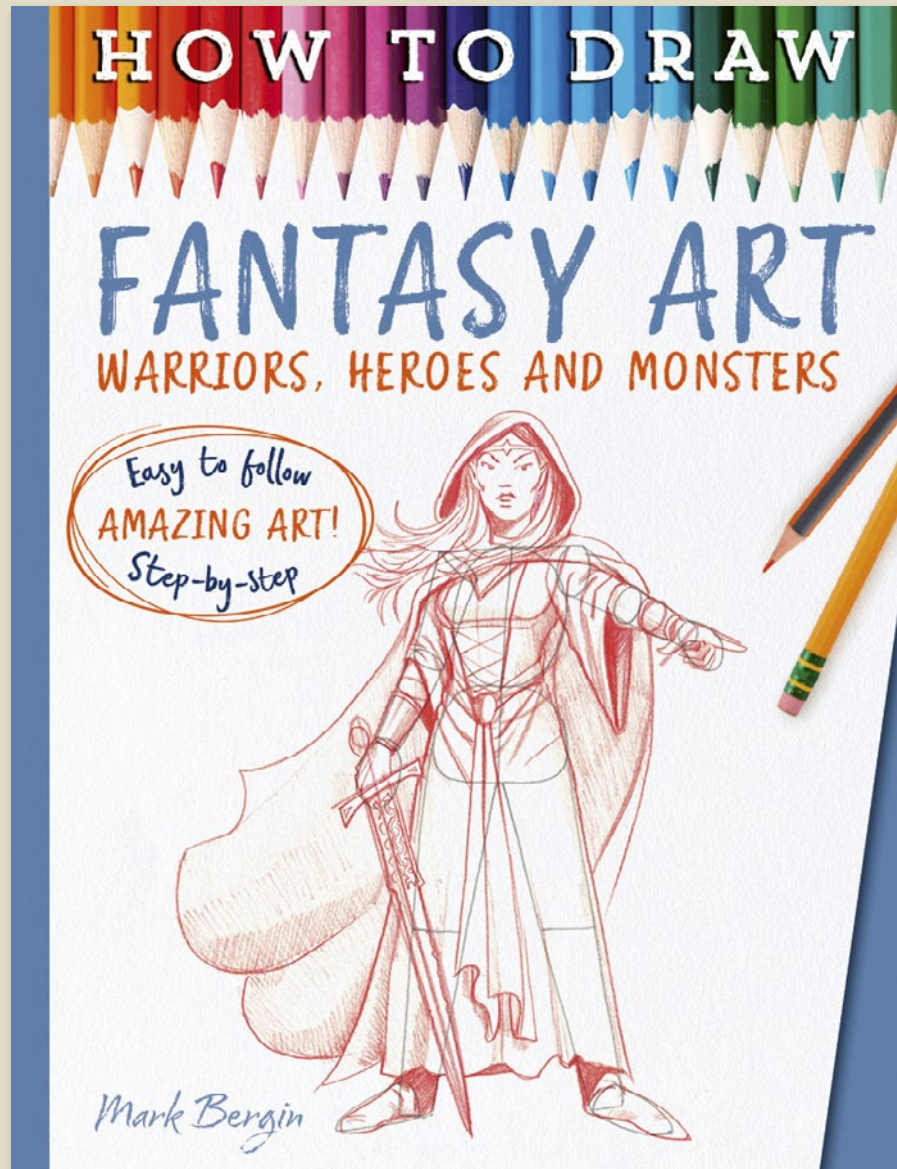


How To Draw Fantasy Art



A step-by-step guide to fantasy art!

- Easy to follow instructions, simple steps and diagrams throughout.
- Learn to draw a range of different fantasy characters and mythical monsters in all their intricacy!
- Perfect for beginners to learn the basics and build art confidence, and ideal for children 8-12 years old.
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Drawing materials

Try using different types of drawing paper and materials. Experiment with charcoal, wax crayons and pastels. All pens, from felt-tips to ballpoints, will make interesting marks - or try drawing with pen and ink on wet paper.

Paints are either water-based, and come in a wide range of colours. Add an adult to your parent's knowledge with gouache to control staining.

Watercolours are special effects for creating some parts of a drawing done with **wax crayons**.

Sketching is a kind of drawing that normally uses black ink.

Charcoal is very soft and malleable and is used for quick sketches. Add an adult to your parent's knowledge with drawing with charcoal to prevent smudging.

Clay comes in **soft** and **hard** forms and is used to create figures and objects. Don't worry about smudging as there are ways to fix it on the drawing as it dries.

Character proportions

This page shows some of the more popular fantasy figures and their proportions compared to a normal human figure. On average, the length of a human head should fit eight times into its body length. When you draw a fantasy figure anything goes - so let your imagination go wild.

Draw these simple figures to help you choose a good position for your character. You can replicate the position of a character by using character poses as reference.

Man beasts

Combining a human figure with an animal's head can create a great hybrid monster. You can get inspiration by drawing from life models. Photos from sports movies and figure reference manuals are a good source too. Why not try putting a snake or insect's head on a human body - see what you can create!

Wolves! A human that takes on the shape of a wolf when there is a full moon.

Dragons are the body of a man with the characteristics of a dragon's tail and wings.

Amazon warrior

This powerful female figure is a classic action fantasy character. She must look strong and powerful but retain her femininity and beauty.

Sketch cylinder shapes for each arm which join at the elbow.

Add the basic shape of the hand.

Draw in ovals for the head, neck, body and hips.

Draw a long curved line to start the position of the body.

Legs: add the curved lines of the upper and lower leg, indicating the knee joint.

Add the foot shape and direction.

Drawing hands
Practise sketching your own hands in different positions. This will help you draw expressive hands on your characters.

Add the sword using straight lines.

Sketch in the position of the ears, nose and mouth.

Sketch in the shape of the hair mass.

Indicate the position and shape of the breasts.

Add the costume's draped cloth using simple lines.

Finish the detail on the sword. Small broken lines give the impression of shining metal.

Add shape, tone and details to the hair.

Draw in bracelets and armbands.

Add tone to the legs.

Draw in the top of the costume.

Draw in the boot shapes.

Complete the details on the boots.

Add shade to areas where the light would not reach.

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