1. Distort Tool

The Distort tool in CorelDRAW allows you to create unique shapes by applying various distortion effects to objects.

Steps to Use the Distort Tool:

- 1. Select the object you want to distort.
- 2. Go to the *Distort Tool* in the **Toolbox** (usually grouped with the *Shape Tool*).
- 3. Choose a distortion type from the **Property Bar**:
 - **Push and Pull Distortion**: Moves nodes inward or outward from the object's center.
 - **Zipper Distortion**: Creates sharp peaks and valleys along the object's outline.
 - **Twister Distortion**: Twists the object around its center.
- 4. Adjust the distortion by dragging on the object or using sliders in the Property Bar.
- 5. Fine-tune settings like frequency, amplitude, and rotation in the Property Bar to achieve the desired effect.

Tips:

- Combine different distortion types for more complex designs.
- Use the Reset button in the Property Bar to revert the object to its original state.

2. Envelope Tool

The Envelope tool lets you reshape objects by manipulating their bounding boxes with control nodes.

Steps to Use the Envelope Tool:

- 1. Select the object you want to modify.
- 2. Activate the *Envelope Tool* from the **Toolbox**.
- 3. Click on the object to apply an envelope. A bounding box with control nodes will appear.
- 4. Modify the envelope by dragging the nodes or using preset envelope shapes in the **Property Bar**.
- 5. Choose the mode for the envelope:
 - **Straight-Line Mode**: Creates straight edges.
 - Single-Arc Mode: Creates curved edges.
 - **Double-Arc Mode**: Allows both sides of an edge to curve independently.

Tips:

- Use the "Add Nodes" option to add more control points for precise adjustments.
- Lock the envelope to maintain symmetry when editing.

3. Extrude Tool

The Extrude tool creates a 3D effect by adding depth to objects.

Steps to Use the Extrude Tool:

- 1. Select the object you want to extrude.
- 2. Click on the *Extrude Tool* in the **Toolbox**.
- 3. Drag the cursor on the object to create the extrusion.
- 4. Adjust the depth, perspective, and vanishing point in the **Property Bar**.
- 5. Modify the extrusion's lighting and shading effects for a more realistic 3D look.

Tips:

- Experiment with different extrusion angles for dynamic designs.
- Combine extrusions with gradients or textures for added visual impact.

4. Block Shadow Tool

The Block Shadow tool adds a solid shadow to objects, giving them a flat 3D appearance.

Steps to Use the Block Shadow Tool:

- 1. Select the object you want to add a shadow to.
- 2. Activate the *Block Shadow Tool* from the **Toolbox**.
- 3. Drag from the object in the direction where you want the shadow.
- 4. Adjust the shadow offset, opacity, and color in the **Property Bar**.
- 5. Use the **Break Apart** option to separate the shadow from the object for independent editing.

Tips:

- Block shadows work well with text and icons to create depth.
- Adjust the shadow's color to match the overall design theme.