To create a sliding graph design:

1. Create a rectangle as the backmost object in the design. This rectangle represents the boundary for the graph design.
2. Create the design using one of the drawing tools, or place an existing design in front of the rectangle.
3. Use the pen tool to draw a horizontal line to define where the design will be stretched or compressed.
4. Select all parts of the design, including the horizontal line.
5. Choose Object > Group.
6. Use the direct-selection tool or group-selection tool to select the horizontal line. Be sure to select only the horizontal line.
7. Choose View > Make Guides.
8. Use the selection tool to select the whole design.
9. Choose View > Lock Guides to remove the check mark next to Lock so you can unlock the guides. Move the design around to make sure that the guide moves with the design.
10. Choose Object > Graphs > Design.
11. Click New Design. A small preview of the selected design is displayed.
12. Click Rename. Name the design, and click OK. Then click OK again.

Applying graph designs to a graph:

Once you have created a graph design, you can apply it either as a column in a column graph, as a bar in a bar graph, or as a marker in a line or scatter graph.

To use a graph design in a column graph or bar graph:

1. Use the group-selection tool to select the columns or bars you want to fill with the design, or select the entire graph.
2. Choose Object > Graphs > Column.
3. Select a column design type.

If you choose the Repeating Column type, enter a value in the Each Design Represents text box for what each design represents. For example, if each design should represent 100 units, enter 100 in the Each Design Represents text box. Also select whether to chop or scale any fractions of the design. The Chop Design option cuts off a fraction of the top design as necessary; the Scale Design option scales the last design to fit in the column.
4. Select the design you want to use; a preview of the selected design appears.
5. Click OK.