TECH TIP

USING CORELDRAW

Mastering CorelDRAW is a vital part of laser engraving. Creative designs will push the performance envelope of your laser system for amazing results.
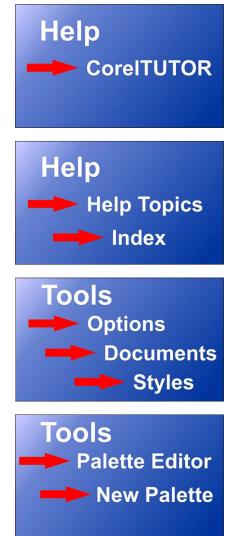
Learning the software takes time and patience. Try to set aside time each week to focus, as studying during the busy day can be distracting.

- Take advantage of the Corel Tutor. Click on the Help menu to find the Tutor program and find step-by-step instructions on basic and advanced functions.

- If you are mentally blocked on a certain technique, press F1 to find the Help area.

  Select the Topic button and enter the subject you need a quick review on.

- Set up your defaults for faster layouts. Draw shapes with no fills and hairline outlines. Go to Options and click on Document the Styles. Select the type of object and change the default setting.

- Create a limited color palette. Click on the Palette Editor. Click New and save the palette as Laser. Create colors using the RGB model.

  Consult your laser system manual for the RGB values that correspond to each color.

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