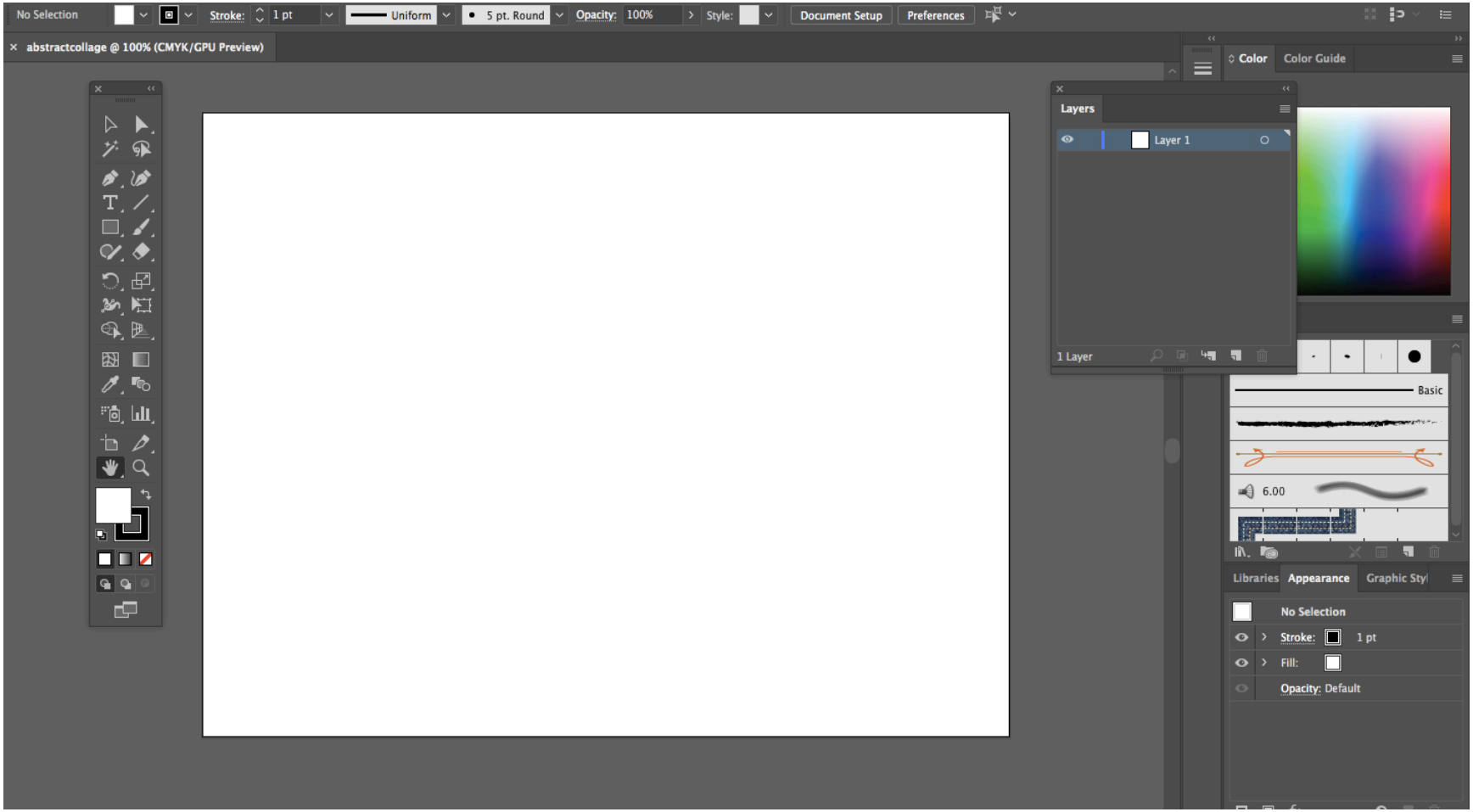
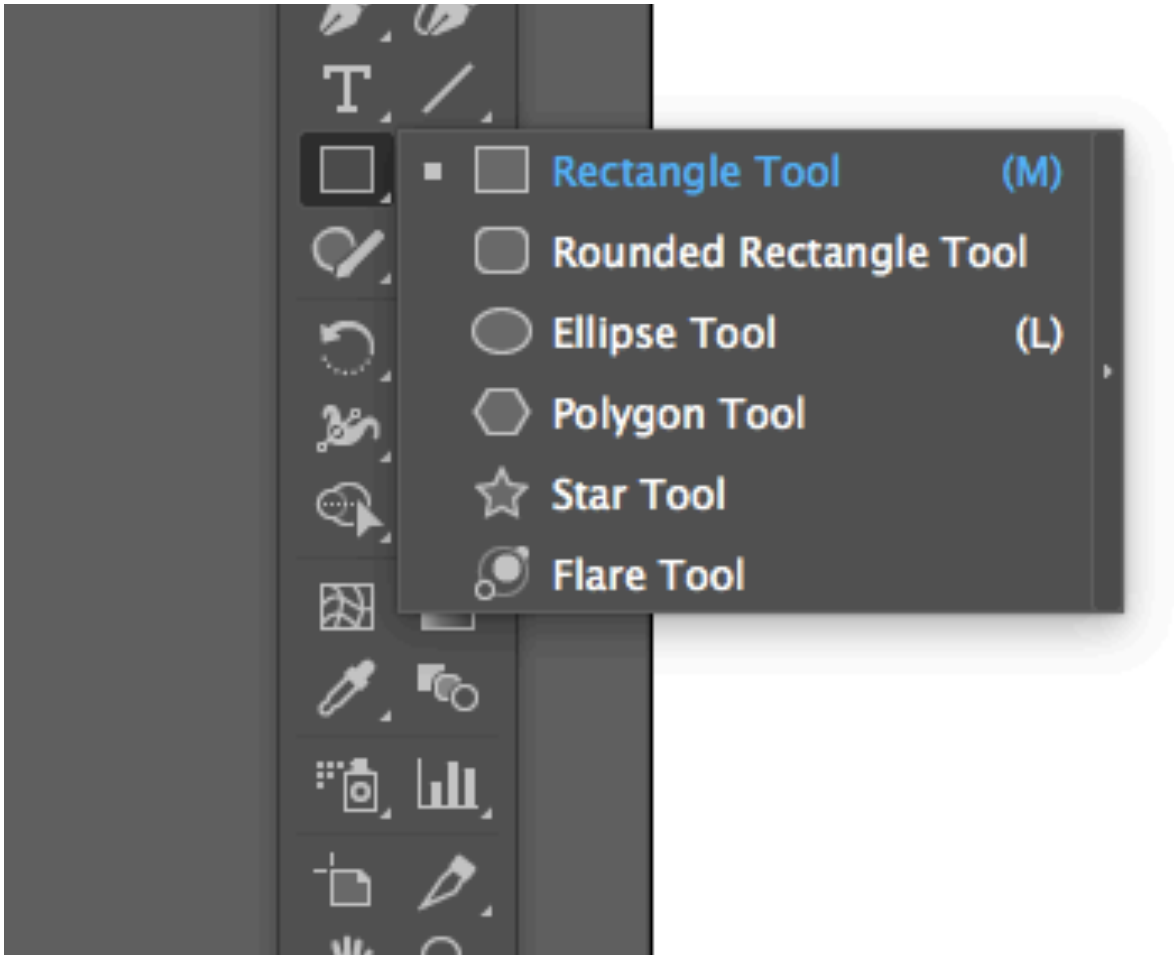
Abstract Collage

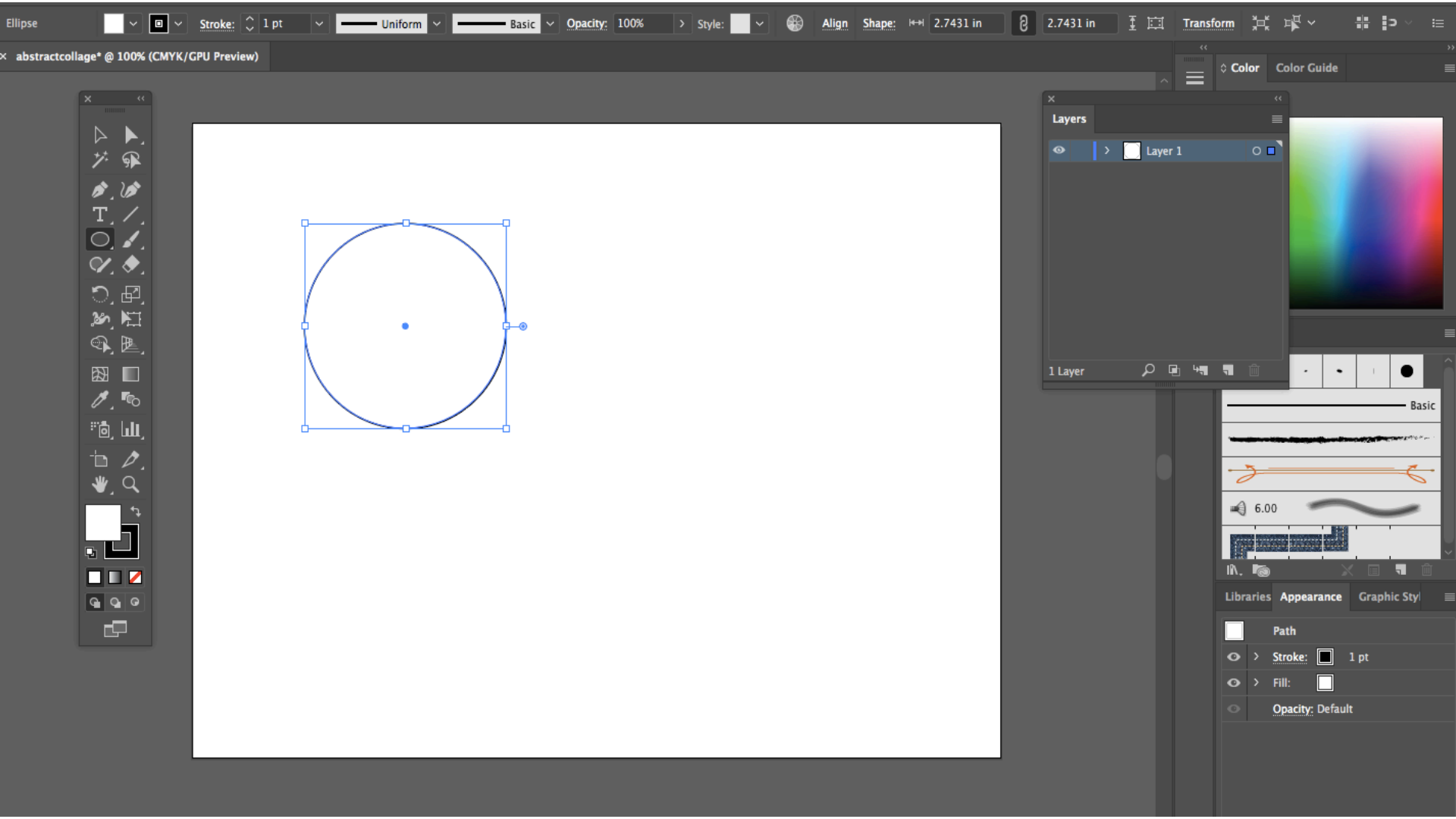
Foundations in Media Art



Make a new Adobe ILLUSTRATOR file 11x 8.5 inches, resolution 300

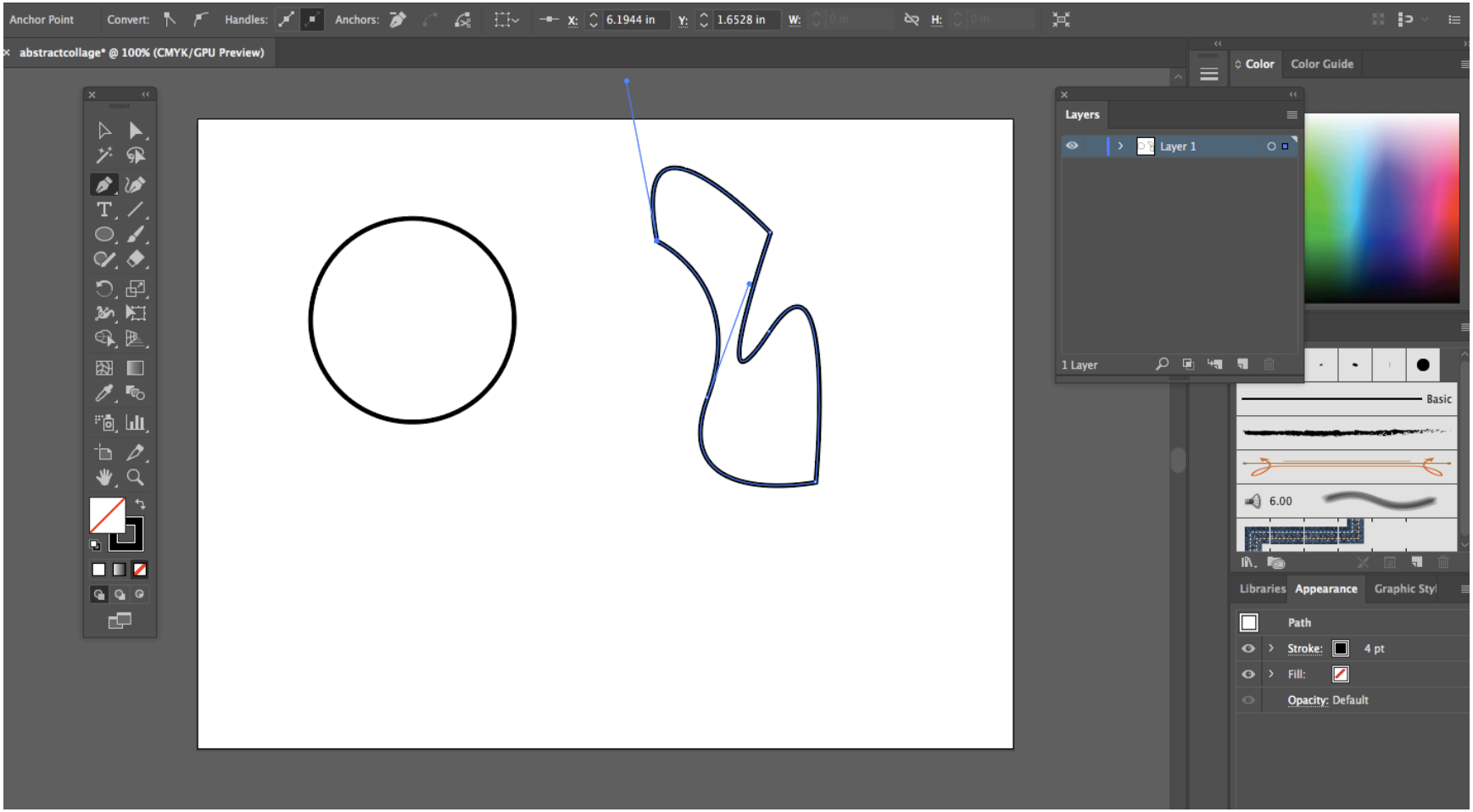


In the toolbar, you will see a rectangle. This is the shape tool. Click and hold down on it and you'll see all your shape options.



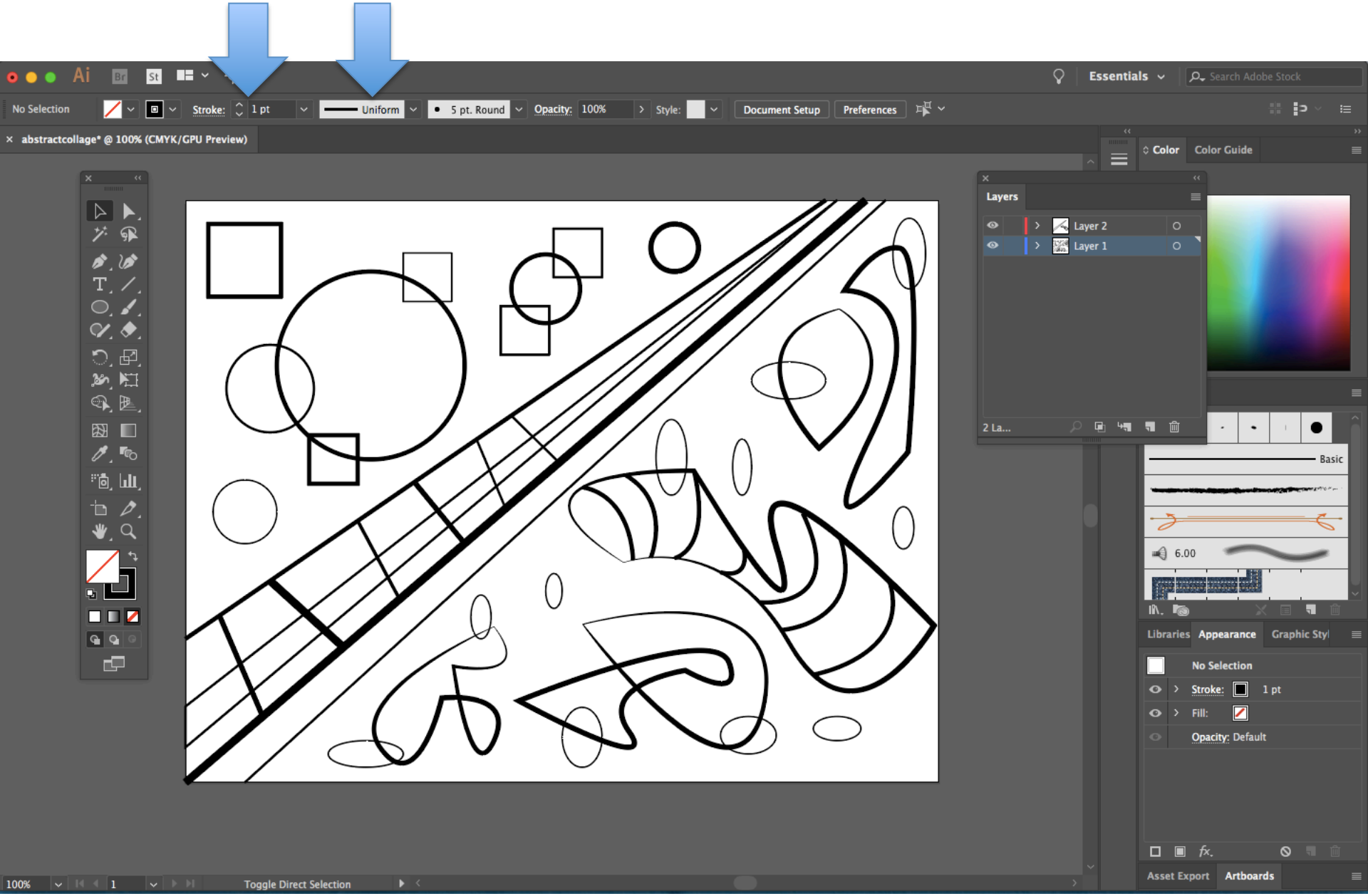
Click and drag to create shapes. Start adding various geometric shapes to your canvas.

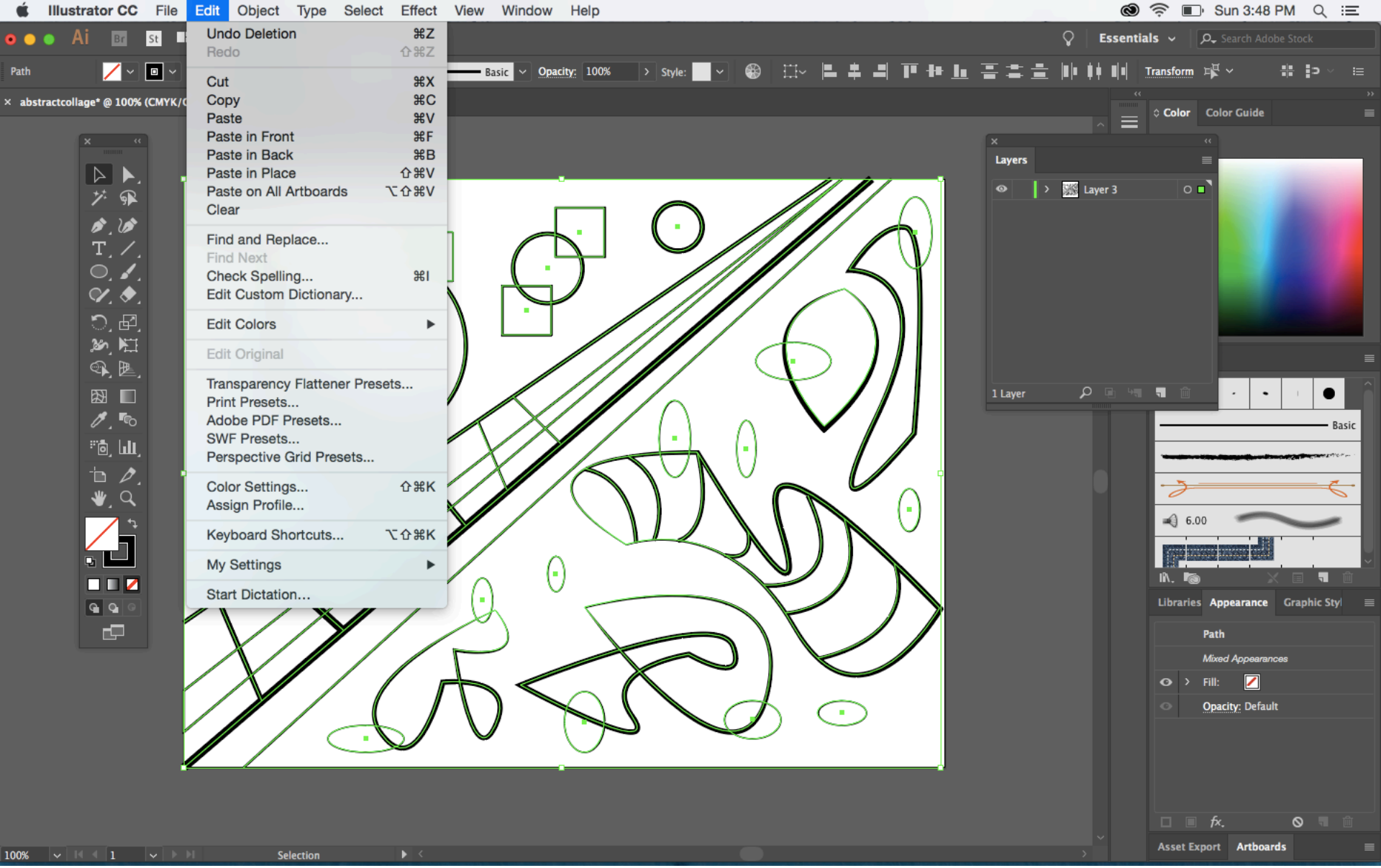
Remember, you can select a shape and click Control C and then Control V and you copy and paste it.



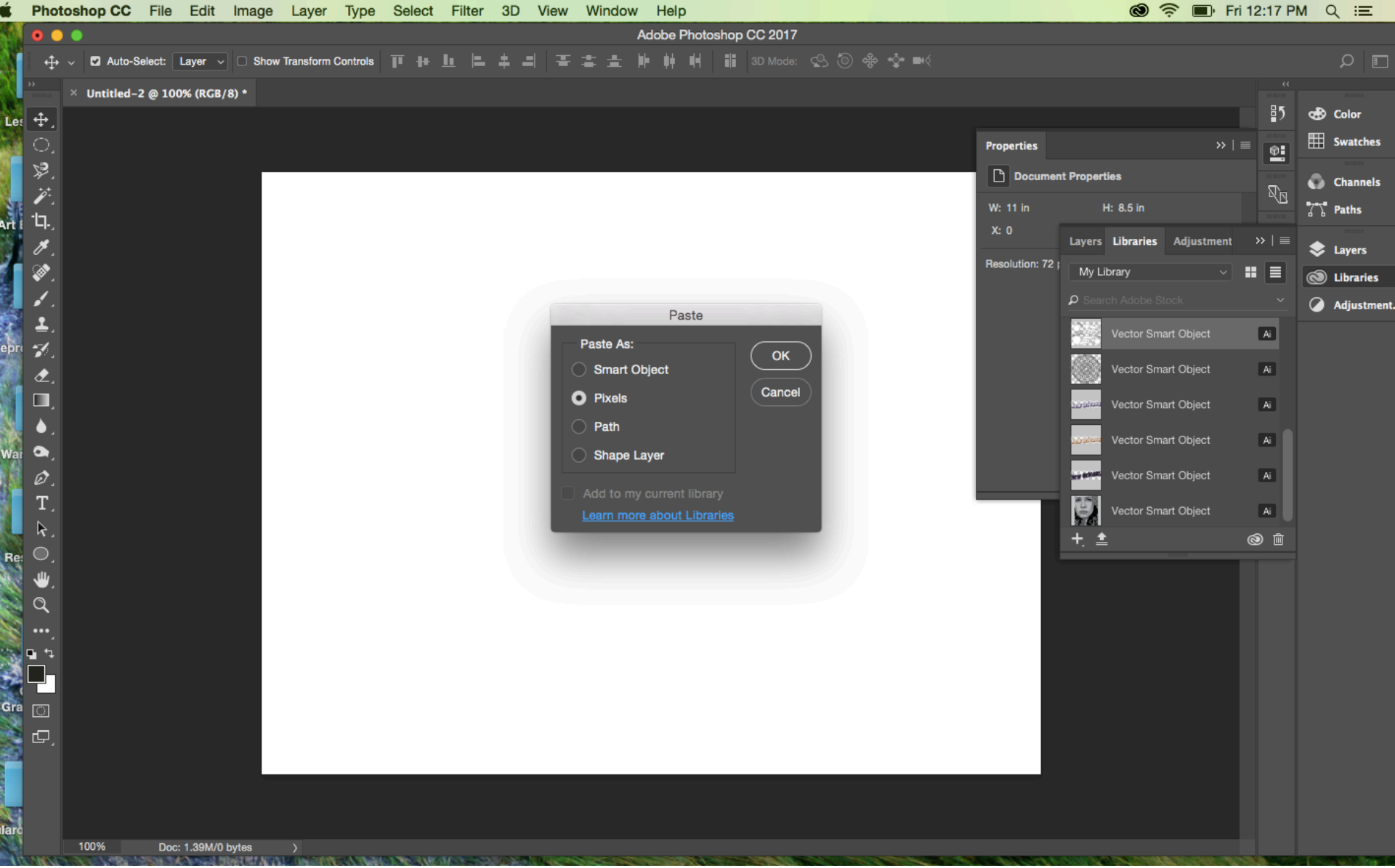
Now, use the pen tool to add organic shapes. Remember we want curves and bends!

You need to select each shape or line and adjust its stroke size and style. This gives your composition variety and visual interest.

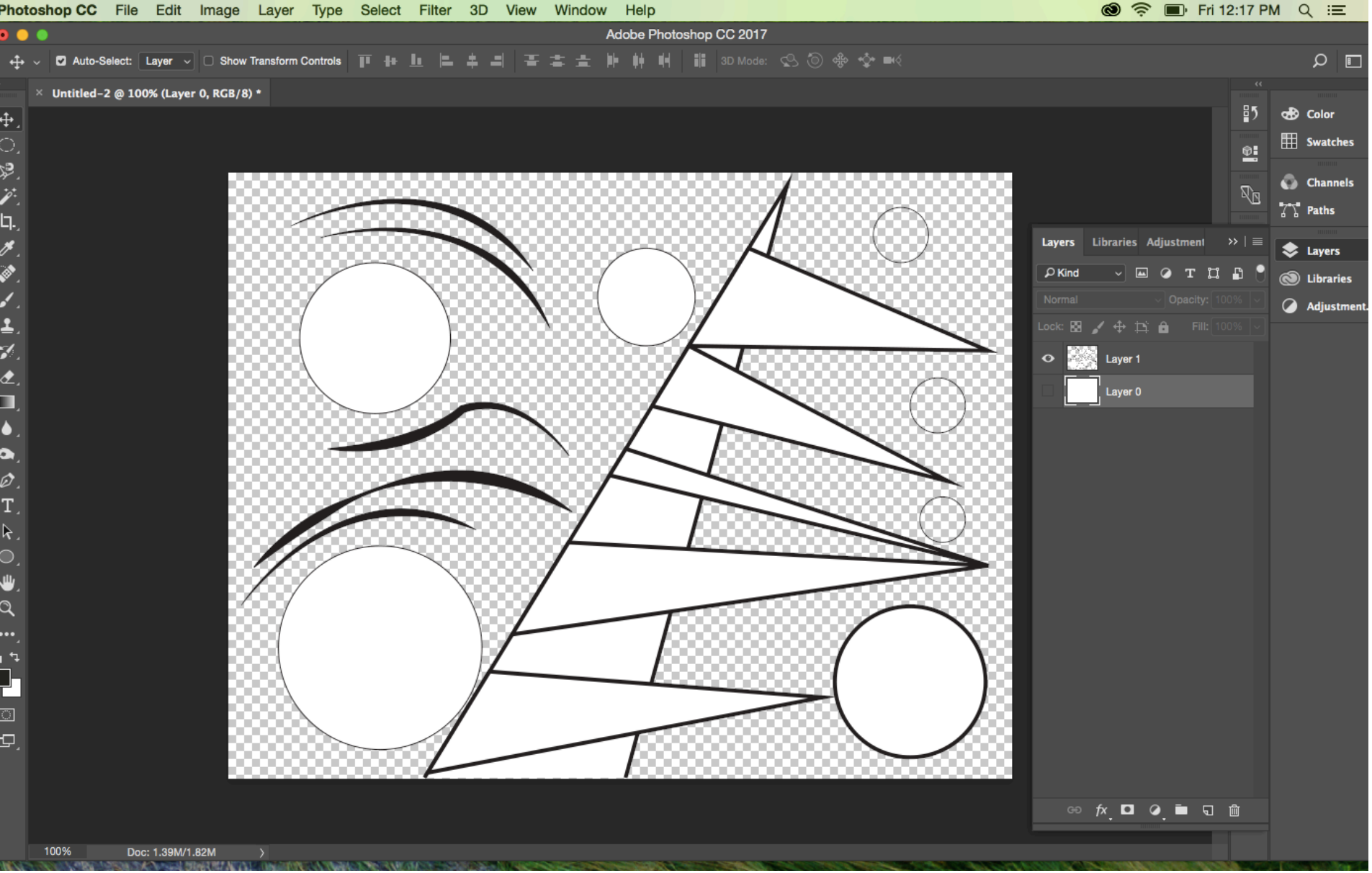




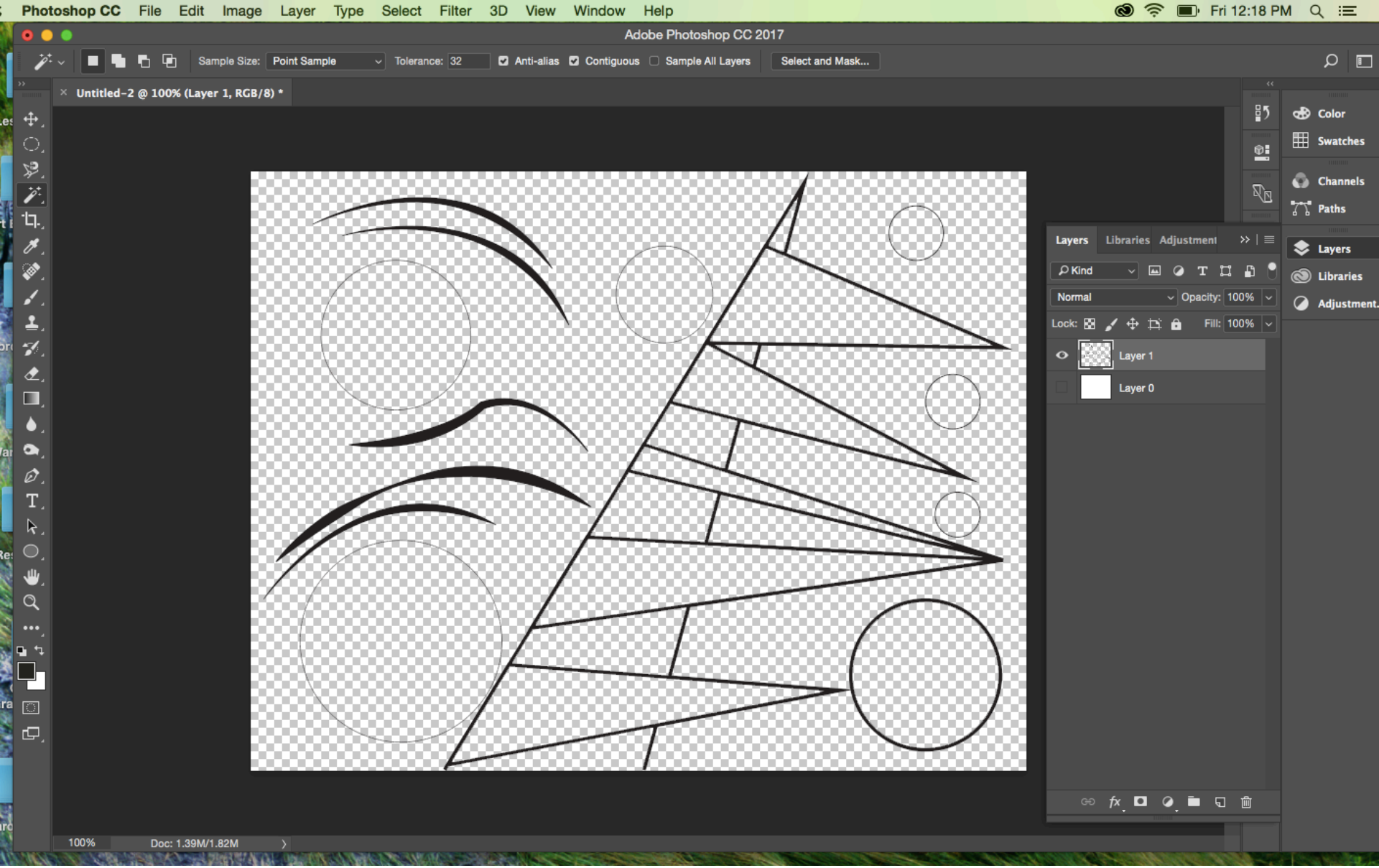
When done, click and drag a box around the entire image to select it.
Edit> Copy



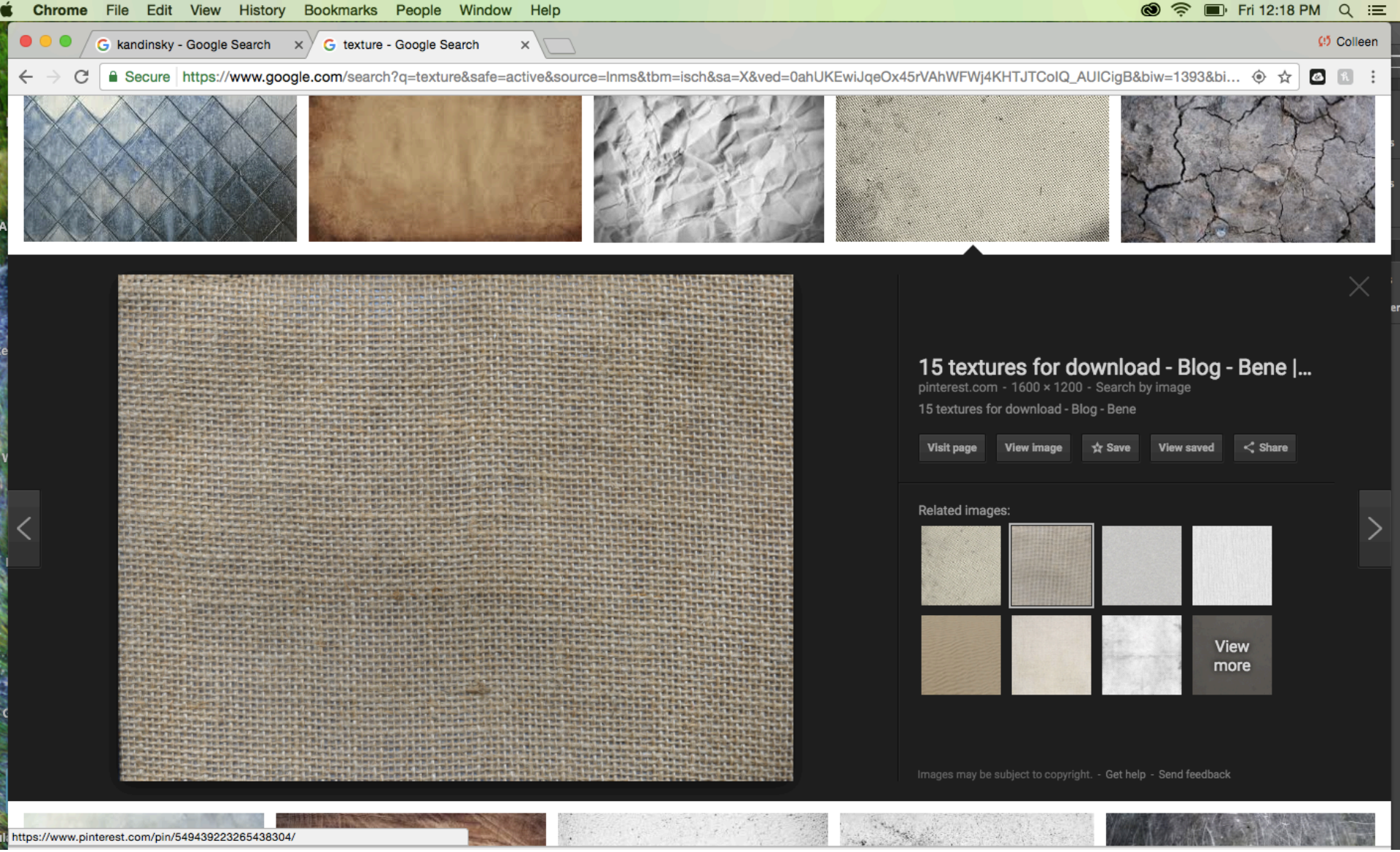
When you are happy with your composition, copy and paste it into a new Photoshop file. Paste as pixels. *(I used a different drawing for the rest of this tutorial, you are not crazy if you notice it changes)*



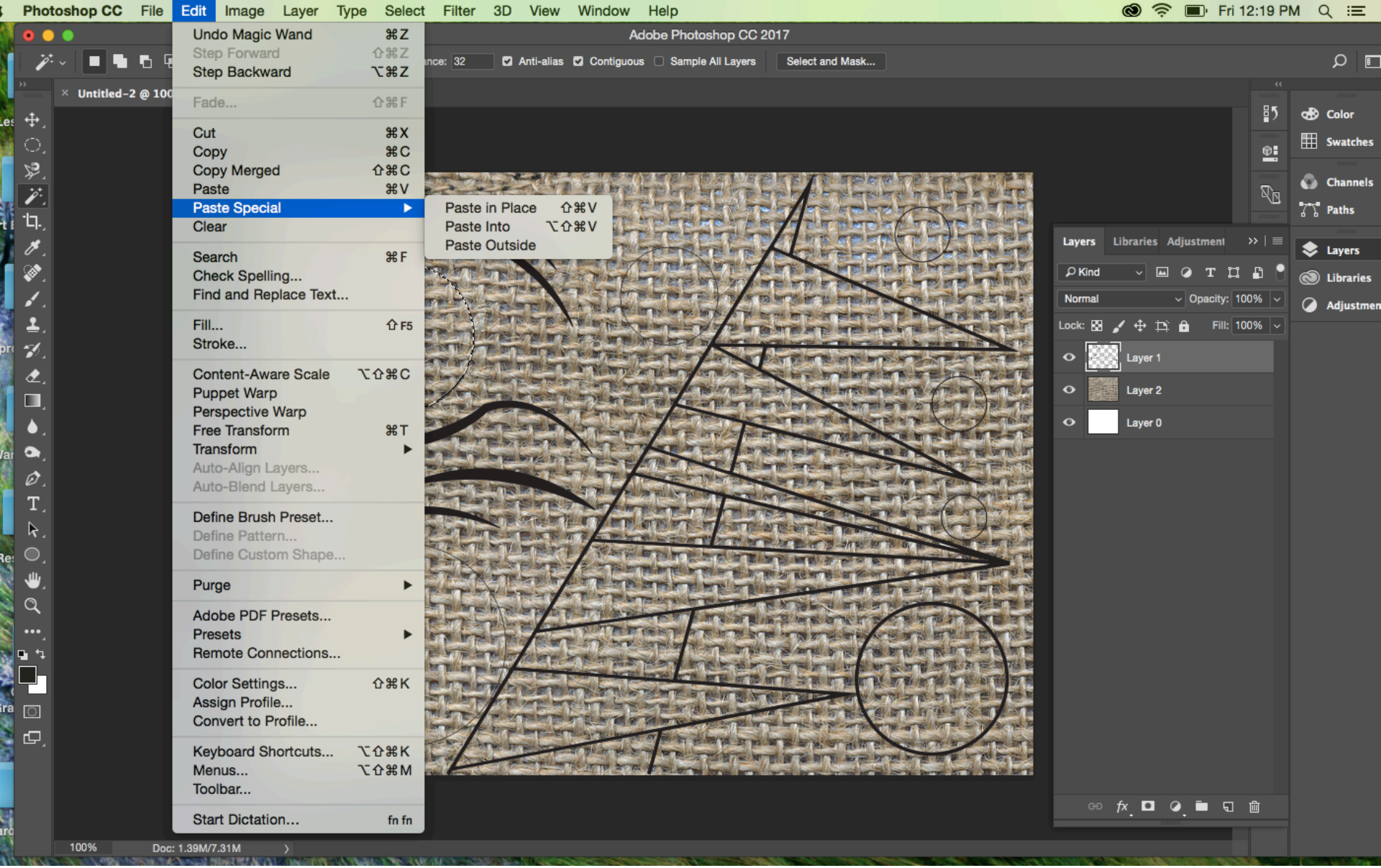
Turn off the background in order to see the remaining white spaces.



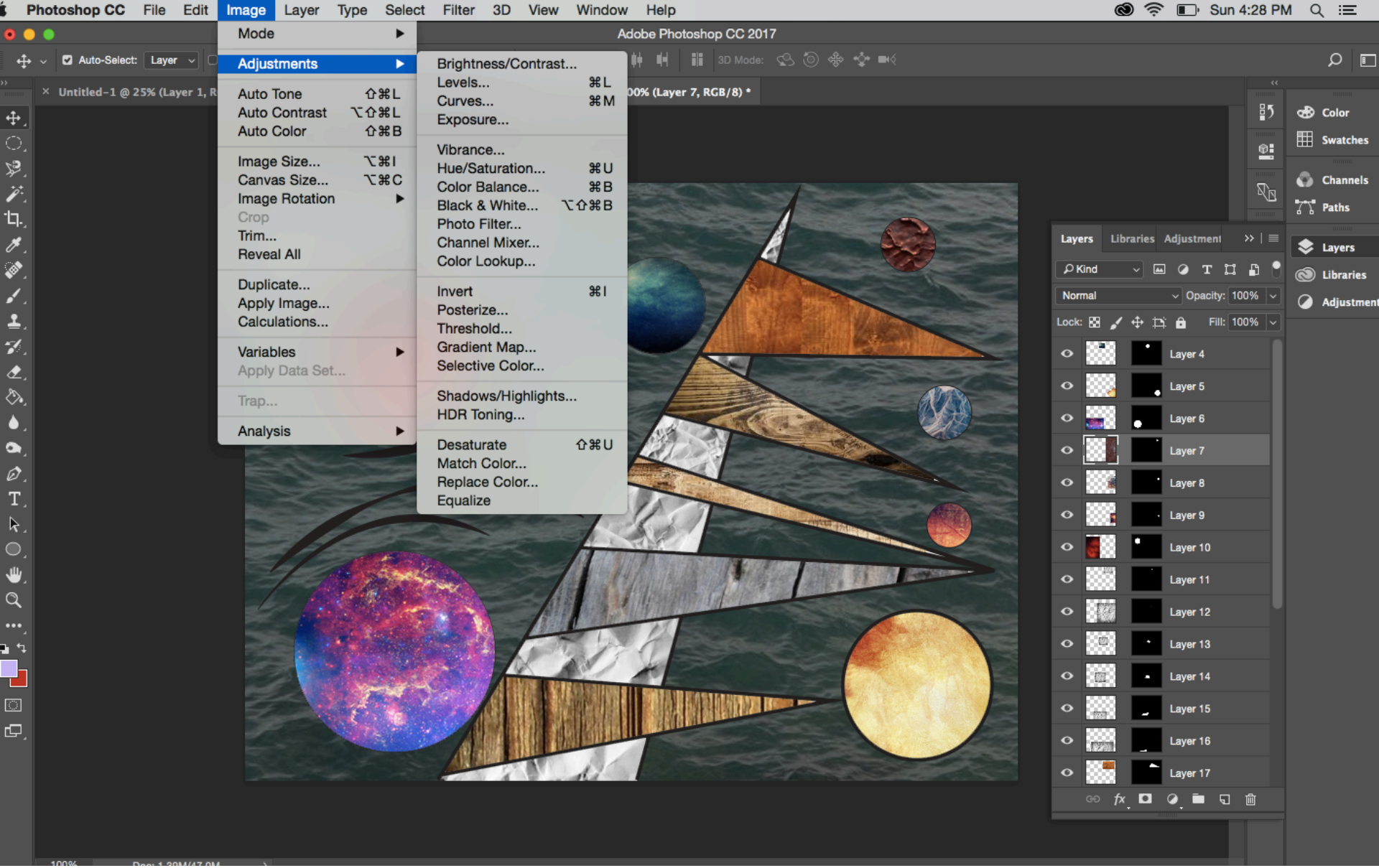
Use the magic wand and erase the white spaces, leaving your lines



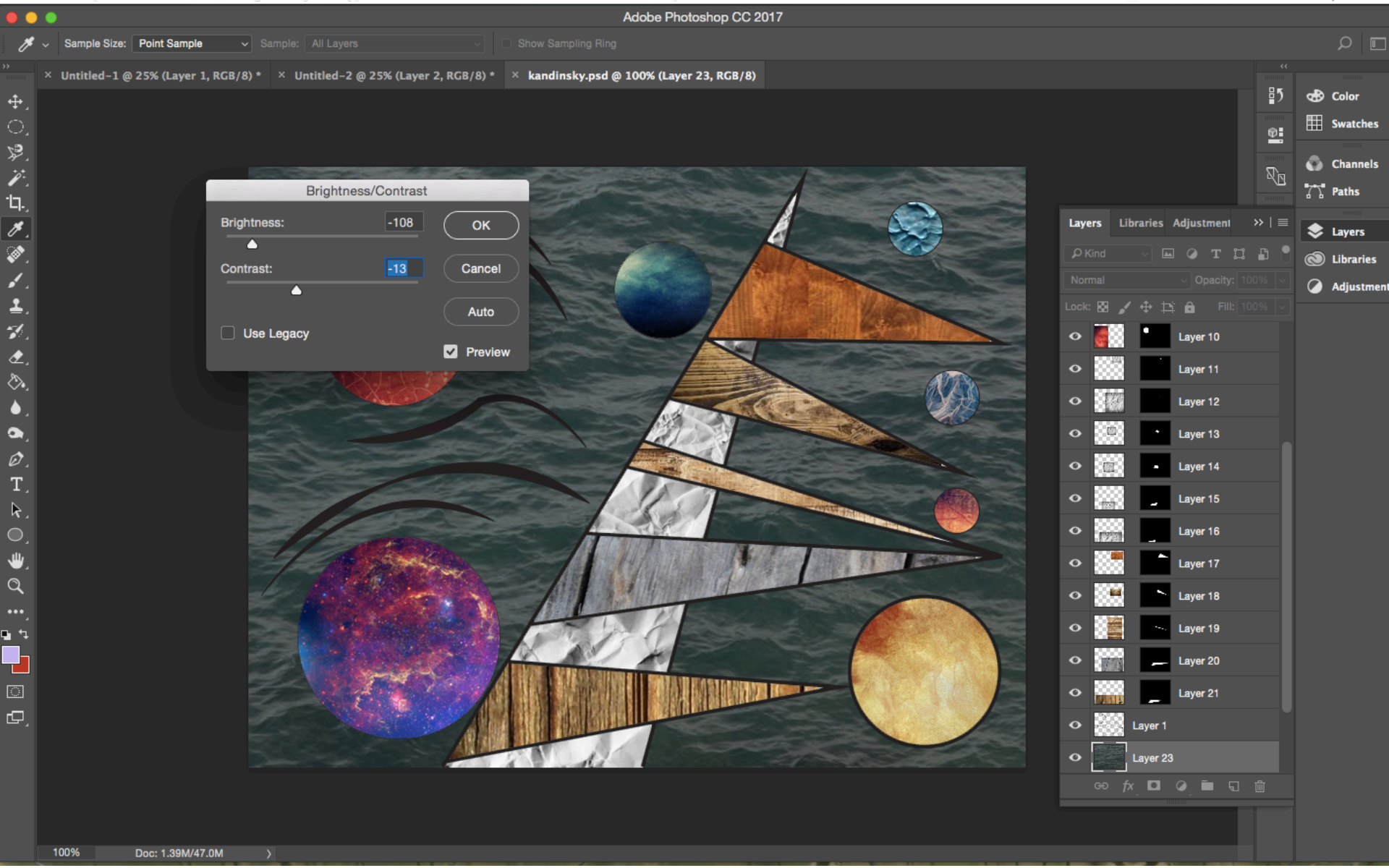
Now, starting finding your texture images. Good textures are wood, paper, fabrics and natural things such as a close up on a leaf or outer space.



Use the magic wand to select individual shapes to fill with the texture image.
Edit > Paste Special > Paste Into (just like our postcard project)
Then adjust the image as needed. (Edit > Transform > Scale)

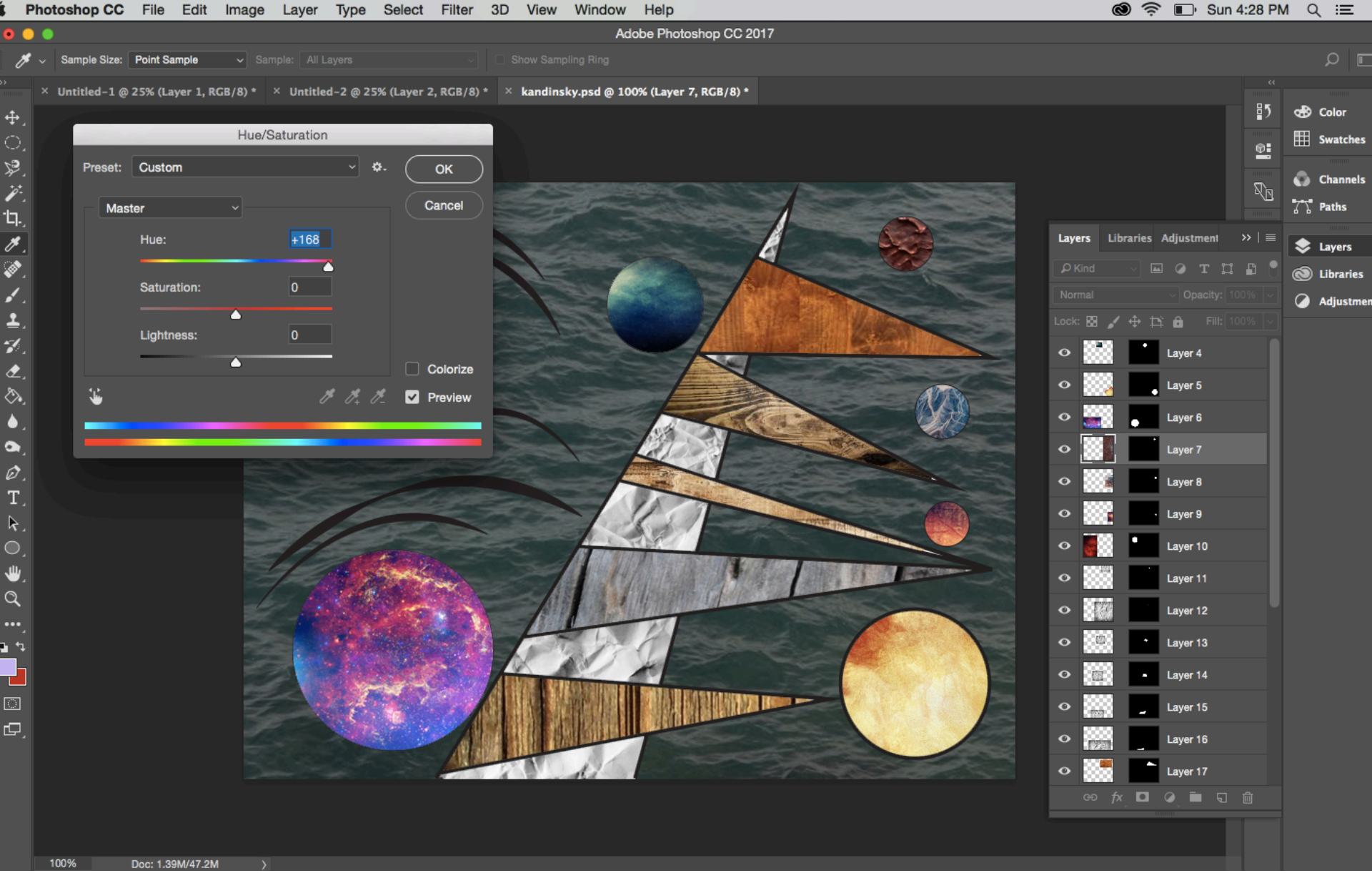


Once you've placed all your textures and colors into your shapes you will want to adjust the colors, brightness, and contrast of each one. This will give your image a sense of depth and space.

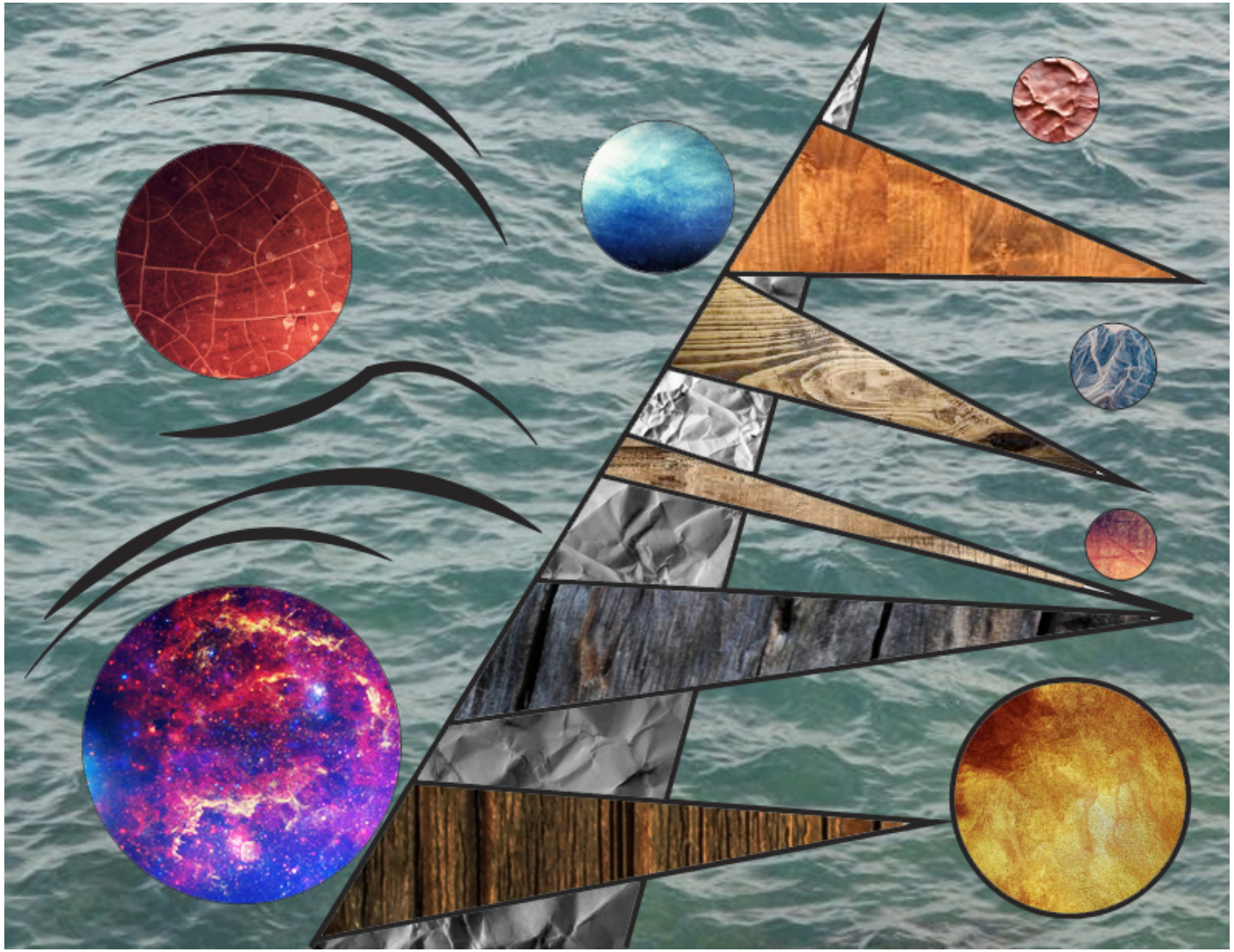


Objects in the back or “farthest away” will be lighter and objects in the front will be darker and more clear.

Image> Adjustments> Brightness and Contrast



Select the shape
Image> Hue/Saturation



My theme here is an abstract interpretation of outer space and possible portals to other dimensions.

Your theme will be completely unique to you! Whatever inspires you. Whatever you feel you can interpret abstractly.

SAVE AS A JPEG AND PUT IN YOUR GOOGLE PORTFOLIO!!