

Sketchpad Tips

Sketchpad Tips give you a quick overview of Sketchpad's tools and menu commands. Click the categories below to open the lists and immediately view the comic strips or short online videos.

▼ Tools

▼ Using the Arrow Tool

- Select, deselect, and drag objects with the **Arrow** tool
- Select and drag multiple objects with the **Arrow** tool

▼ Using the Drag Test

- Test a construction using the Drag Test

▼ Rotating/Dilating with the Arrow Tool

- Rotate objects with the **Arrow** tool
- Dilate objects with the **Arrow** tool

▼ Using the Point Tool

- Construct a point with the **Point** tool
- Construct a point on an object with the **Point** tool

▼ Using the Compass Tool

- Construct a circle with the **Compass** tool

▼ Using the Straightedge Tool

- Construct a segment with the **Straightedge** tool
- Construct a ray with the **Straightedge** tool
- Construct a line with the **Straightedge** tool

▼ Using the Polygon Tool

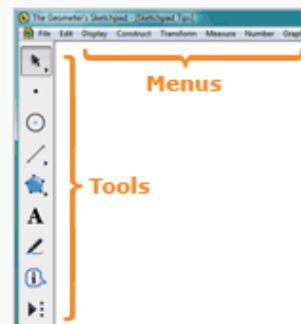
- Construct a polygon with the **Polygon** tool
- Construct a polygon and its segment edges with the **Polygon** tool
- Construct only the segment edges of a polygon with the **Polygon** tool

▼ Using the Text Tool


- Label an object with the **Text** tool
- Change an object's label with the **Text** tool
- Move an object's label with the **Text** tool
- Type a caption with the **Text** tool

▼ Using Hot Text


Sketchpad Tips are organized by tool or menu.



Each Sketchpad Tip comes in two forms, a one-page comic strip and an online video.

 Click this icon to view the comic strip.



 Click this icon to watch the online video.



- Insert an object's label into a caption
- Insert a dynamic value into a caption
- Click a Hot Text link to highlight the linked object

▼ Using the Marker Tool  

- Make a tick mark on a path with the **Marker** tool
- Make an angle marker with the **Marker** tool
- Change the number of strokes of a tick mark or angle marker with the **Marker** tool
- Drag a tick mark with the **Marker** tool
- Draw with the **Marker** tool

▼ Working with Angle Markers  

- Measure an angle using its angle marker
- Insert the name of an angle into a caption using its angle marker
- Change the properties of an angle marker using **Edit | Properties**
- Change the type or direction of an angle marker using **Edit | Properties | Marker**

▼ Using the Information Tool  

- Click an object with the **Information** tool to show its description

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