



Google SketchUp: Getting Started

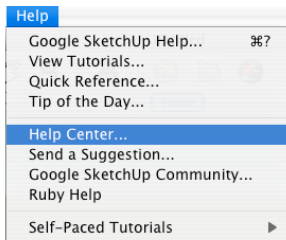
Google SketchUp is a fun, easy-to-learn software program for exploring and communicating ideas in 3D. It allows students and educators to build 3D models which can be used to visualize and understand three-dimensional concepts pertaining to math, science, history, art, industrial technology, geography, geology, language arts and many others. A simplified set of modeling tools and an intuitive user interface allow most students to learn SketchUp in a couple of hours.

Learning Google SketchUp

Many learning resources exist for SketchUp, and all are free and available online. Visit:

<http://sketchup.google.com>

Video Tutorials



Access the video tutorials online by choosing **View Tutorials...** in the SketchUp **Help** menu. We recommend that you start with the video called *Quick Start: Video 1* and proceed from there. You can also access the Google SketchUp video tutorials on the web at:

<http://sketchup.google.com/tutorials.html>

Self-Paced Tutorials

Self-paced tutorials are Google SketchUp files that offer a step-by-step, interactive approach to learning the software. These can be accessed by choosing **Self-Paced Tutorials...** in the SketchUp **Help** Menu.

Help Center

The Google SketchUp Help Center is an extensive website dedicated to answering questions about SketchUp in a user-friendly question and answer format. Access the Help Center online





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User's Guide

The SketchUp Online User's Guide is a very comprehensive, book-style learning resource. It can be accessed online by choosing **Google SketchUp Help...** in the SketchUp **Help** Menu.

Quick Reference Card

The SketchUp Quick Reference Card is a single-page, printable guide to SketchUp's tool icons, modifier keys and mouse buttons. It's a very handy way to quickly figure out "what everything does". Access the Quick Reference Card by choosing **Quick Reference...** in the SketchUp **Help** menu.

Google SketchUp Groups

Google SketchUp Groups are online discussions about SketchUp, using SketchUp with Google Earth, and many other helpful topics. To reach the Google SketchUp Groups online, choose **Google SketchUp Community...** in the SketchUp **Help** menu.

SketchUp Education Forum

The SketchUp Education Forum is an online discussion similar to Google SketchUp Groups (above), but tailored specifically to the education community. The Education Forum is a great place to share lesson ideas and make contact with other members of the SketchUp educational community. Visit all of the SketchUp Forums, including the Education Forum, by visiting: <http://forum.sketchup.com>

