

Landscapes

majestic mountains,
cozy cityscapes,
fantastic forests

Landscapes provide the setting for your artwork. Not every piece needs to have them, but backgrounds like these can set the **tone** for your drawing before you even put the character in it. It **grounds your characters**, giving them something to interact with, even if they're just standing.

Landscapes also affect **lighting**: not just where the sun is, but light bouncing off elements around your character can tint them further.

Time for spooky **October**! Draw haunted imagery if you want, but I wanted to give you some variety with one of my favorite subjects: landscapes. This includes things we usually don't think of as landscapes, like cityscapes, ocean scenes, even underwater.

No need to stick to reality: creative scenes from fantasy can be very fun to draw and paint. But if you do want to be real, try some scenes in different seasons and think about the different colors to see.

Use plenty of reference photos! Studying landscapes from reference can be great exercises for perspective and general observational skills.

Like the prompt?
Draw it and check ☐ it off.

Not feeling it?
Draw what you want and write it in the blank space.

This calendar is yours.
Miss a day? Drew the wrong thing? That's OK! We're all human. Let yourself make mistakes.

Daily Art Calendar

October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			<input type="checkbox"/> Out your Window <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Majestic Mountains <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Crisp Cityscapes <input type="checkbox"/> _____
			Everything starts from where we are. What does the landscape or cityscape look like? Can you draw it?	The allure of huge environments is hard to resist. Study some cool pics of mountains, or imagine your own!	Anything you want! Any landscape! Even none at all!	Cities can be landscapes too -- what's your favorite city look like?
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<input type="checkbox"/> Environments on TV <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Desertsapes <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Perspective Drills <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fantastic Fantasy <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Island Scatter <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Night City Skies <input type="checkbox"/> _____
What's a cool landscape scene you remember from show or video game?	Deserts have tons of hidden detail if you look for it. What can you show in yours?	Landscapes involve lots of depth. Do some perspective practice with boxes and simple shapes to train up.	When you think of an ideal fantasy scene, what does it look like? Go wild.	Distant islands on the ocean! You can see them on the horizon. Try it!	Another Friday just for you.	Cities once more -- but at night! How do you show city lights in your drawing?
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Monday the Thirteenth <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Character <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Vista <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunsetsapes <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gesture Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Boats on a wide ocean view. Are you the skipper? Is someone else sailing?	When you think of a spooky landscape, what comes to mind?	What's your go-to easy character to draw? Put them in their favorite landscape.	A classic warm day on the beach. You can see so far... what is there?	Can't get away with landscapes without some sunsets. Emphasize the color and value changes.	More Friday! More landscapes! More everything!	Take a break from landscapes and practice with studies of the human form. Smooth marks!
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<input type="checkbox"/> Jungle Treetops <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Plains <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold and Snowy <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowy and Colorful <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cozy Warm Forest <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic Time <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Dark and colorful below the trees, but you can see far out up top. How's that feel?	Something about a view of plains makes me hungry. What's that have to do with drawing? I don't know.	A cold and snowy landscape usually looks quite muted. But there's tons of detail to draw! Find some to study.	Not all snowy scenes are monotone. Colorful plants, animals, and more emerge. What stands out?	The sunbeams peeking through the trees, illuminating the mist and creating a bright yet dark cozy place.	Almost there! Another Friday, another art day.	A picnic! What's your ideal location for one? How's the weather?
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<input type="checkbox"/> Rivers and Falls <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Cliffs and Craggs <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Character <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Underwater <input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Freebie Friday <input type="checkbox"/> _____	
Water creates all sorts of variety in a landscape. What's in yours?	Clifftops provide sharp angles to contrast smooth hills. What activities might you find there?	Just above the tree-line, the plants start to grow thin. It's empty, but quite the view.	Your easy/favorite character in whatever scene fits them best.	The ocean has views underwater too! Colorful coral, fish, and other visitors.	Halloween! I can't take this one from you. Draw something spooky, or not, landscape, or not.	