Adobe Illustrator- Shape Cutlines-Roland Vinyl Printer

- 1. Open Adobe Illustrator.
- 2. Click 'Letter' to open this sized document.
- 3. In the Properties menu on the right, the Units of measurement can be changed to 'Inches' if not set to that already.



4. To add a picture, click 'File' and 'Place.'



5. Find the file and click 'Place.'



6. Click on the document page to add the image. Resize using the square anchors: Left-click on the square, hold down, and drag the anchors. You can also use the properties menu under 'Transform' to change the width and height.

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7. Different shapes are available. The default is a rectangle in the left side menu. To add a different shape, right-click on the rectangle. A side menu will appear. An Ellipse, Polygon, and Star are also available. (Menus that have a small arrow in the right-hand corner show that additional options are available). For this example, select the Ellipse Tool.



8. Left-click on the document page, hold down, and drag out a circle. Edit the size around the image using the square anchors by left-clicking and dragging them as desired.



- 9. The Stroke needs to be set to a specific CutContour color and thickness. With the circle selected:
 - Change the thickness to .25.
 - Click the 'Stroke' box to open the color menu.
 - Click the 'New Swatch' icon.



10. Change the Swatch Name to 'CutContour.' The Color Type should be 'Spot Color.' The 'M' (Magenta) should be set to 100% while the others should be set to 0%. Click 'OK.'



If you click the selection tool in the menu on the side and click anywhere on the document page, the circle will be unselected and you'll see that it turned the correct color.



- 11. To save as an EPS, click 'File' and 'Save.'
 - Select where to save it.
 - Name the file.
 - Change the 'Save as type' to Illustrator EPS.
 - Click 'Save.'



12. Click 'OK' as the default options should be satisfactory if they match the screen.

