

Background Designs

This challenge will help develop your skills for brainstorming, no matter what the situation demands. Being able to supply numerous solutions to one given problem, allows designers to expand their creative potential for future projects.

Requirements:

During the first hour, develop 10 quick drawings of background scenes for your character. Begin with practical, expected ideas, then slowly develop unexpected, surreal-based concepts. During this process I will come around talking to you about your approaches to this task.

- Neatly divide sketchbook page into ten squares 2" wide x 1.5" tall, with a .25 margin between all squares. See example below.
- Sketch out quick ideas of various scenes. They should be legible, but avoid excessive details or shading. Do not get bogged down with minor items.

The more unexpected your landscape, the stronger the idea. Consider the successful Anime productions: *Speed Racer*, *Sailor Moon*, *Princess Mononoke*.

During the second hour, on a second sheet of paper take your best idea and recreate it in pencil with elaborate details: 8.5" tall x 11" wide.

After approval, ink in the elements using a heavy pen or brush-pen. Avoid inking textures, shading, and small details. Turn in both sheets of drawings.

