Design Drawing
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I love this book! The drawings really help explain the text. The technical aspects of different drawing techniques are explained and there are many illustrations. I have not yet looked at the CD but the book itself is worth the price. Everything has a hand-drawn look and is helpful for a student like myself that is learning drafting. I bought the book because I was especially interested in the paraline drawings and I am not disappointed. There are also exercises you can do for yourself to learn the content better.
While Ching does cover some aspects of drawing outside of those needed for drafting, the primary focus is on architectural drafting. This is a technical book intended for design students. It is not a do-it-yourself learn-to-draw manual. Most often, this book will be a textbook in a design class. As such, it is excellent. The instructions are clear and well written, the drawings are simple and easy to follow, the flow of the book is natural, building from very simple to more and more complex drafting skills. This book can take you from elementary drafting skills to advanced if you use it as intended. All in all, this is an excellent book on design drawing. I highly recommend it for anyone entering the design field.

Ching lays out the principals of design related drawing. Easy to understand and contains exercises to strengthen concepts covered by text and images. Regarded by my professors as the bible of drawing. 10/10

Francis Ching is a wonderful teacher. In this book he shares valuable techniques and insights into the value of "seeing and drawing", two critical parts to understanding.

Amazing book!

Perfect condition. It came with the cd rom, also in perfect condition.

high quality book. the shipping is a little slow but acceptable.

This is a great tool to use for design and is a great reference book for work if you are a drafter too. The drawings are very clear, informative and precise. We love this book for our office.

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