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- Workflow integration techniques
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From the Back Cover

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Digital rendering is faster, more efficient, and more flexible than traditional rendering techniques. This award-winning resource provides comprehensive guidance toward the techniques and tools most commonly used, with a reader-friendly tutorial approach.

- Compare analog and digital renderings, and learn the basics of digital drawing
- Design a custom workflow, with guidance toward scaling, automation, and more
- Diagram with linework, symbols, and text, plus more advanced techniques
- Build renderings and elevations using textures, brushes, and different shading and blending techniques
- Create drawings from models, or develop a 3D object from a site photo

Digital tools have largely replaced pens and markers, but traditional concepts still apply. For maximizing efficiency without sacrificing quality, *Digital Drawing for Landscape Architecture, Second Edition* provides practical guidance and expert insight.

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