

MagicalMeily's (Mostly Free) Design and Art Resources 2023

I encourage you to share this list with other designers, artists, or even students via this document, [my tweet](#), or [tumblr post](#). **Likes/RT appreciated.** Links marked as 'Free/Paid' usually means the free version has a lot of features anyway and the paid one just has some extra templates or storage space.

***Disclaimer** - I haven't used all of these services myself, so please let me know if anything dodgy has slipped through the cracks, or if you have any others I should add. *I do not support NFTs or Generative AI, so hopefully you won't find any listed. Always double check commercial usage rights.*

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COMMISSIONS:

COMMISSION SETUP

Collection of designers rates - [Graphic Design Rates Master Sheet](#)
TOS Example, Free to use (Made by @kawa_kunn) - [Twitter](#) / [YuyuKawa TOS](#)
TOS Example 2, (Made by @nrnMarie) - [Twitter](#) / [Google Drive](#)
TOS Example 3, (Made by @keyokku) - [Twitter](#) / [Google Docs](#)
Tiktok walkthrough of a commission TOS form - [@artofthecatt](#)
Longer Video of commission TOS form - [How to Create a Commission Form](#)
Commission Advice (Made by @AerlyaGraphics) - [Aerlya Graphics](#)
Merchandise/printing services - [Merchandise Resources](#)
'How to Manage a Large Workload' - [AerlyaGraphics](#)
Cute Project Planner (Notion Template) - [@emiphoria](#)

COMMISSION TRACKERS/MANAGEMENT

(Free/Paid) Clients can see your progress - [Trello](#)
(Free/Paid) Single user or collaborative project tracker - [Notion](#)
(Free) General Commission Management - [Commiss.io](#)
(Free) Google Sheets Commission/Project Tracker Template - [@sagikiihori](#)

TEAM DESIGN/COLLABORATION

(Free/Paid) - [Zeplin](#)
(Free/Paid) - [Notion](#)
(Free/Paid) - [Figma](#)
(Free for Individuals) - [Box](#)
(Paid) - [Sketch](#)

FILE SHARING

(Free) - [Google Drive](#)
(Free/Paid) - [WeTransfer](#)
(Free/Paid) - [Jumpshare](#)
(Free for individuals) - [Box](#)
(Free) - [Blindsend](#)

MOODBOARD MAKERS

[Design Inspiration](#)

Image search for inspiration - [Muzli Search](#)

Makes and automatically sets out moodboards - [Visualist](#)

PROGRAMS:

DESIGN PROGRAMS

Graphics, Photo editing, Publishing (One-off payment, highly recommend!) - [Affinity](#)
2d Animation (Free/Paid) - [Cavalry](#)
Graphics, Audio, Video (Free, Browser) - [Artboard Studio](#)
Graphics (Free) - [Inkscape](#)
Graphics/Layout (Free/Paid, Browser) - [Canva](#)
Graphics, Photo Editing (Free, Browser. Can open Adobe files) - [Photopea](#)
Vector making (Free, Browser) - [Vectr](#)
Vector making (Free, Browser) - [Vector Ink](#)
Wireframing (Free, Browser) - [Moqups App](#)
Adobe Program Replacements - [Twitter](#)
2d Skeleton Animation (Paid) - [Esoteric Software - Spine](#)
3D Modeling (Free/Paid, Browser) - [Womp](#)

GENERAL HELPFUL TOOLS/PROGRAMS

Bulk file renamer - [Bulk Rename Utility](#)

Bulk image resizer - [ImageResizer](#)

File Converters - [FreeConvert](#)

Image Upscaler - [Waifu2x](#)

Floating view of reference images - [PureRef](#)

Timezone converter - [World Time Buddy](#)

Twitter image crop guide by @dripchirp - [Twitter Crop Guide](#)

Learning how to use the pen tool - [The Bézier Game](#)

Protect your art against AI theft - [@TheGlazeProject](#)

Quicker/More Accessible alternatives to Glaze and Nightshade - by [@xitsensunmoon](#)

Documentation platform (Free for Individuals) - [Gitbook](#)

WORK HOSTING:

PORTFOLIO HOSTING/WEBSITE MAKERS

Portfolio hosting (Free) - [Foriio](#)

Portfolio hosting (Free with Adobe Subscription) - [Adobe Portfolio](#)

Portfolio hosting (Paid) - [Portfoliobox](#)

Portfolio hosting/Artists Social media (in Beta) - [cara](#)

Website builder (Free) - [Carrd](#)

Website builder (Free) - [Google Sites](#)

Website builder (Free) - [Weebly](#)

Website builder (Free) - [Wix](#)

Website builder (Paid) - [Squarespace](#)

Make a blog you can use as a folio - [Tumblr](#)

(Posts Selective Folios) - [Bestfolios](#)

(Posts Selective Folios) - [PFolios](#)

(Posts Selective Folios) - [Pafolios](#)

(Posts Selective showreels) - [Showreelz](#)

LINK AGGREGATORS

(Free) [Linktree](#)

(Free) [Lnk.Bio](#)

(Paid/Free) [Later](#)

(Free) [Solo.to](#)

(Free) [Campsite.bio](#)

DESIGN MARKETPLACES/ECOMMERCE

[BOOTH](#)

[Gumroad](#)

[Ko-fi Shop](#)

Shopify

Wordpress/Shopify/BigCartel/Square Comparison - by [@batsoupe](#)

COLOUR AND ACCESSIBILITY:

COLOUR

Various colour palette tools - [Adobe Color](#)

Colour palette search and generator - [Coolors](#)

Colour palette generator - [Color Space](#)

Colour converter, make colour palettes - [RGB.to](#)

Displays big brands colour schemes - [BrandColors](#)

Simple Colour Wheel/Colour Pallettes - [Color Supplyyy](#)

CREATING ACCESSIBLE DESIGNS

General design accessibility tips - [Lemonly Infographics](#)

Font accessibility tips - [UXdesign.cc](#)

Accessible colour combination generator 1 - [Accessible color palette builder](#)

Accessible colour combination generator 2 - [Color Safe](#)

TYPE/FONTS:

FONTS FOR DOWNLOAD

[Google Fonts](#)

[Adobe Fonts](#)

[Pixel Surplus](#)

[Fontesk](#)

[Befonts](#)

[Behance](#)

[Gumroad](#)

[Free Japanese Fonts](#)

[BOOTH](#)

[Free Open Source Font Pack](#)

[Sage-Codes Font Masterlist](#)

[Japanese Commercial Fonts](#)

[List of Cute fonts](#)

[Free Y2K Fonts](#)

TYPE TOOLS

Displays inputted text in fonts installed on your computer - [Wordmark](#)

Font Identifier (From web page) - [Fonts Ninja](#)

Font Identifier (From images) - [Font Squirrel](#)

Typography Resources - [Typewolf](#)

Font Pairing Help - [Fontjoy](#)

Examples of fonts in context - [Fonts In Use](#)

Font Management - [FontBase](#)

IMAGE/PATTERN LIBRARIES + RESOURCES:

MOCKUPS

[Mockup World](#)

[Mr.Mockup](#)

[Unblast](#)

[Is.graphics](#)

[Anthonyboyd.graphics](#)

[Anagram Design](#)

[DesignHooks](#)

[Mockups-Design](#)

STOCK PHOTOS/TEXTURES

[Pexels](#)

[Unsplash](#)

[Barnimages](#)

[LostAndTaken](#)

[Freepik](#)

[Rawpixel](#)
[Texturefabrik](#)

PATTERNS

Pattern Inspiration - [Pattern Collection](#)
Customisable Repeating SVG Patterns - [Pattern Monster](#)
Seamless background pattern maker - [Patternico](#)
Mesh Gradient Maker - [Mesh Gradient](#)
Make and print your own grids - [Gridzzly.com](#)
Downloadable Patterns - [Subtle Patterns](#)

ILLUSTRATION LIBRARIES

[Toools Design](#)
[Open Peeps](#)
[Humaaans](#)
[Open Doodles](#)
[Soco-st](#) [JP]
[Loose Drawing](#) [JP]
[Vector Shelf](#) [JP]
[tyoudoii-illust](#) [JP]
[Shigureni](#) [JP]
[Irasutoya](#) [JP]

ICON LIBRARIES

Paid/Free - [Streamline Icons](#)
Paid/Free - [Flaticon](#)

DESIGN INSPIRATION:

INSPIRATION GATHERING

[abdz](#)
[Mindsparkle Mag](#)
[Behance](#)
[Dribbble](#)
[Muzli Search](#)
[100 Archive](#)

[Design Inspiration](#)

[BP&O](#)

[Pentagram](#)

[It's Nice That](#)

Design Briefs - [Briefbox](#)

DESIGN ADVICE, EXAMPLES, BLOGS, ARTICLES

(Free) - [World Brand Design Society](#)

(Free) - [AIGA Eye on Design](#)

(Free) - [Creative Boom](#)

(Free) - [The Design Team](#)

(Paid) - [UnderConsideration](#)

LOGO/BRANDING DESIGN

Company logos categorised by letter/number/symbol etc - [Logobook](#)

Logo/Branding Examples - [Logoed](#)

Preview Logo/Design in various contexts - [Logo Lab](#)

PACKAGING DESIGN

[Kawacolle](#)

[Packaging Design Archive](#)

[Packaging Of The World](#)

WEB DESIGN

[Siteinspire](#)

[Httpster](#)

[Lapa Ninja](#)

[Best Website Gallery](#)

[Dark Mode Design](#)

[Awwwards](#)

[Dribbble](#)

(Wireframing) [Moqups App](#)

PUBLICATION/EDITORIAL DESIGN

Zine Creation Tips Masterpost - [How to Organize a Zine 101](#)

Editorial Design Examples 1 - [Formagramma](#)

Editorial Design Examples 2 - [Pentagram](#)

Book Cover Design - [Spine Magazine](#)

POSTER DESIGN

Poster Design Examples - [Poster Poster](#)

Typographic Poster Design Examples - [Typographic posters](#)

CHARACTER DESIGN

Character Design Library, Challenges, etc - [Character Design References](#)

Anime Settei/Reference Sheets - [Settei Dreams](#)

Historical Costume references - [OSF Costume Rentals](#)

Costume Culture History References - [world4](#)

Fashion History - [fashionhistory](#)

ART/ILLUSTRATION:

TOOLS/PROGRAM ASSETS:

Clip Studio Paint Brushes/Actions/Models - by [@mcwexlercoded](#)

Twitter that shares Quality Clip Studio paint Assets - [@toonup2](#)

Brushsets for Various Programs - [Tamberella](#)

3D Object/Character Models for reference - [Sketchfab](#)

OUTFIT/HAIR REFERENCES

Historical Fashion References and Resources - [Google Doc](#) by [@shoomlah](#)

Historical Costume references - [OSF Costume Rentals](#)

Black Hairstyle Guide (Click through Quote Tweets) - by [@bagels_donuts](#)

Costume Culture History References - [world4](#)

Fashion History - [fashionhistory](#)

ANATOMY REFERENCES

Reference Angles for Heads - [referenceangle](#)

Rotatable Head Reference - [1](#) / [2](#)

Hand references - [Hato King](#)

OTHER:

V-DESIGNER/V-ARTIST

'How to Design Your Own Vtuber Logo' (by @the-tragic-heroine) -

[The-tragic-heroine](#)

Discover V-artists/V-designers - [Heartist](#)

V-Artist/V-designers Catalogue (Hiatus) - [VTuber Catalog](#)

Vtuber Resource Collection (made by @VTResources) - [VTuber Resources](#)

View badges/emotes will look like on Twitch - [Twitch Elements](#)

Resize badges/emotes to actual sizes - [Twitch Emote Resizer](#)

Vtuber based commission hub (beta) - [VGen](#)

Japanese Video Thumbnails gallery - [SAMUNE](#)

PAYPAL ALTERNATIVES

[Square](#)

[Stripe](#)

[Wise](#) (previously TransferWise) - Wise Usage Guide: [kiraomori.notion](#)

[Kofi](#)

Direct Bank Transfer

ART/DESIGN BOOKSTORES:

[Metropolisbookshop](#) (AU Based)

[Bookshopbyuro](#) (AU Based)

[Manic](#) (AU Based)

[Japanese-creative-books](#) (JP Based)

[Counter-print](#) (UK Based)

[Draw-down](#) (US based)

OTHER RESOURCE COLLECTIONS

Vtuber Resource Collection (by @VTResources) - [VTuber Resources](#)

Designer Resources Collection - [Design Resources](#)

Merchandise/printing services (by @sunshinehoney6) - [Merchandise Resources](#)

Typography Resources - [Typewolf](#)

Youtaite Resources - [Youtaite](#)

Design Resources - [Briefbox](#)

Game/Anime Character Reference Archive - [referencearchive](#)

Artist resource Links - by [@ashleyodellart](#)

Art Resources - by [@drawingden](#)

Tips for Designers:

1. Make sure people can instantly see your work and links on social media. If a link to your commission information or samples of your work aren't instantly visible, people might click out of the tab. For example, A pinned tweet with links to your folio/store/ alongside images of your work is perfect, all easily accessible as soon as they open your page. You can also put your work in a banner, or at the very least have a prominent link to your portfolio.
2. Similarly, try to make it the shortest route possible for people to go from one site to another, not an endless trail of links. Again, if people are trying to find your commission prices and they have to click through 5 links to get there, they'll likely give up and look for another artist. Link aggregator sites are useful for this.
3. Anytime you have big accomplishments, get positive feedback, or compliments on your work, screenshot it and save it to a folder. Good to look at whenever you're feeling negative about your art or imposter-syndrome-y. It's a good reminder that you've made people happy with things YOU created.
4. If getting paid via Paypal (or other services with the function) always send Invoices instead of "friends and family" requests. This not only gives you more of a professional look, but allows for more safety regarding refunds and price changes. I also highly suggest always enabling tips on invoices, you never know who will be willing to pay a little bit extra!