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1. Create a New Document

- Open Adobe Illustrator
- File > New → Choose a canvas size (e.g., A4 or 1080x1080 px for digital)

2. Background Setup

- Use the **Rectangle Tool (M)** to draw a background rectangle.
- Apply a **light blue gradient** or texture to simulate the sky.
- Optionally, use the **Effect > Texture > Grain** for subtle texture.

3. Draw the Deer

- Use the **Pen Tool (P)** to outline the deer's body and face.
- Simplify the form with soft curves.
- Add ears and facial features (eye, nose) using the **Ellipse Tool (L)** and **Pen Tool**.
- Use **Gradient** or **Flat Colors** to shade.

4. Create Antlers from Tree Branches

- Use the **Pen Tool (P)** to draw organic, curving lines coming out of the head.
- These lines will serve as **stylized branches/antlers**.
- Add leaves using the **Ellipse Tool** or **Pen Tool**, adjusting the shape and color for variety.

5. Add Flowers, Birds, and Bees

- **Flowers:** Use combinations of ellipses and star shapes. Adjust petal count and colors.
- **Bird:** Use simple shapes (rounded ellipses, triangles for wings/beak) to form a cartoonish bird.

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- Bee: Use ovals for the body, circles for the wings, and stripes with the Line Tool.

6. Add Decorative Elements

- Add water droplets, extra leaves, berries, etc., using simple shapes.
- Use Transparency/Opacity settings to layer elements softly.
- Group elements (Ctrl+G) as needed for easier management.

7. Organize with Layers

- Use the Layers Panel to separate:
 - Background
 - Deer
 - Branches & Leaves
 - Decorative elements
- Color & Style
 - Use Flat colors with no strokes or minimal outlines for a clean look.
 - Maintain a cohesive color palette: pastels, earth tones, or playful hues.
 - Use the Eyedropper Tool (I) to sample colors consistently.

8. Optional: Add Texture

- Use Texture Brushes or Opacity Masks to give it a natural, grainy look.

9. Export Your Work

- File > Export > Export As → Choose PNG, JPG, or SVG depending on use.
- Select "Use Artboards" to export only your canvas content.

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