

# Google SketchUp Resources

Google SketchUp is software that you can use to create 3D models of anything you like. The main page (including the download) is at <http://sketchup.google.com/>. **It's free so you can try it at home too!**

You can build models from scratch, or you can download what you need. People all over the world share what they've made on the Google 3D Warehouse. It's a huge, searchable repository of models, and it's free. Explore the Google 3D Warehouse at <http://sketchup.google.com/3dwarehouse/>.

Most people get rolling with SketchUp in just a few minutes. Dozens of video tutorials, an extensive Help Center and a worldwide user community mean that anyone who wants to make 3D models with SketchUp, can. Check out the training videos at <http://sketchup.google.com/training/videos.html>.

Self-paced tutorials are SketchUp files designed to give interactive training to help you develop your SketchUp skills. To download these tutorials, please visit the Self-paced tutorial collection in the Google 3D Warehouse. To find them, go to <http://sketchup.google.com/3dwarehouse/> and search for 'Google self-paced tutorial'. The four we will cover are (and there are LOTS others if you are interested):

1. Introduction to SketchUp <http://tinyurl.com/gms-sketchuptutorial1>
2. Google SketchUp Self-Paced Tutorial - Part 1 <http://tinyurl.com/gms-sketchuptutorial2>
3. Google SketchUp Self-Paced Tutorial - Part 2 <http://tinyurl.com/gms-sketchuptutorial3>
4. Google SketchUp Self-Paced Tutorial - Part 3 <http://tinyurl.com/gms-sketchuptutorial4>

There are several written guides covering the use of SketchUp:

- Concepts Guide - explains common SketchUp terms and concepts  
<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=116360>
- Getting Started Guide - explains introductory operations  
<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=115420>
- User's Guide - answers "How do I..." questions about using SketchUp  
<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=116174>
- Reference Guide - defines specific features, functions, and menus  
<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=116008>
- Quick Reference Card - contains a list of tools and their modifier keys (*on the back of this page*)  
<http://sketchup.google.com/support/bin/answer.py?answer=116693>