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01: Hand Gestures



One Finger Tap
Tool Selection



One Finger Pan
Drag one finger to
pan over drawing



One Finger Press and Hold Change Layer Order Change Project Order

Basic Hand Gestures

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Enjoy these intuitive gestures to draw digitally with ease.



Two Finger Pinch Zoom + Scale Images



Two Finger Drag Pan, Zoom and Rotate View

01: Hand Gestures



One Finger Double Tap Rotate Ruler/Triangle 90° Return Protractor to Circle



Two Finger Tap Undo Last Action



Three Finger Tap Redo Last Action

Advanced Hand Gestures

Work like a pro with these advanced gestures to enhance and simplify your drawing experience!



Three Finger Drag Move sheet around the canvas



Four Finger Tap Hide/Show Toolbars



Pencil Tips

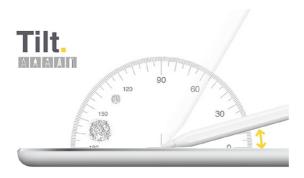
How to video >

Want to get the most of your Apple Pencil in Trace? Rome Prize winner, Javier Galindo, is going to show you a few features that will make your Trace drawings sing.



Pressure

Want a line to be bolder or darker? Simply press down and watch the lightness of the line change. Make your line look heavy or faint. Perfect for expressing depth in your drawing.





Tilt

Want to fill or shade? Simply "Tilt" your Apple Pencil to allow your watercolor brush, graphite pencil, charcoal or chisel marker to be spread wide or bleed deep. It will feel just like a real pencil on its side.

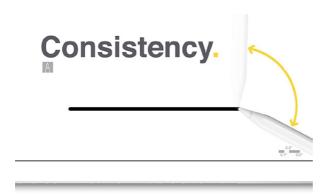
HINT: Lighten opacity slider in pen tool bar for soft shading.





Azimuth

Want to see something really cool? Use the chisel marker and notice the direction of the line adjust with the marker as you rotate it. Can you get more real than this?





Consistency

Need a mechanical line where the pen maintains perfect width and color? Simply select the technical pen and you will have the exact line you need no matter how the pencil moves. To change thickness simply change pen sizes.





Switch

Using multiple stencils? Want to switch brushes? You can use the double tap feature of Apple Pencil 2 to flip through a ton of different features! Just toggle on the double tap feature in your Device Settings and then turn on Custom Double-Tap Behavior in your Trace settings.





AR Camera

Start with an AR perspective grid overlaid on a photo.

Note: AR Camera only available on 2018 iOS devices and newer.



3D Model

Start a project by creating perspective views using a 3D model!

Note: Learn more about 3D model integration in Drag'n'Fly Section.



Folders

Create a new folder.

You can organize Projects by placing them inside folders. Folders can also be placed inside folders

Note: Learn more about Folders in Your Projects Section.



Setting the Scale

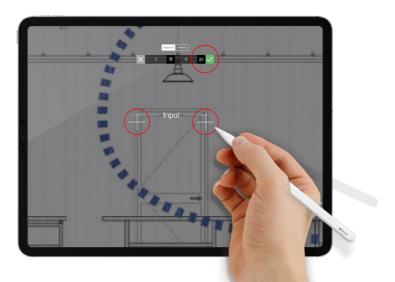
How to video >

Want to set a drawing "to scale" in seconds? Meet your new favorite button. Below is a quick "How To" guide to register the scale & units for any PDF, sketch or background image. Drawing by WORKac.



The Scale Button

With a single tap, you can take any background and turn it into a scaled drawing.





Register Units

Using the crosshairs, set any known dimension.

Tip: Zoom in for more accurate placement.





Ta-dah!

You did it:) All your tools are now magically calibrated to the drawing scale you set.

Note: For future scale adjustments go to "Project Settings" by tapping the wrench button.



Making Drawing Sets

You can export your drawings, markups or projects at multiple scales.

Hint: After selecting the "Print Scale", tap the preview to adjust your drawing's position on the page.



Meet the "Wrench"

How to video >

Want more control of your drawings and the ability to record your magic? Meet the "Wrench"! Below is a quick "How To" guide for your Project Settings. Drawing by master illustrator Jim Keen.



Scale

Set the scale of your drawing and change units to metric or imperial.

Learn more in the Setting The Scale Section.





Video

Want to make an Instagram video? Record a time-lapse video of your drawing progress, replay it and export it to share to cloud storage or on social media!





Preferences

Pencil Only Drawing:

Adjust this for all projects in the main Trace Settings. No more accidental palm and finger lines!

Layer Drop Shadows: Turn drop shadows on or off in Project view.

Rotation Snap: Toggle 90 and 45 degree snaps on or off for tool and layer rotation.

Reset Palettes: Restore defaults for all palettes.





Help

We got your back! Find user guides, how to videos and more here...

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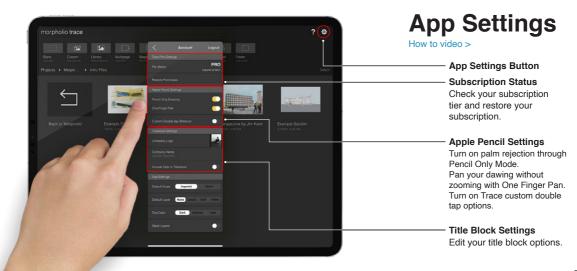
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06: App Settings



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Drawing Settings

Change your default units.

Set the default layer color. Selecting "None" will use the last layer color and opacity for new layers.

Set Super Drawing Tools color (Ruler, Triangle, and Protractor).

Toggle "Stack Layers" ON to add layers that are the same size as your base layer.

Toggle "Undo/Redo Gesture" ON to activate two- and three-finger tap to "undo" and "redo".

"Left Hand Mode" switches the Brush Toolbar with the Layer Toolbar for left-handed users.

"Zoom Rotation Lock" locks the canvas from rotating when you zoom or add new layers.

Account Settings

Edit your profile name, photo, personal discription, and website.

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Pen Toolbar Interface

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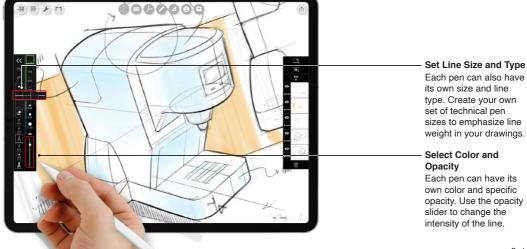
Drawing by Rodrigo Cavazos.

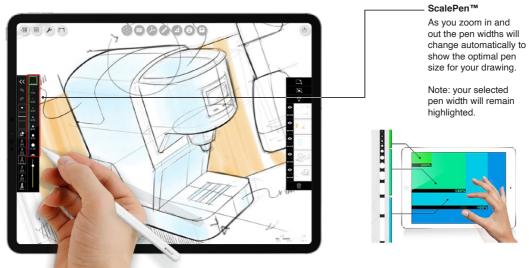
Your Set of 7 Pens

Each user can create their own set of pens. Select a variety of brush and pen types or keep your pen set with one pen widths or colors. All pens maintain their properties between drawings and can be changed at any time.

Eraser

The eraser is a brush! Set the size and opacity for precise erasing.







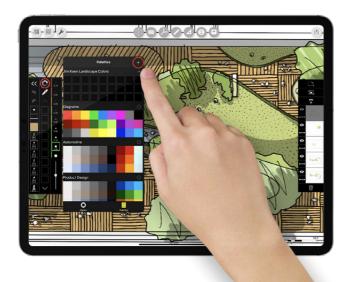
Roller Brush

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Roller Brush

You can use the Roller Brush to fill regions, color diagrams, overlay shadows, and much more.

Special Note: When the Roller Brush is selected, you will not have access to the top toolbar tools.



Make a Custom Color Palette

How to video >

Do you have signature colors you love? Or, do you have an image or sketch that inspires a color palette you want for your drawings? Meet the new Palette Maker and Color Eyedropper. Below is a quick "How To" guide for creating your very own custom color sets. Drawings by Master Illustrator Jim Keen.



Add a New Palette

In Color Palettes, tap "+" to create a new palette. Then, make sure that palette is checked as the current palette.

Hint: To name your palette simply tap the name.





Switch to Color Mode Tap "Colors" at the

Tap "Colors" at the bottom of the palette popup to discover colors by color wheel, eyedropper or color reference number.

Tip: Use eyedropper with any background image or sketch to pick those colors





Pick Color

Use the Eyedropper or Color Wheel to find the colors you want. Then simply tap any blank square to fill it with your selected color. Repeat process to get all the colors you want.





Organize

Press and hold any color to move or rearrange. You can also rearrange palettes or swap colors between them.



Color Palette Interface

Color Palettes

Selected a curated color palette or create your own custom color palette.

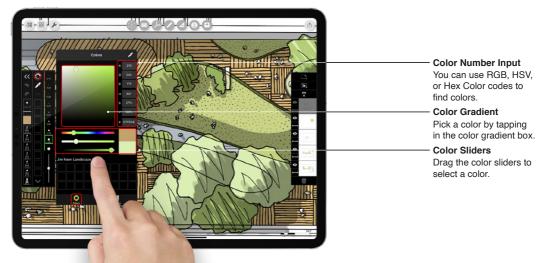


New Custom Palette Create a new custom

color palette.

Curated Color Palettes

Created by award winning graphic designers at New York's MTWTF, the premade color palettes are designed to do the difficult work of color pairing and matching for you. The colors are available in various palettes which include, landscape, interiors, diagramming, sustainability, lighting, architecture and many more



08: Custom Color Palettes



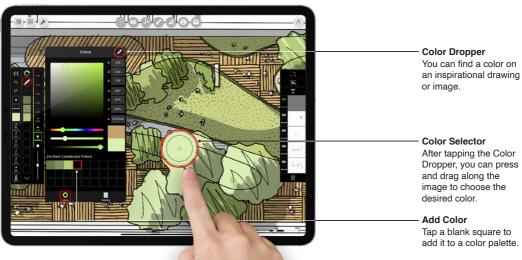
Add Color

Once you select the desired color, tap a blank square to add it to a palette.

Move and Delete Colors

Tap and Hold a color to rearrange the order or delete a color.

08: Custom Color Palettes









Layer Tools

Tap options to: rename Layer, change paper opacity, change paper color, change paper blending, resize and reposition, clear all content on Layer, delete Layer, copy Layer to clipboard, duplicate Layer, lock Layer movement, mirror Layer, and toggle AR extrusion.

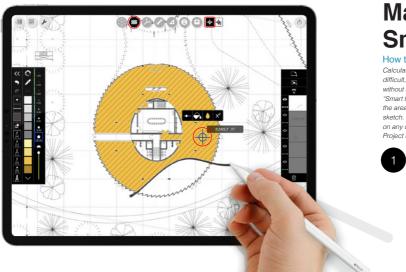




Merge Layers Coming soon, you'll be able to combine two layers into one.



Copy Layer To Scale Copy a layer without changing the page's size coming soon!



Mastering **Smart Fill**

How to video >

Calculating the area of a design is already difficult, but doing it live, in an active sketch, without a single straight line, in seconds? "Smart Fill" is a fill tool that not only calculates the area of the fill, it actually updates as you sketch. Learn how to get started using Smart Fill on any drawing, sketch, illustration or image. Project by design superstar SO-IL.



Target and Sketch

Assure your drawing scale is set and move the Smart Fill target to any area you want to fill or calculate. Ready for the magic? You can now sketch over the fill to change the area. Slice a room in half and watch it reduce or, erase a wall and watch it expand.





Add Fill & Area Labels

Use the toolbar to adjust the tolerance of the fill, change colors or apply labels and color. Be sure to add the fill color before you add area label.

Tip: When adjusting the fill tolerance hold down the adjuster to expand the threshold and allow tighter adjustments.

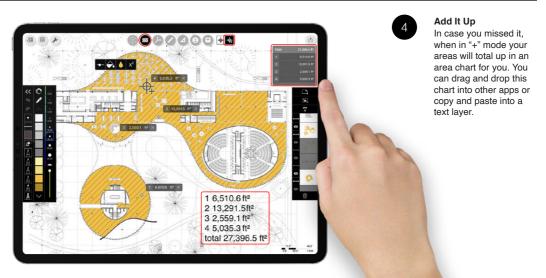


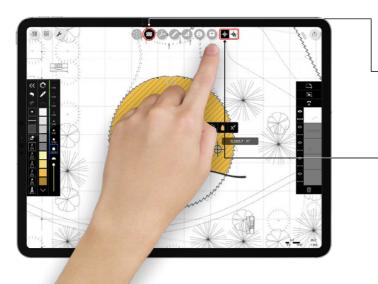


Multiple Fills

Want to fill and calculate several areas at once? Tap the "+" target to add up as many areas as you want.

Hint: The placement of the target sets the placement of the area label. To delete a fill simply tap the "x" on the area label.





Smart Fill Interface

- Smart Fill

Use Smart Fill to calculate areas and fill in color inside closed regions.

Single and Multiple Region Smart Fill

You can use Smart Fill for single regions or multiple regions.





Live Update

The area calculation and fill will live update as new lines are drawn!

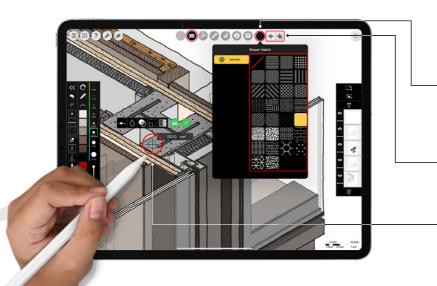


Area Calculator

You can find the sum of the area of all highlighted regions. Tap the chart to copy it!

Special Note: You can use Apple's Drag and Drop feature to turn this data into a spreadsheet by dragging and dropping it into Excel.

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Smart Hatch Interface

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Smart Hatch Library Select any hatch option to hatch the region.

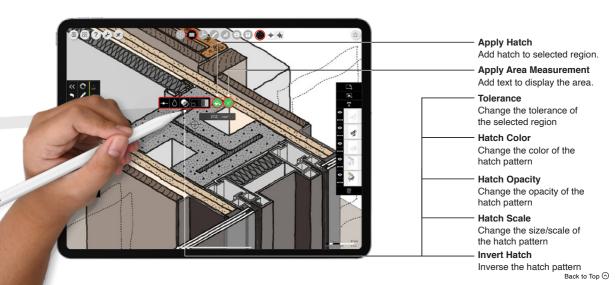
Hint: Tap the red slash to return to a solid fill.

Single and Multiple Region Smart Hatch You can use Smart Hatch for single regions

or multiple regions.

Region Selector
Drag this target to select
a region to hatch.

11: Smart Hatch





Drawing a Perspective

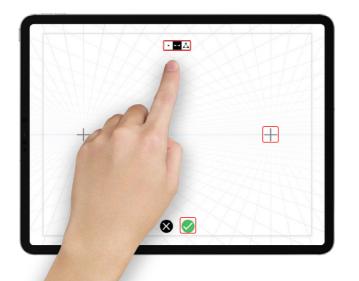
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Want to make beautiful perspective drawings with ease? Meet your new favorite tool. Quickly set up and master perspective drawings using the "How To" guide below. Images by architect and illustrator Jim Keen.



Activate Perspective Tools

Tap the perspective tool icon and then the perspective settings "gear". Next tap "Set Vanishing Points" to set up a one, two or three-point perspective. This will also unlock your vanishing points to reposition them as desired.





Set Vanishing Points

If it's your first time opening perspective tools in your project, you'll automatically be pushed to set your perspective type and vanishing points. Vanishing points can be positioned over a blank page, site photograph or model to start your drawing.

Hint: You don't have to worry about your vanishing points moving while you're sketching because they are always locked while drawing mode.





Sketch

Use the "Guide" tool to draw specific lines or the "Assist" tool to automatically draw towards a vanishing point from anywhere on the page.





Draw Freely

Turn off "Assist" to sketch trees, people, details or any other lines not directly tied to vanishing points.

Hint: Use stencils, rulers and other tools to make the drawing easy and fun. You can also bring in an image as a layer to trace over.





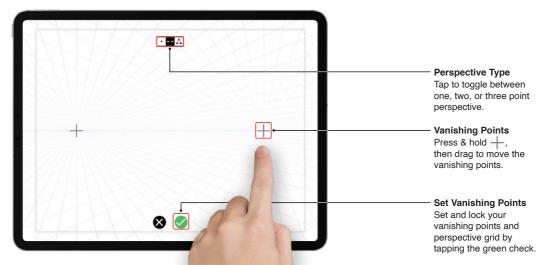
Make it Sing

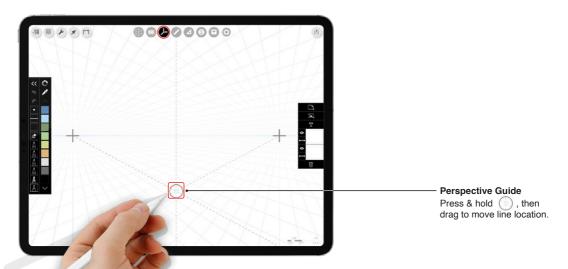
With your lines complete, add color, shade and character to make your perspective come to life. Start new layers and set the paper to multiply. Then use "Smart Fill", brushes or other tools for easy drawing magic.

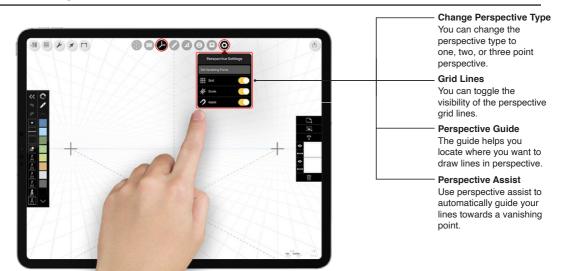


Perspective Interface

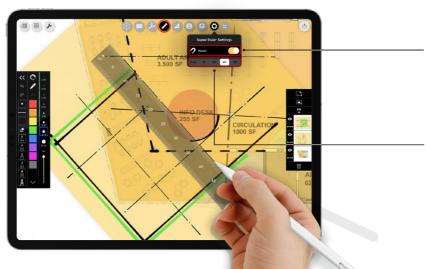
Perspective Tool
Use the perspective tool to
draw lines in one, two, or
three point perspective.











Assisted Straight Lines

Toggle "Assist" on to draw straight lines anywhere on the drawing screen.

Angle Snap

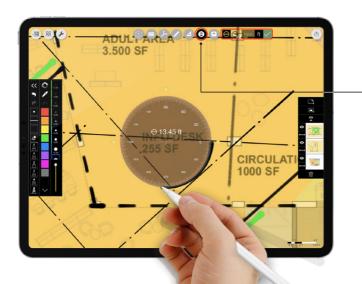
Select 15, 30, 45, or 90 to set the angle of the straight lines in relation to the Super Ruler's angle. "Free" allows you to draw straight lines at any angle.



New Features

More features coming soon!





Protractor Interface

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Scaled Protractor

Use the adjustable protractor to draw circles and arcs.

Note: you can set the diameter or radius of the protractor by tappinç ⊕ 🕒



14: Magic Lasso



Magic Lasso

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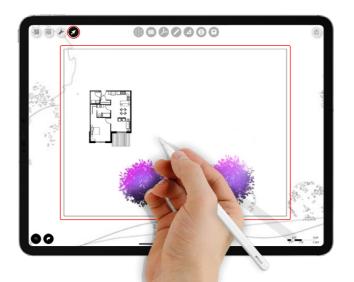
Have you seen your newest magic lasso feature? Want to copy, mirror, flip or delete any specific selection of a sketch? Well, now you can! Below is a quick "How To" guide to get you started on this exciting new way of working with your drawing.



Tap Magic Lasso Tool

When opening up the magic lasso, your interface will hide and you can draw your magic lasso around any part of your sketch.

14: Magic Lasso





Which Layer will Lasso?

You can only lasso one layer at a time. If your layers are stacked, you will only be able to lasso the top layer. In this case, turn off layers above it or move the layer you want to the top layer. If your layers are spread out like sheets of paper, the first layer you touch to start your lasso will determine what lines you can select. You will see a black indicator around that sheet of paper. Your selected lines will be changed on that layer only.

14: Magic Lasso





Draw Your Lasso

Make any lasso shape around the specific part of the sketch that you want to select. Everything inside of that lasso will be selected.

Hint: Zoom in for better selection.





The Magic Lasso Toolbar

Now you can duplicate, move, scale, rotate, mirror, or delete the selected area of your sketch! Remember to tap outside the selection area to confirm and create the duplicate. If you exit by tapping the "Magic Lasso" icon, you will loose the selection

Hint: Make sure "Lock Scale" button is red to keep your drawing size from changing!





Mirror Reflect any selection horizontally.





Flip Reflect any selection vertically.



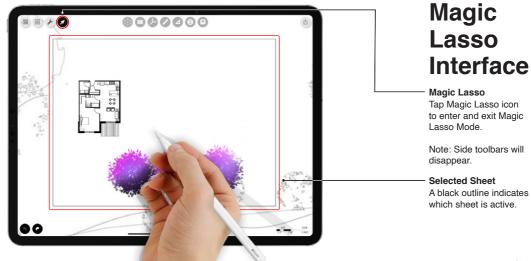
Copy between Layers
Coming soon you'll be
able to copy lines from
one layer to another!





Return to Drawing

Tap the "Magic Lasso" icon again to exit "Magic Lasso Mode". Congrats! You've now transformed your sketch!







Making a Stencil

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Want to have your own set of trees, unit plans, furniture, patterns, and much more? Meet the "Stencil Button." Follow the "How To" guide below for creating your own custom stencils from any photo or image. Stencils by master sketcher David Drazil



The "+" Button

Tap the stencil settings icon and then "+" to create your very own custom stencil.





Make

Select any photo, drawing, image or sketch. Adjust the contrast to a desired appearance or invert as needed.

Note: All of your custom stencils will be saved in your "my stencils" folder. To delete a stencil simply pull the stencils down.





Sketch

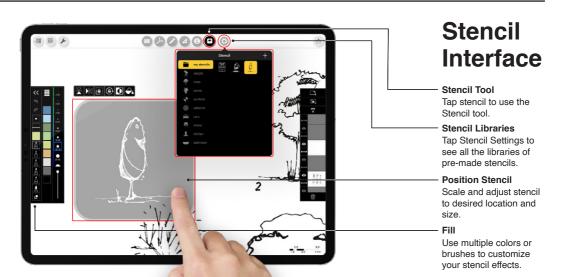
Use any pen style from pencil to charcoal along with any color and opacity to create beautiful and original stencil drawings. Want to get additionally creative? Use the stencil tool bar to invert, mirror, lock, flip or auto fill your stencil as you sketch.





Have Fun

Add fill, color, texture and character to all of your drawings. Want a few stencil ideas? Your fellow Trace users have made unit layouts for site plans, façade textures for elevations, graphics for diagramming, logos for branding and entourage for all types of renderings. How creative can you get?

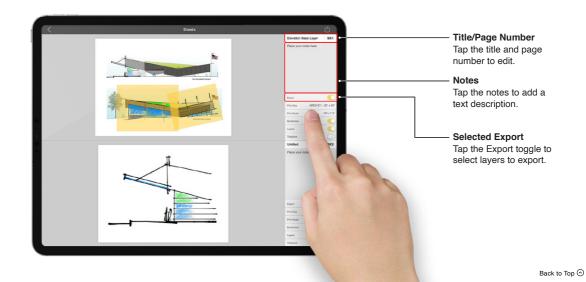


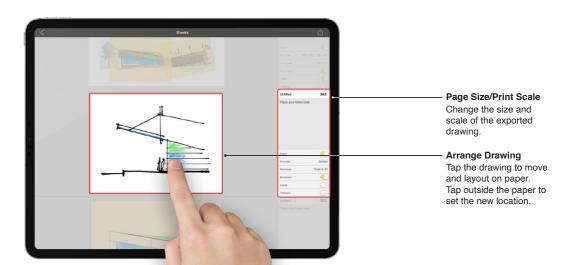














Save and Share

Save your drawing as a high res PDF or share it to your library, any cloud storage, or social media as a PDF or image.



Share + Back up Your Trace Files

Did you know you can now share all of your original Trace drawing files? Want to send a drawing to your team, AirDrop it onto your iPhone or simply save it to your files? Below is a quick "How To" guide to get you started sharing and backing up your work. Drawings by Rodrigo Cavazos.



Edit Mode

From the Trace projects page, tap "Select" to enter into edit mode.





Pick Your Projects Select the projects that you want to export or share.

Hint: You can also duplicate, copy/paste, group, or delete projects while in edit mode!

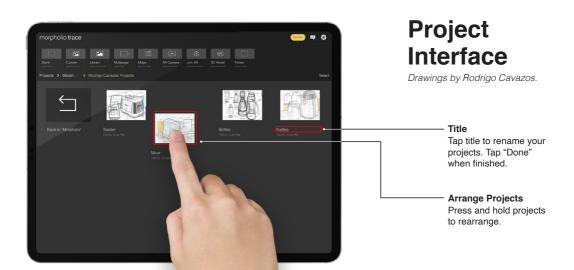




Share Your Projects

Tap "Export" to AirDrop to another device, save to your cloud storage, or email them out. When you're finished simply hit "Done." It's that easy!

Note: Some email and storage services may only allow one file to be shared at a time. Please be sure to check all files go through.













Redline Drawings

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Did you know, you can now markup 100-page drawing sets, rendering packages, site reports or documents on the go? And... you will look so much cooler doing it on your iPad. Below is a quick "How To" guide to get you started redlining any drawing set or image.



Import PDF or Image

You can upload any PDF (up to 100 pages) or image (JPG, PNG) file to Trace to begin marking up.





Manage PDF Pages

Use the PDF Manager button to switch between pages and remember to set the scale for each page as needed. See the Set the Scale section. To reorder the pages press and hold, then drag each one to its new location.

Hint: If you tap edit, you can delete unwanted pages.





Use Markup Tools

Work with Stencils, Rulers and other Trace super tools to quickly markup and annotate drawings.

Hint: Make Custom Stencils for any unique symbols, notes or stamps you use. See Stencils section for more!



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Add Text

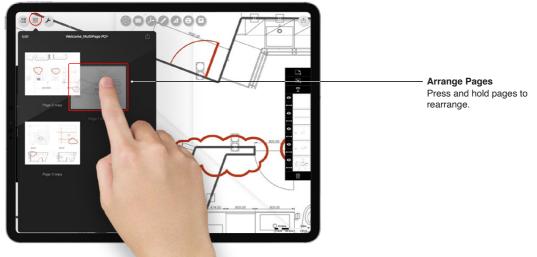
Use the text tool to add notes or comments. You can also copy, paste, and edit notes by tapping on the Layer Manager button in the right toolbar.





Export Your Drawings When you're finished, just tap the Export button in the PDF Manager to save a high res PDF, or email a PDF or image.





19: Maps



Map Interface

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Launch Map

Tap this icon to start a Project with a Map.

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19: Maps



Select View

Pinch to zoom and rotate the map to selected your desired view. Tap the check mark to make the map your background.

19: Maps



Pre-Scaled

When you enter project mode, the drawing is already scaled and ready to go!

20: AR Perspective Finder



AR Mode Interface

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Launch AR Camera

Tap this icon to start a Project with the AR Camera

20: AR Perspective Finder



How to set a grid

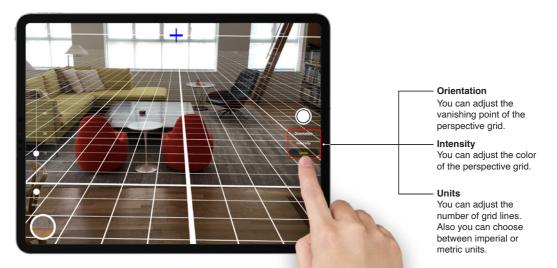
Step 1: Move iPad to register surface.

Step 2: After grid appears, swipe your finger to rotate and align grid to camera view.

Step 3: Once aligned, tap anywhere on screen to lock the grid.

Step 4. Capture the image by pressing the camera button.

20: AR Perspective Finder





Sketch with "Live" 3D Models

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Imagine if you could have a 3D model inside your sketchbook. Then, imagine that it would automatically generate perspective lines for you. And now, imagine that you could fly between views to present your work. Would you believe it?



Import your 3D Model

Any OBJ, STL, 3DS, DAE, FBX, or USDZ file will work. Simply, tap the 3D file icon or "Drag and Drop" in your file.





Set Infinite Views

Tap the "+" or simply move the screen to spin, zoom or fly around your 3D file. Set as many views as you want by tapping the check. When you're ready to start drawing just tap "Done."

Hint: Tap the model to re-center or outside the model to zoom out. Long press views to edit.





Draw on Auto-Generated Perspective Grids

Smile. You will notice that Trace sets up the perspective lines and vanishing points for you. Simply draw away. When finished tap the 3D button to get more views and previews.

Tip: More information on drawing perspectives in the Perspective Tools Section.





Fly From Sketch to Sketch to Sketch Ready for some fun? Simply tap any preview and fly to that view. Can you imagine a better way to present your work?



Drag'n'Fly 3D Viewer Interface

Launch Drag'n'Fly 3D Viewer

Tap this icon to start a Project with the a 3D Model.





Make a Background Image Tap Done to turn the 3D view into a background image to sketch over!



Camera Toggle New camera options coming soon!



Environmental Settings New lighting and environmental settings coming soon!



3D View for You!

You will automatically enter Perspective Mode with the perspective grid customized to your view. Use colors, brushes, and all the tools to make an amazing drawing!

Note: See the Perspective Tools Section for more tips!

3D Model Mode

Tap cube to return to the 3D model to select another view to use as a drawing background.





Walk into Your Sketch

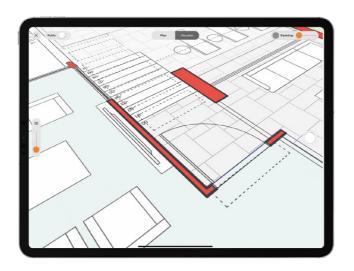
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Have you ever wanted to just jump into a sketch? You know, literally dive right in and stroll around to see how it feels. Or, better yet, take your colleague, entire team or favorite client with you? Well, you now can! Below is a quick "How To" guide to get you started using AR SketchWalk on any drawing or plan. Drawing by Cluck Design Collective.



Set SketchWalk Target

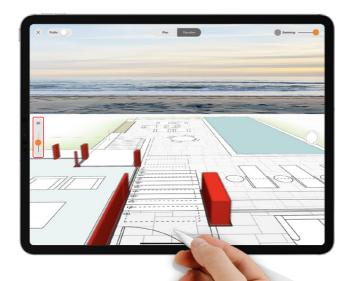
Place yourself in your drawing wherever you desire and tap "View in AR". Start with any floor plan, sketch or background and remember to set the scale before going into AR.





Place Your Sketch in the World

Move your device to register a surface. When the grid appears, rotate as needed and tap the screen to set the drawing. You should now have your drawing on the ground and, believe it or not, to scale! Meander around and feel the space.





Lift lines into Walls Use the 3D slider to extrude selected lines up and create surfaces

to walk between.

Hint: Use "Layer Manger" to control lines you want to activate.





Invite Others into Your World

Bring your team, studio or clients with you by toggling "Public" ON. Then, other devices simply need to tap "Join AR" on the projects page.

Tip: Trace will automatically detect nearby devices (iPhone or iPad) that also have Morpholio Trace installed.



AR SketchWalk Interface

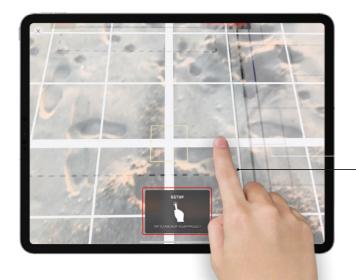
AR SketchWalk Mode Tap this icon to transform your drawing into an AR Sketch Walk

AR SketchWalk Target Press and drag Target to selection start location for SketchWalk

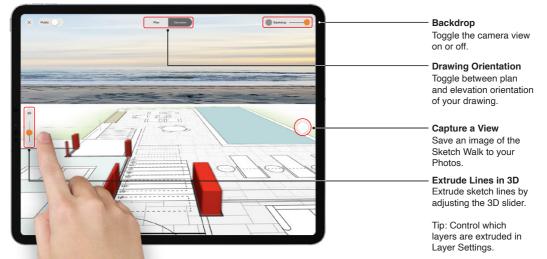
View AR SketchWalk Tap "View in AR" to launch AR Sketch Walk mode.



Disable AR ExtrusionControl which layers
are extruded in Layer
Settings.



Anchor the Drawing Move your device back and forth to register a surface. When the grid appears, rotate as needed and tap anywhere on the screen to set the drawing.





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Join an AR SketchWalk

Press the "Join AR" button in the Projects screen. This will automatically look for any nearby "public" sketch walks. Scan the same surroundings that your host has scanned and the project should appear. Your locations and views will stay synchronized as your explore in the same space.



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THANK YOU.