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Editorial Review

From the Back Cover

You can quickly and easily model in 3D! Get going with SketchUp 8 so you can start creating today

Where do you want your imagination to take you? SketchUp will help you get there. This powerful software lets you easily create 3D models, and Chopra shows you how. In no time, you'll build 3D settings, add textures, create animated walkthroughs, export your models into Google Earth, and more. There's no limit to what you'll be able to do!

- Get to know your components — create SketchUp components to simplify your life as you design 3D models
- Keep your geometry organized — learn how to use the two main tools to organize your model and work cleanly
- Build a model from scratch — import a photo and build what you see by tracing with SketchUp's modeling tools
- Whip up some style — discover how and where to apply styles, then add shadows for a more realistic look
- Show off your models — from walking around a building to setting up scenes with different camera views, find out how to best present your work

Open the book and find:

- What you should and shouldn't expect SketchUp to do
- All about establishing the modeling mindset
- Steps for using components to build smarter models
- How to model with photographs
- Methods for working with styles and shadows
- Techniques for geo-modeling for Google Earth
- Tips on exporting images and animations
- How to stay organized with layers and pages

Visit the companion Web site at www.dummies.com/go/sketchup8fd for a bonus chapter and videos demonstrating more of what you can do with Google SketchUp!

Learn to:

- Harness the power of the latest SketchUp and SketchUp Pro features
- Produce professional-quality 3D models and designs
- Develop compelling presentations to showcase your work
- Export models to Google Earth and print and share your designs

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Aidan Chopra is the product evangelist for SketchUp at Google. He writes and edits SketchUpdate, a popular e-newsletter and blog that reaches hundreds of thousands of SketchUp users worldwide.

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