use the Pen Tool, to draw straight lines or curves if you would like.



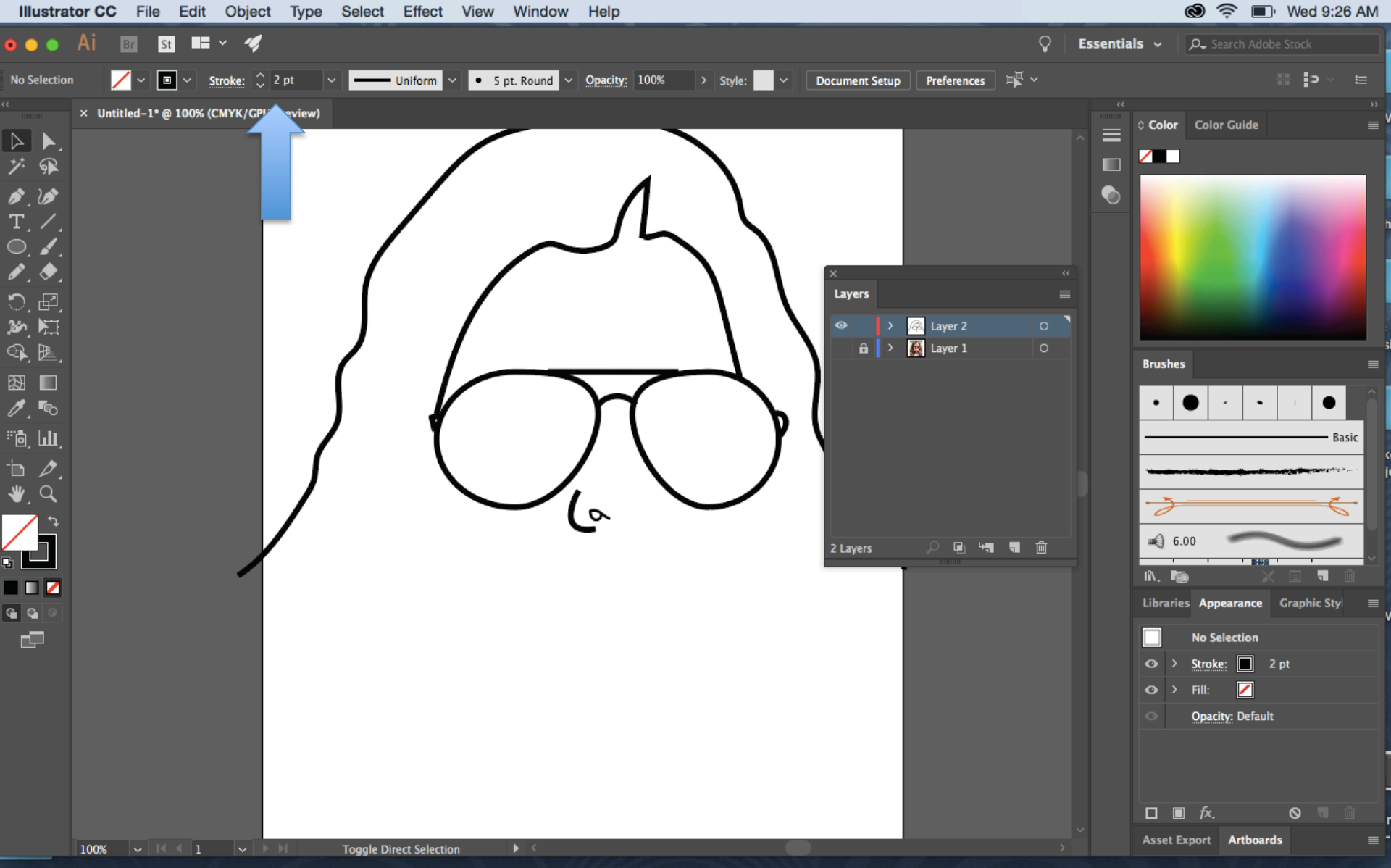
You can also copy and paste a shape if you need to.



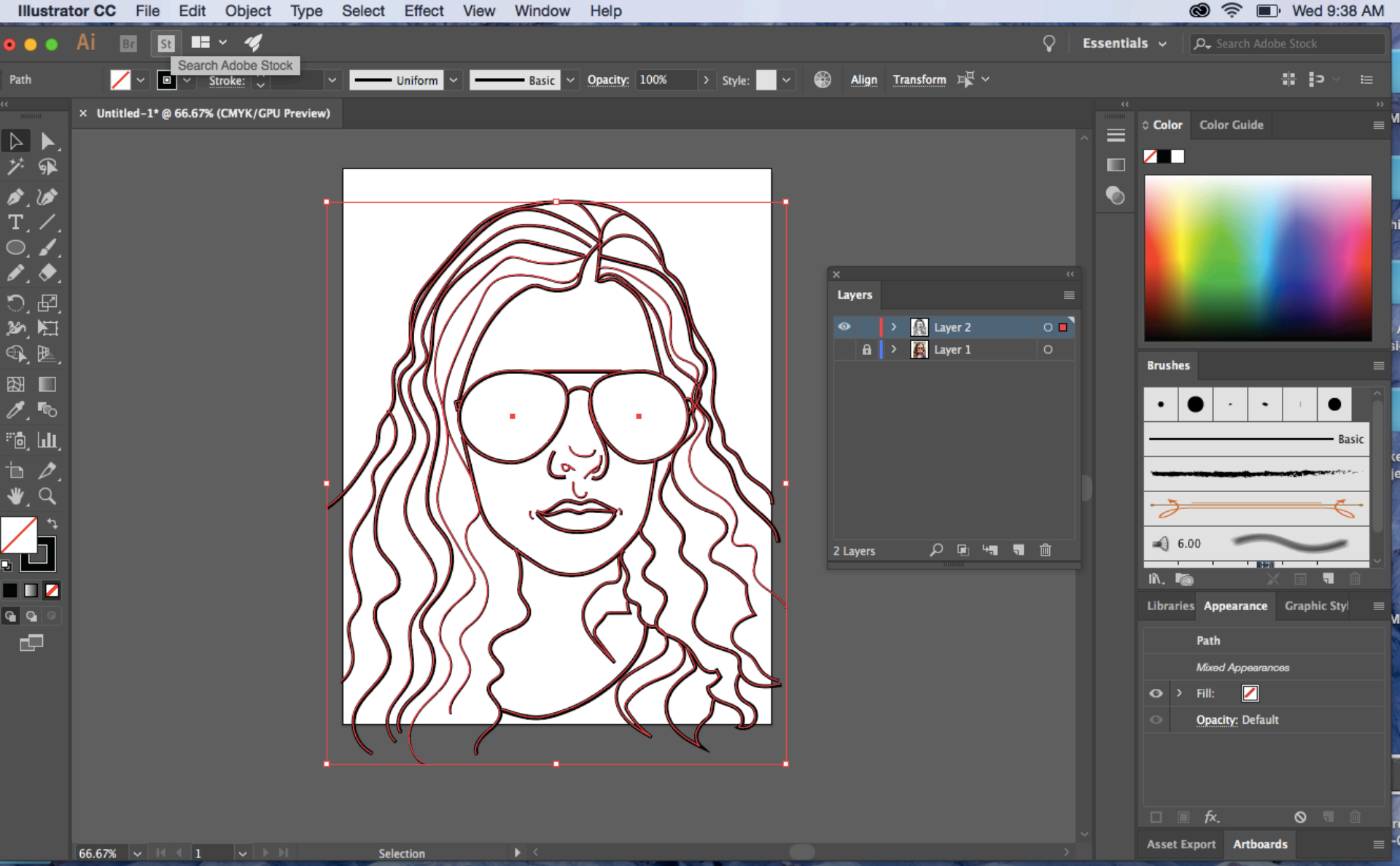
To reflect in illustrator, use the move tool (black cursor) to select the shape, then right click on it, Transform > Reflect



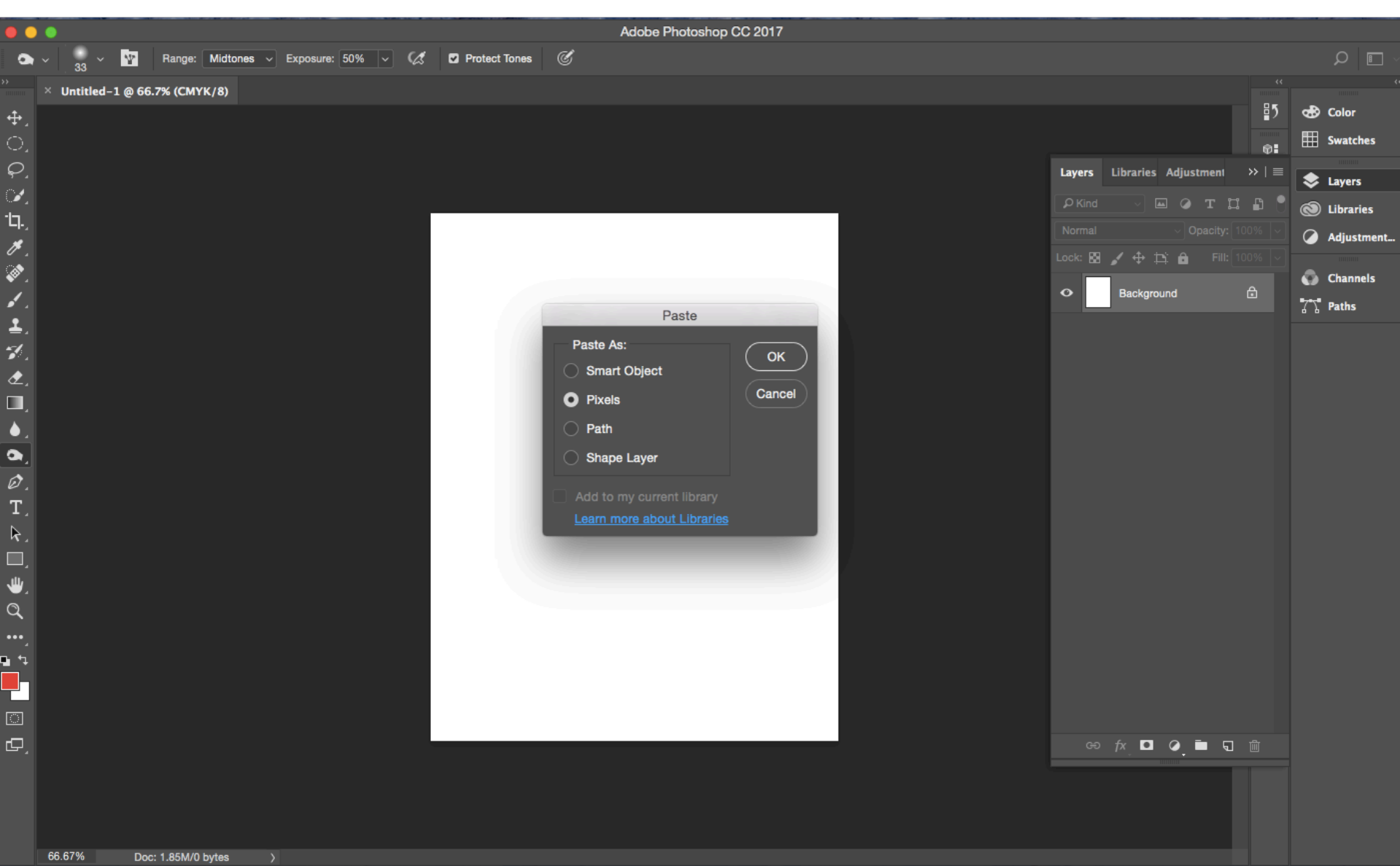
Change it as you need with the dialog box that appears.



Now, line quality! I will be looking for different line thicknesses. Notice I made some of my nose line thinner in order to show variety in my drawing. Change the stroke pt size as you go.



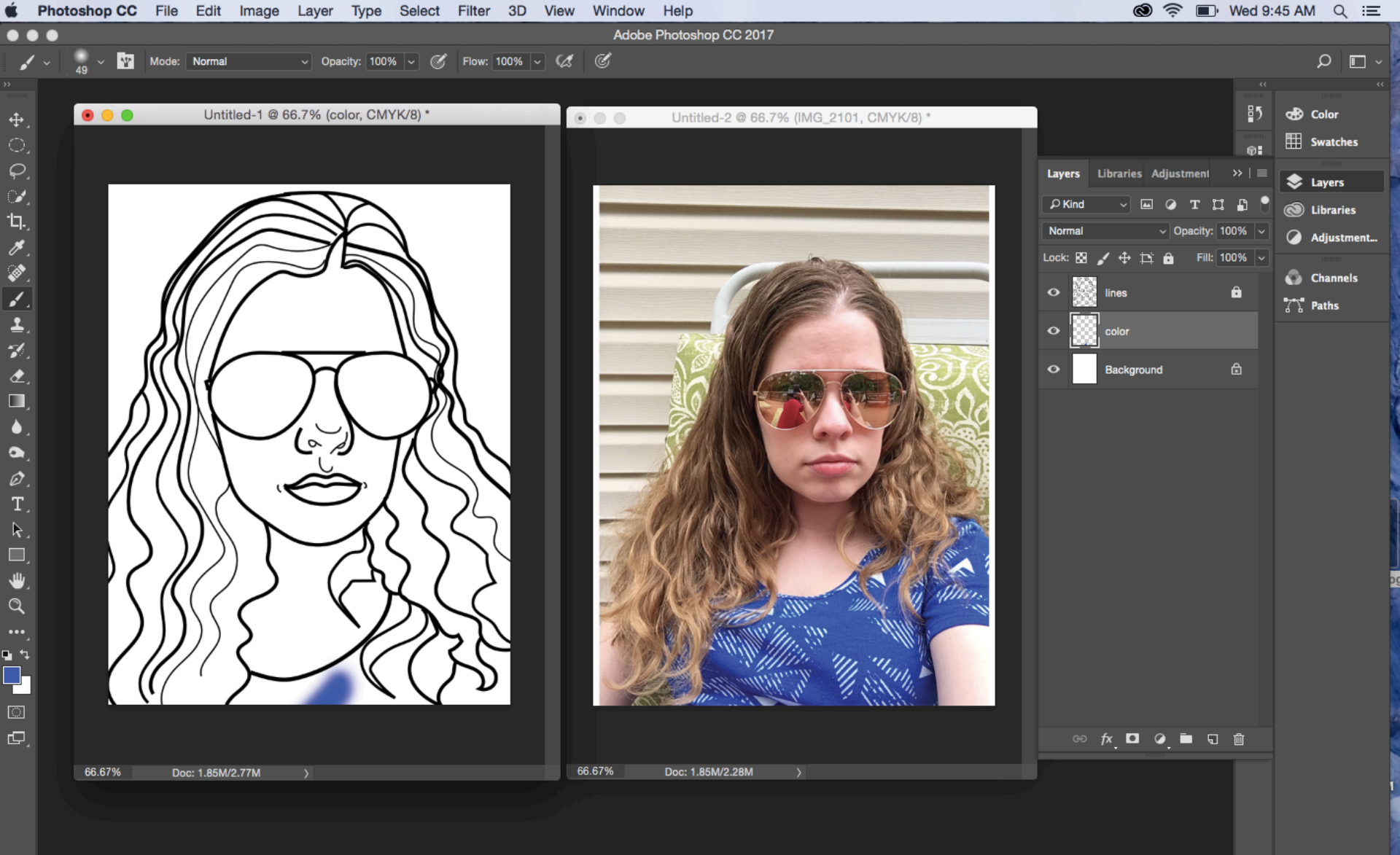
When your drawing is done, use the move tool (black cursor) click and drag a box around the whole drawing. Edit > Copy



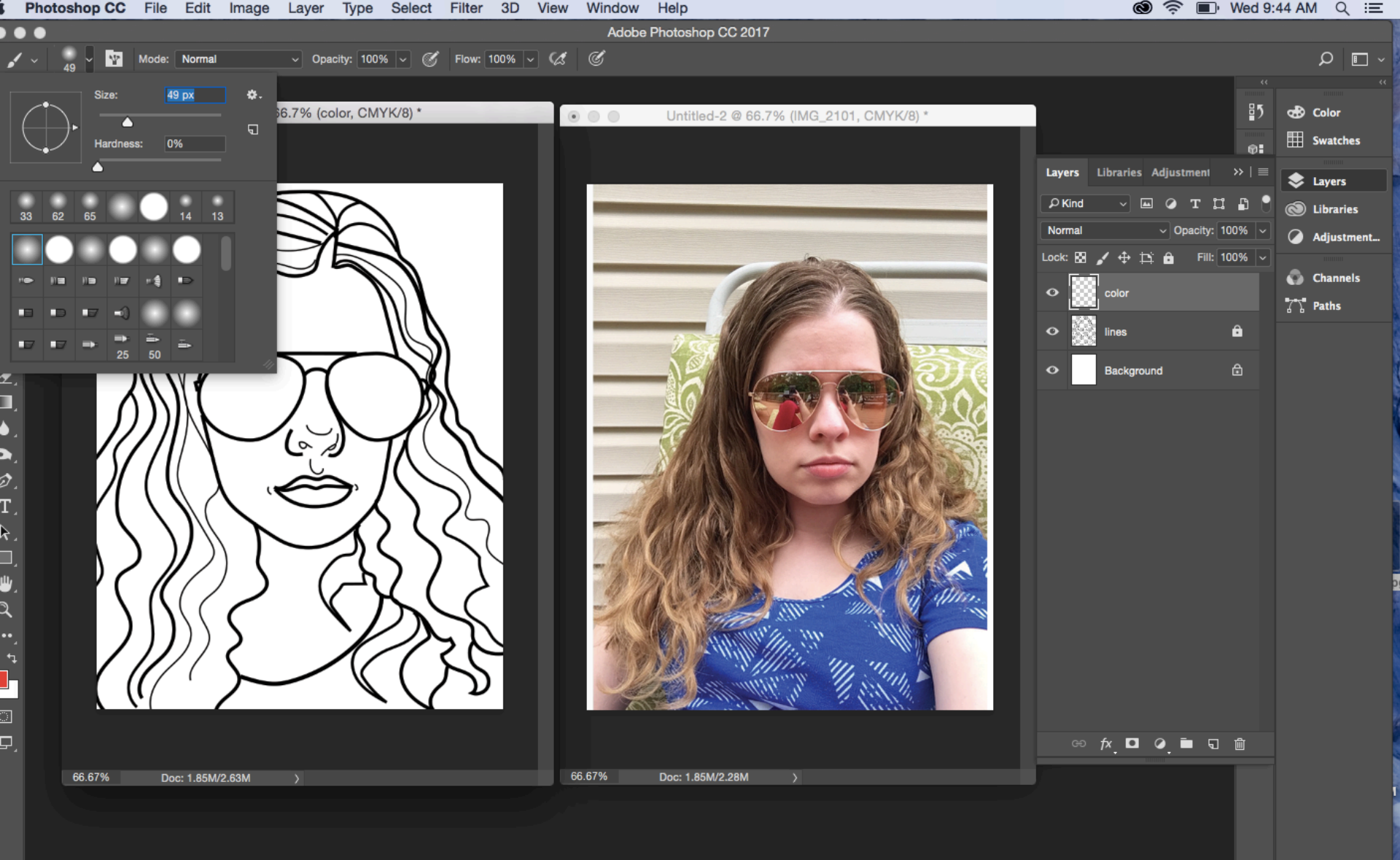
OPEN A NEW PHOTOSHOP FILE 8.5 X 11!!!

Edit > Paste > Pixels

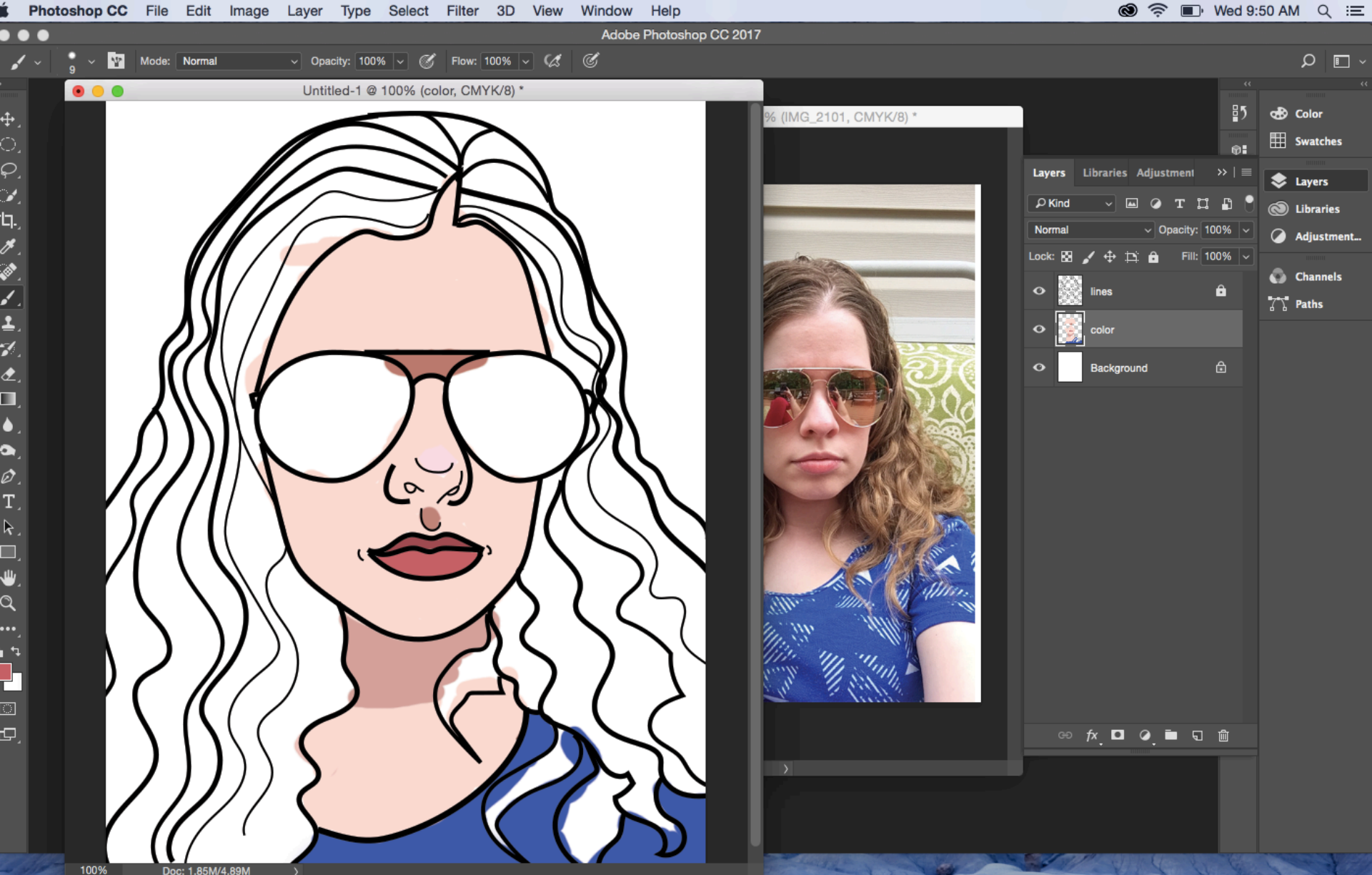
This brings your line drawing into photoshop for the color



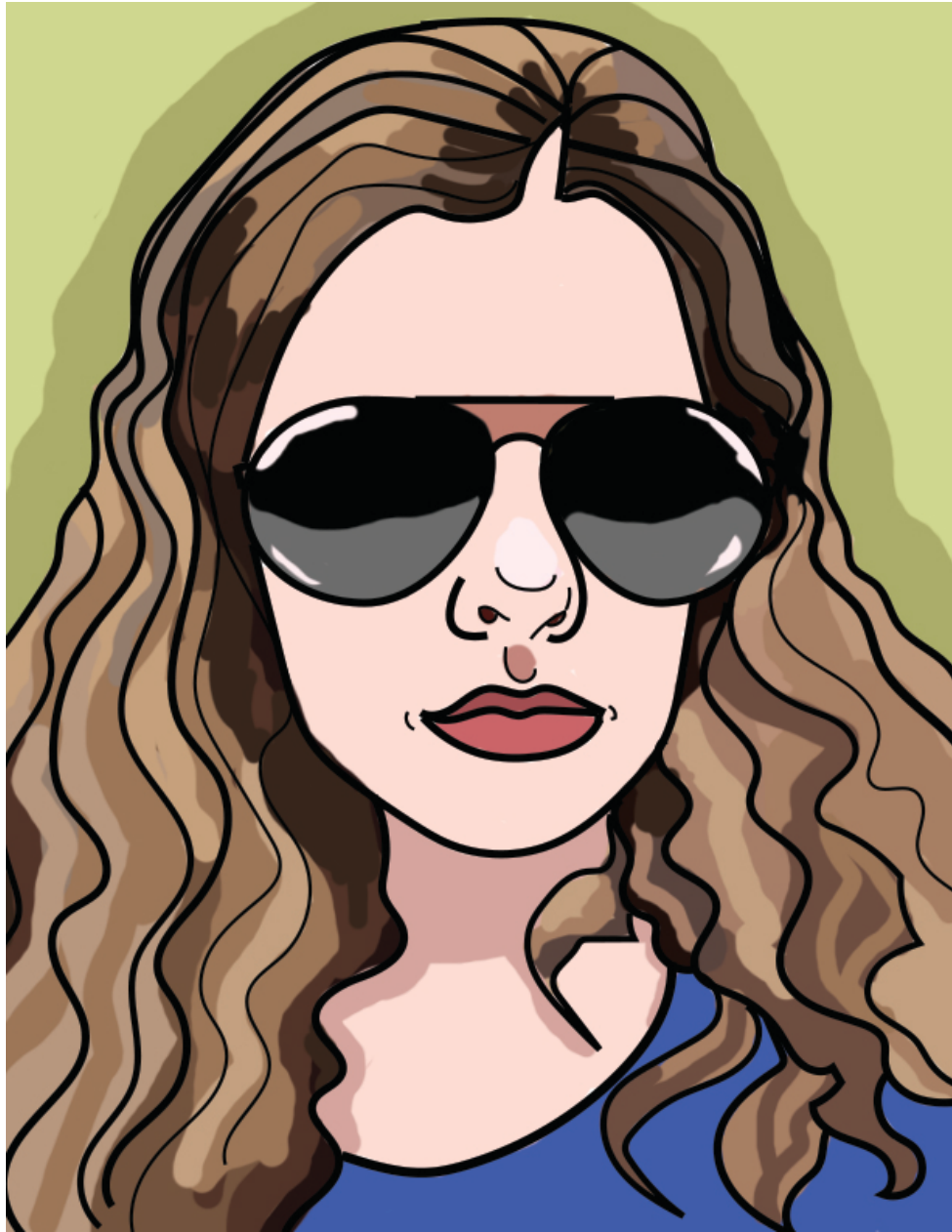
Set up your line drawing for painting like I have it here. Layer for color under your layer for lines.



Using the brush tool, you can change its size and hardness as you go.
Control > Click on the color you want from the photo. That changes the brush color



Get coloring! Simplify it! I choose two colors from my skin for my skin.



Finished character selfie.

SAVE AS JPG AND PUT IT IN YOUR
GOOGLE PORTFOLIO!