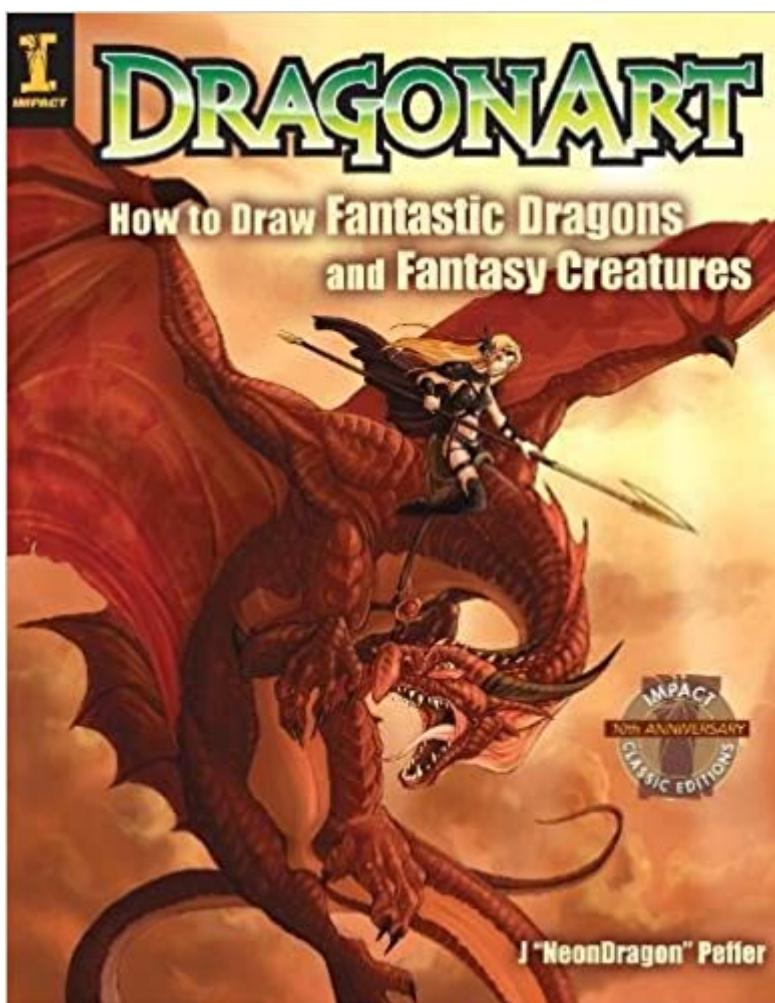


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# Dragonart: How To Draw Fantastic Dragons And Fantasy Creatures



## Synopsis

How to Draw a Dragon: "Cautiously approach the dragon, offer it a piece of candy or a little sister, and draw while it happily munches away." From the artist behind the wildly popular NeonDragonArt.com, DragonArt will help you create mythical beasts that awe, delight, and disturb the sweet dreams of little ones. Armed only with your trusty pencil and ink pen, you will begin your artistic quest by conquering a super-easy dragon that even the densest of wyvern could draw. With pace quickened by this cool achievement, you shall forge bravely onward to discover simple secrets and spiffy tricks for making your creature friendly or fierce, sorrowful or cynical; drawing them from all different perspectives, in flight or at rest (so vain, those dragons; they love to strike a pose!) and incorporating various styles of heads, limbs, wings, horns, frills, scales, tails and other details to make your particular beast original, believable and so darn groovy. Because dragons enjoy having others around to terrorize, disembowel and occasionally hang out with, this book will also teach you how you to populate your alternate universe with a whole cast of fantastic creatures, including mythical griffins, guardian gargoyles and deadly basilisks. All this within the curiously compelling, beautifully beastly, and brightly colored pages you hold in your hands, which by now are no doubt trembling with keen anticipation. So quit dragon your feet! (Ugh, wyrms hate puns!) Buy this book now and make your wildest, wickedest, fire-breathingest fantasies come true!

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## Customer Reviews

Grade 5 Up This book has great writing and superb illustrations and manages to do everything right from the front cover to the index. The author is clearly knowledgeable about her topic and her enthusiasm is contagious. Her dragons are wonderfully diverse and, while none of them looks particularly easy to draw, the sheer breadth of Peffer's imagination will encourage readers to try and create some of their own. The writing hits the perfect note between didactic and mischievous and will especially appeal to the sensibilities of teen artists. There is nothing else out there right now with the wit and style of DragonArt; it is sure to become a classic in fantasy-art instruction. Steev Baker, Kewaskum Public Library, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

J "NeonDragon" Peffer is a fantasy art illustrator who runs a popular website and whose work has been licensed for T-shirts, posters and stickers.

I purchased this for an 11-year-old who loves to draw and loves dragons. This book is really cool because in addition to all the pictures of dragons, it has sections dedicated to different styles of different parts. For example, there are several pages showing different styles of wings, different styles of legs, different styles of claws, different styles of heads, etc. So you're not just copying the drawings in the book, you're really learning to mix and match to come up with your own creations. There are also tips on blending colors, shading, and highlighting to take your drawings to the next level! If you get tired of dragons, about 1/3 of the book is dedicated to other fantasy creatures. I think I'm going to pair this with a sketchpad and a set of color pencils for a really nice Christmas gift. I know the recipient will be thrilled! I'm actually checking out all the other books from Dragonart. I didn't realize there were so many but I know we'll be getting more because I'm really impressed with this one!=====Update: I wasn't wrong. My 11-year old started right off the bat trying to draw the dragon on the cover and was a little frustrated at how silly it looked. So then he dove into the lessons. Here's the interesting thing. On Christmas day, he got this book with a sketch pad and an Android tablet and headphones. The rest of the gifts had to wait a few days till my stepkids came home. Over and over, he asked me if he could listen to music on the tablet while drawing. He wasn't gorging on Minecraft and Terraria and YouTube...he was choosing drawing over all that. A+++ in my book!

My 8yr old loves to draw, and has been obsessed with dragons for awhile. She loved this book so much! She's been drawing from it constantly since we got it for her. It's taught her a lot about

drawing dragons and creatures from different angles and shapes, adding details and muscle tone, it's noticeably improved her drawing. A nicely illustrated, good looking book as well. My only criticism is the final drawings in the book look very smoothed over and photoshopped, and I wish they looked more hand drawn.

DragonArt is a great how-to-draw book for the aspiring artist that provides easy to follow step-by-step instructions with Peffer's inspiring art. This is an amazing book for anyone who loves dragon-inspired art, or wants to create their own dragon artwork. This book is divided into six sections: Introduction, How To Use The Book, Part 1: Fantastic Dragons, Part 2: Unique Details, Part 3: Other Fantasy Creatures, and Quick Guide to Fantastic Beasts. "How To Use The Book" covers Dragon Basic Shapes, Dragon Shading and 3-D Effects, and Perspective and Overlap. "Part 1: Fantastic Dragons" is the longest section of this book. It contains Basic Shapes (one 15 steps tutorial: Basic Dragon), Dragon Faces and Expressions (three 6 steps tutorials: side, front and 3/4 view), Dragon Limbs (six 6 steps tutorials: human-like front limbs, animal-like front limbs, dragon hindquarters, lion-like paws, talon-like claws, and lion-lizard hind paws), Dragon Bodies (three 6 steps tutorials: front, side, and back view), Dragon Skeleton, and Dragon Wings and Flight (three 6 steps tutorials: open wings, curved overlapped wings, and folded wings). It also contains a 13 and a 14 steps respectively about the Western Dragon and the Eastern Dragon. "Part 2: Unique Details" includes seven 2-4 steps tutorials covering: Spiral Horns, Long, Tusk-Like Horns, Frills and Fins, Scales, Tails, Feathers and Fur. "Part 3: Other Fantasy Creatures" includes nine 11-13 steps tutorials of fantasy creatures: Gargoyle, Pegasus, Chimera, Kirin, Phoenix, Griffin, Basilisk, Wyverns and Sea Serpent. With only 128 pages, this book is a little thin, but otherwise is a great how-to-draw book for beginners and dragon lovers alike. Other books from J. Peffer include: DragonArt Fantasy Characters: How to Draw Fantastic Beings and Incredible Creatures, Dragonart Evolution: How to Draw Everything Dragon, DragonArt Ultimate Gallery: More than 70 dragons and other mythological creatures.

I really love this book, I first found it through my library and then decided to buy it. It has good tips and tricks for improving one's skill at drawing dragons. I also just really enjoy her style of drawing.

I chose this book for myself and my artistic 6-year-old twins after comparison-shopping every dragon-drawing book on Amazon, and I was not disappointed. It's well rounded and easy to use, it shows very basic techniques and explains why you're drawing things a certain way, and encourages you to

be creative and put your own spin on things even in the very first steps. You can use this book to draw your easy "beginner" dragons, and it takes the level of detail to very advanced levels, too. I like the author's art style. The only thing that could be better is that the sections on drawing the various other fantasy creatures were a little brief, but you can't have everything. The only reason I don't give it 5 stars is because I save that rating for absolutely stunning works.

There are easy to duplicate tutorials using geometric shapes and then adding details. After drawing a basic dragon, you add paws, talons, heads, and wings. Various types of horns, scales, tails, and paws are added. The book provides views from all sides so you can get the overall proportions correct. If you are using a 3D graphics program that rotates your drawing, this will quicken your successful conclusion. Now you can use these techniques to draw a gargoyle, pegasus, chimera, kirin, phoenix, griffins, basilisk, wyvern, sea serpent, and phoenix.

I love the book but the condition is not as good as I expected.

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