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Creating Vectors in CorelDRAW

Vectorizing an image makes that image easier to work with and manipulate. The image quality will stay sharp when enlarged or reduced. CorelDRAW contains a feature which helps you take a bitmap image and change it to outlines, or a vector image. Creating Vector Patterns CD (TUS 022) is very helpful in walking you through this process. In addition, Laser University has excellent lessons showing you in great detail how to work with vector and bitmap images in Corel.



Bitmap



Vector

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Bitmap verses Vector images.

A Bitmap image is made up of pixels (tiny bits, square in shape). So, when you enlarge this image, it will need more pixels to fill in the gaps. The computer has to guess what is needed in these gaps to make up more pixels. This is a guess at best and often the image will end up looking very *pixelized* or blurry looking. A vector image is made up of mathematical equations that create lines and curves. When resizing this type of image, all the computer needs to do is adjust the mathematical equation, which does not affect the quality of the object itself.

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