# INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE BRUSHES IN ILLUSTRATOR

Brushes can be downloaded from lots of places on the internet for use in Illustrator. Here are some instructions for getting the patterns to show correctly in your brushes panel.

## FOR AI OR EPS FILES:

If you grabbed from the internet and you're given an AI or an EPS file, open it in Illustrator. (Either drag the file to the Illustrator icon, or use File > Open to open it. Don't double-click it to open.)

With the selection tool (black arrow), select the brush stroke you wish to use and copy it (Command/Control + C).

In your working document (where you want to use the brush), paste the stroke you copied (Command/Control + V). The brush should show up in the brushes panel, ready for use. If it's a scatter brush, it will show up as a square with a single icon in Brushes; if it's a regular brush, it will show up as a horizontal line/swish.

## FOR BRUSH LIBRARIES:

Sometimes, you may be able to download brushes as libraries. (Often, these have an .abr extension.) If you get one of these files, open up the Brushes panel in Illustrator and click either the three lines (hamburger) in the top right corner of the panel, or the icon that looks like a stack of books in the lower left corner. In either place, you should see an option to "Load Brushes" or "Open Brushes." Click your .abr file and the library should be available for use in the Brushes panel.