

# Free artist and creative resources

A list of free resources for artists and creative people. Feel free to add yours to the list! If you do, please add a note at the bottom of the document so I can keep track of the list a bit. I keep a backup file so don't fear accidents.

Let's try not to include AI. Please support real people.  
And don't be a dick.

## Software / sites:

<https://krita.org/en/> - drawing software  
<https://www.blender.org/download/> - 3D software  
<https://www.openshot.org/> - video editing software  
<https://cara.app/home> - art site  
<https://ellipsus.com/> - writing site  
<https://artistree.io/> - commission site  
<https://vgen.co/> - commission site  
<https://www.gimp.org/> - Image Manipulation software

## References, stock photos, anatomy:

<https://www.adorkastock.com/> - pose references  
<https://unsplash.com> - reference photos  
<https://sketchfab.com/> - 3D models of everything, viewable on browser  
<https://line-of-action.com/> - reference photos  
<https://www.sketchdaily.net/> - reference photos  
<https://jookpubstock.com/> - a variety of reference photos  
<https://x6ud.github.io/#/> - animal photo references based on angle/pose  
<http://referenceangle.com/> - human photo references based on angle/pose  
<https://bodiesinmotion.photo/> - reference photos of dynamic poses

<https://shot.cafe/> - database of stills from movies

<https://www.heroforge.com/> - custom 3D miniature designer  
<https://characterdesignreferences.com/> - character design references

<https://www.artstation.com/artwork/GX3Ax1> - male head for lighting  
<https://www.artstation.com/artwork/6a0Par> - female head for lighting  
<https://www.posemaniacs.com/> - 3d models for poses  
<https://www.innerbody.com/image/musfov.html> - interactive guide to muscular system  
<https://www.innerbody.com/image/skelfov.html> - interactive guide to skeletal system

## Character design, world building, etc:

<http://www.rinkworks.com/namegen/> - fantasy name generator

<https://what-if.xkcd.com/archive/> - serious answers to absurd questions

<https://donjon.bin.sh/> - random anything generators

<https://www.worldanvil.com/> - everything world building

<https://www.seventhsanctum.com/> - generators for everything

<https://watabou.itch.io/> - random generators

<https://inkarnate.com/> - Fantasy Maps Creator (free assets available)

## Other:

<https://www.reubenlara.com/perspectivegrid/> - perspective grids

<https://paletton.com/> - color scheme designer

<https://colors.co/> - color palette creator

<https://www.mrinitialman.com/OddsEnds/Sizes/sizes.html> - compare heights chart

<https://tvtropes.org/> - tv tropes

<https://lovescihub.wordpress.com/> - science hub

## Tutorials, challenges, youtube channels etc:

<https://www.instagram.com/thechallenge52/> - 52 week improvement challenge

<https://www.youtube.com/@AdamDuffArt> - calming art talks, advice, etc

<https://www.youtube.com/@Artwod> - art fundamentals

<https://www.youtube.com/@fowlerillus> - advice on art

<https://www.youtube.com/@marcobucci> - art videos, painting demos etc

<https://www.myhideout.xyz/resources/portfolio/concept-art> - concept art portfolio guide

<https://www.instagram.com/etheringtonbrothers> - lots of simple tutorials

<https://www.instagram.com/art.pete.repeat> - color theory deep dive

<https://artfight.net/> - annual art exchange challenge (with teams and everything)

<https://www.youtube.com/@RyanKingArt> - excellent Blender tutorials

<https://loish.school/download/> - tutorials, brushes, challenges (stylized art)

## Music:

<https://www.music-map.com/> - find music similar to what you like

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