1. To begin, open Adobe Illustrator and click the create new button. This will pull up a new document tap with preset sizes.
2. We’re going to modify a new custom preset and change the dimensions on the right to 10 inches by 10 inches. If your dimensions are in another format you can change them on the drop-down menu to the right next to the height and width. We are going to rename our preset to “pizza pattern” and click create in the bottom right corner and our new artboard will pop up.
3. Now we are going to create two separate layers. We go to the layers tab on the right panel and double click on our layer name and rename it “pizza pattern”.
4. Then we are going to create another layer by clicking the button at the bottom and renaming our new layer “background”.
5. We are going to lock this layer until we use it in the future.
6. We are going to make sure our smart guides are on by going to the View tab at the top and making sure Smart Guides has a check mark next to it.

NOTE: If you find you have a checkered background like seen above simply press CTRL-SHIFT-D
7. Now we are going to start making our pizza. Select the pen tool, which is the tool third down on the left most column on the left panel. We will begin by making the base of our pizza a triangle with the pen tool.
8. Then click on the selection tool on the top left and click the color palette on the top right and select the orange color you like. The two rectangles on the bottom left show the fill color and the outline color. Click on the outline color and turn it off.

Note: If you do not see the Color Palette button, go to the top right of the page and change Essentials to Classic Essentials.
9. Next we are going to make our crust. Select the pen tool and create a tilted rectangle at the top of the pizza.
10. Then select the selection tool again and change the color of the crust. You can also use the tints and shades button to get a lighter or darker color than originally selected.
11. Now we are going to make a shadow on the pizza by drawing another rectangle over the crust and the top half of the pizza. Then change back to your selection tool and change the color to a darker orange.
12. We are going to use the shape builder tool to cut off the excess edges of the shadow. With your selection tool we are going to select the pizza and the pizza shadow by dragging and highlighting both shapes. Then we are going to click the shape builder tool and hold down the alt/shift key. You will see the shapes highlight as you roll over them. Keep holding down the alt/shift (alt/option on mac) key and click on the excess parts of the pizza shadow to delete them.
13. Choose the selection tool again and select the pizza crust. Highlight over the Object menu and click Arrange then Bring to Front
14. Now we are going to make the pepperonis. Right click on the shape tool and select the ellipse tool. While holding down shift, drag to make a pepperoni. Then go back to the selection tool and change the color to a red.
15. To copy the pepperoni’s, select it and then hit CTRL and C then CTRL and V and it will duplicate the shape. You can size the shapes by selecting them and dragging the corners but hold down shift while doing it to keep your perfect circle.
16. Make some smaller circles in a lighter red to create detail on the pepperonis. You can use copy and paste to make the process go along quicker.

17. Next we are going to make the basil leaves. Click on the ellipse tool and draw an oval without holding down shift this time.
18. Then right click on the shape tool and select the rectangle tool. Draw a rectangle that covers half of the oval. Next change the color of the rectangle to a darker green. Then use your shape builder tool to cut off the excess of the rectangle while holding down the alt/shift key.
19. Then back to the selection tool. Size the basil leaf to fit on the pizza and copy and paste one or two more.
20. To start making the pattern, we are going to select the entire pizza, then go up to Object and Pattern and click make.
21. Click the okay button and your pizza will show up filling the box. Select Done in the top left bar.
22. On the layers panel, lock the pizza pattern layer and turn off the layer by clicking the eyeball. Then unlock the background layer.
23. Go to the shape tool and click on the rectangle tool and draw a rectangle as big as the artboard. Then go to the swatches panel on the right side and scroll down until you see your pizza pattern as a swatch. Select it and you’ve created your pattern!