

Corel Trace To Create Vector Cut Out

If you need to cut out something from black and white artwork, you can scan the artwork in any scanner. This will give you a raster image for printing onto to surfaces. If you need to cut out just the outline of this image you will need to run it through Corel Trace. Save your scanned image as a BMP, TIF, or PCX file and remember its location.

Start Corel Trace by clicking on the Start button--Programs--Corel--Graphic Utilities--Corel OCR Trace 8. The Trace program will open.

Click on File on the Menu Bar--Open. Change the Look In to the location of your BMP file. Double click on your file. Your file will open up on the left side of a split screen. Click on the OCR Trace menu and click on Perform Trace and choose Outline. You will now see your image appear on the right side but it will have both rasters and vectors.

Save this image by clicking on the File menu and click Save--Vector. Decide where you want to save it and click save. Remember where it is.

Start Corel Draw. Click on File--Import--change the look in to the directory you saved it in. Double click on your file. Move your mouse where you want it and click. Your image will appear on the screen.

To make only the vector lines show, make sure that your image is selected. Using your right mouse button click on the color red on the color palette. Using your left mouse button, click on the NO FILL box (white box with X through it.) This should outline the image in red and eliminate the raster image.

You can edit this image by clicking on Arrange--Ungroup. You can click on something and delete it now. If you delete too much this way you will have to click on Arrange and Break Apart. This will allow you to click on smaller segments and delete them. You can move or delete individual nodes by changing to the Shape Tool (2nd from top on left hand side.) You will have to experiment with this, remember you can always Undo something that did not work.

Remember to save your image in Corel Draw when you are done editing it.