

Free Program Downloads

Blender: www.blender3d.org

Gimp: <http://www.gimp.org/downloads>

Inkscape: <http://www.inkscape.org/download/?lang=en>

A vector drawing program. Vector graphics means that no matter how far you zoom in the picture still looks smooth and retains its high quality.

ArtRage Demo: <http://www.ambientdesign.com/artragedown.html>

Simulates very realistic painting and drawing. The full version is only \$25.

Blender Related Sites:

www.blender3d.org - Contains an image gallery with pictures every month (often is behind a month or so)

There is also a news page, resource page, and download page with the newest official version of Blender as well as older ones.

<http://blenderartists.org/forum> - The biggest Blender community forum. Here you can post your finished artwork and art you are working on for comments and help, you can post questions and get help with problems, and you can take part in the frequent challenges that occur.

www.blendernation.com - The main blender news site for big "Blender" happenings in the world and any interesting information that's Blender related.

<http://www.graphicall.org> - The main site to download smaller Blender versions compiled by Blender users with special custom features.

http://wiki.blender.org/index.php/Main_Page - A large information page with tutorials and walkthroughs for learning to use Blender.

<http://www.cdschools.org/54223045235521/lib/54223045235521/BlenderBasics2.42a.pdf> - A 118 page manual for learning Blender's basics. I haven't read through this but it was recommended by Blendernation.com so it's probably pretty good for starters.

<http://www.blendernation.com/category/tutorials> - A page of links to community made Blender tutorials

<http://e2-productions.com/repository/index.php> - A website with tons of free Blender models for you look at, use, or learn from.

GIMP Related Sites:

<http://docs.gimp.org/en/> - A huge manual for using the GIMP.

<http://racertj5.deviantart.com/art/1100-Gimp-Brushes-63986091> - this page has a download with just over a 1000 extra brushes for the GIMP. You just extract the files into the GIMP 2.0/share/gimp/2.0/brushes folder

<http://www.linuxartist.org/gimp.html> - this is a massive resource page with links to hundreds of resources.