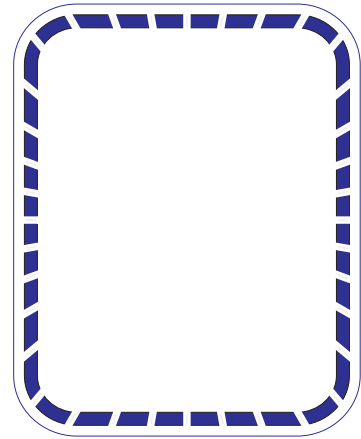
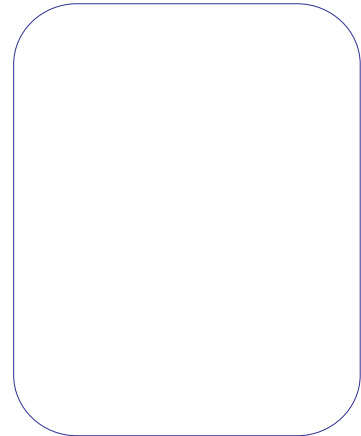


Creating a unique border around your plaques increases its value as an award. And, the uniqueness of the products from you is what makes your shop stand out. Every run out of a plates for an order that had using a pre-printed border. With a good stock of laser brass and this border, you will never fall short again.

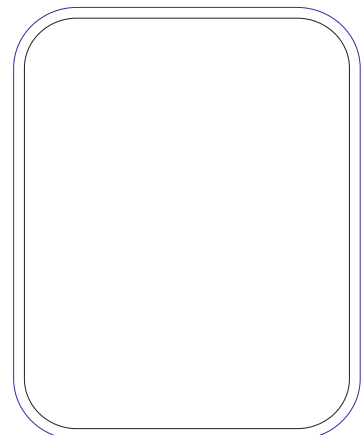
This is a simple border that can be rastered or vectored. Rastering on black brass or wood gives a quality border than anyone would be proud to receive as a part of their award. Or, you can place vinyl on acrylic or wood and vector cut the outline of the border. My favorite is with gold vinyl.



1. Start by drawing a 6" x 8" rectangle on your drawing page. Round the corners to 25-30 Corner Roundness.



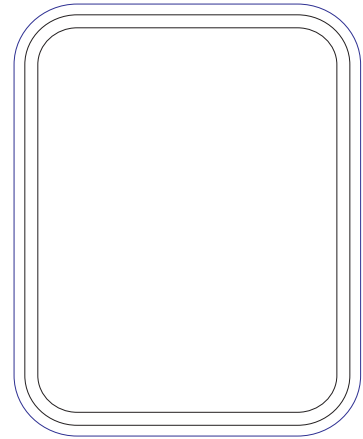
2. Using the contour function, create a single contour to the inside .50" With the objects still selected, go to the Arrange menu and use the option to Break Contour Apart. The .50" is the borders margin from the edge of the plate.



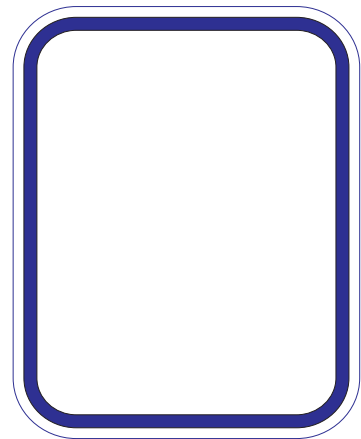
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3. With the newly created contour selected, let's create the second line of our border. Using the contour function, create a single contour to the inside .35" With the objects still selected, go to the Arrange menu and use the option to Break Contour Apart. The .35" is the actual width of the border.

Note: I broke the contouring of the border into two lessons. You can omit step 3 and in step 2 contour two lines. This will give you a border .50 wide.

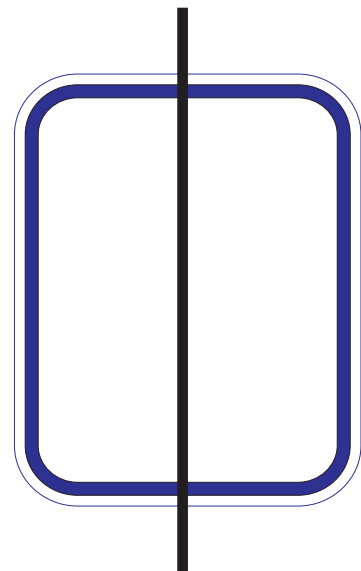


4. With the contour broken apart, use the Pick Tool to select the two inside lines of the border. From the property bar (or the Arrange menu) Combine the two lines. Left click on black on the Color Palette to fill the border.

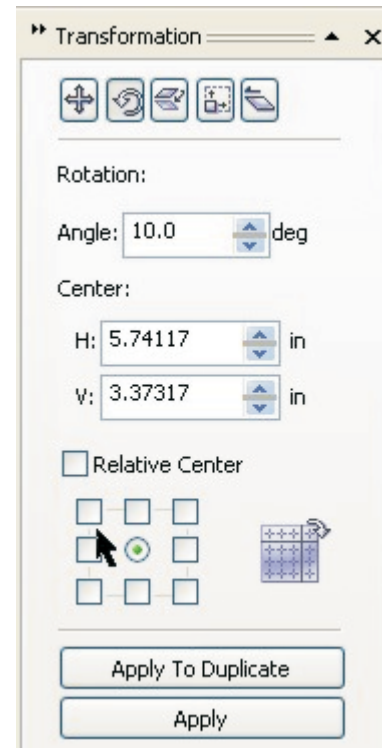


5. With your Freehand tool, draw a straight line 10" tall. Center it vertically and horizontally over the plate. Change the Outline Width to 8 pt, or .111".

From the Arrange Menu, select the Convert To Object option.

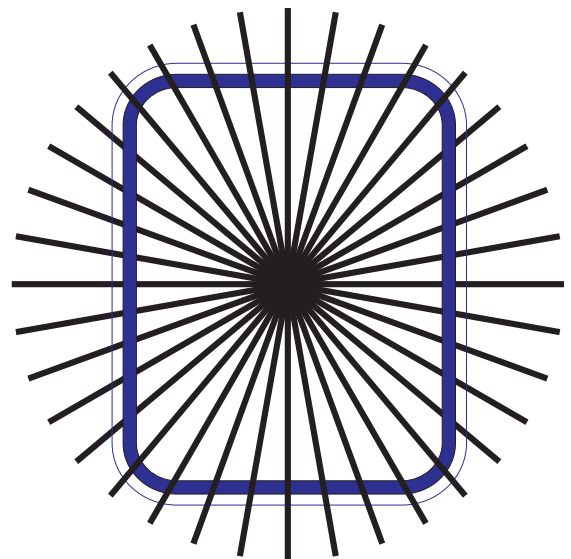


6. From the Transformation Docker, select Rotation. Make sure the center marker is selected, and Relative center is not checked. Enter 10 degrees for the angle of rotation. Press the Apply To Duplicate button 17 times.



7. The next step is to select all of the rotated lines. You can use the Shift method to select all of the lines one at a time. Or you can marquee select all of the lines and borders. Then hold down the Shift key and select the outside line and the filled border. Selecting an object that is already selected de-selects only that object from the selection

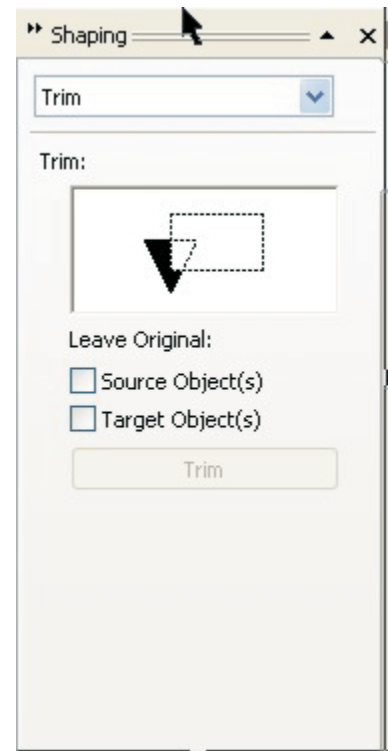
With only the rotated lines selected, Group them.



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8. With the lines grouped and selected, go to the Shaping Docker and select the Trim option. Make sure that Source Object(s) and Target Object(s) and not checked.

Click on the Trim button.



Your new border is completed. Try a different number of lines for different effects. I also changed some of the individual line widths.

