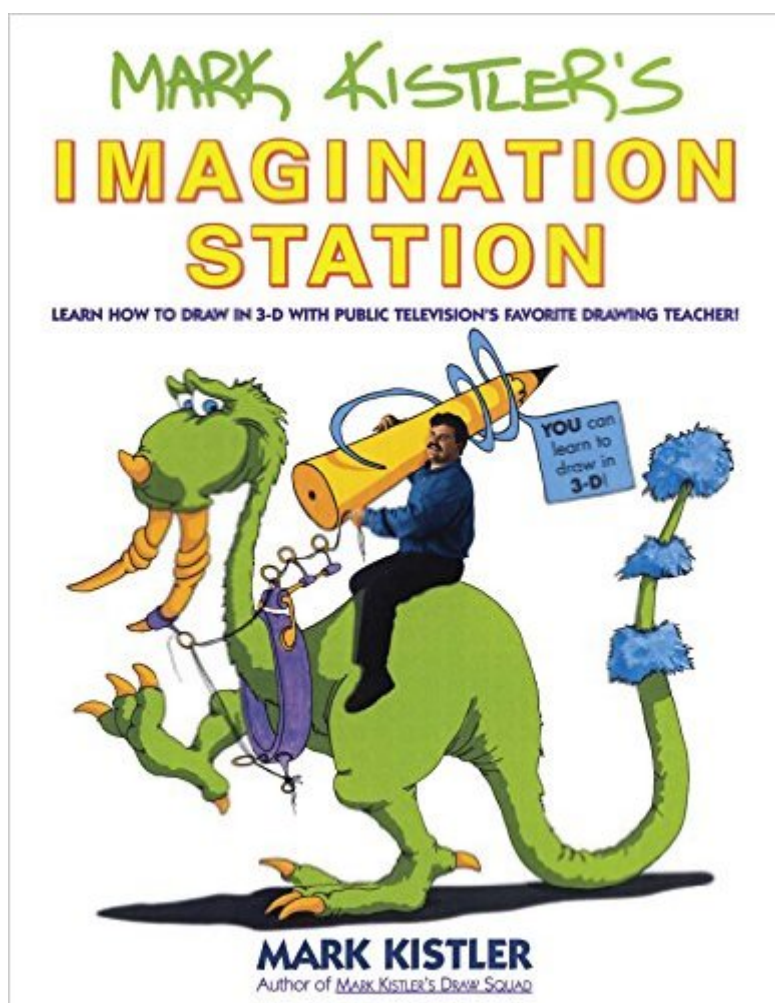


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# Mark Kistler's Imagination Station: Learn How To Draw In 3-D With Public Television's Favorite Drawing Teacher



## Synopsis

Host of public television's Mark Kistler's Imagination Station, shows young artists the cool and fun way to draw in 3-D! Hey, you! Open this book and learn how to draw in three dimensions! Mark Kistler's Imagination Station has thirty-six exciting drawing adventures. Mark teaches you the different skills you need in order to create such masterpieces as: \* Dinosaurs in the Sky \* The Cool Cloud Colony \* The Magnificent Moon Base \* The Delightful Diving Dolphins \* Professional Pollution Patrollers \* Super Solar System \* And thirty other excellent adventures that will have you drawing like this: There's also a special guide for parents and teachers at the end of the book.

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## Customer Reviews

Mark Kistler's books are wonderful, entertaining books that can teach anyone (of any age) how to draw! I bought his books for my sons, and I quickly became a devoted fan and an avid drawing maniac myself! The book is packed with pages of fun drawings, as well as 'story starters' in which kids are asked to complete the story. Mark's enthusiasm for drawing and story-telling just bubbles up out of the pages of this book. As a mom, I appreciate his encouragement for kids to watch less tv, say NO to violent video games and drugs, and to expand their brain power by getting involved in art. This book is a 'must have' for all teachers and parents who would like to see their kids motivated to express their creativity and feel good about their drawing ability.

Mark Kistler's books are EXCELLENT for anyone who want to learn to draw. The layout of the book is fun easy to follow. Although it is geared toward children it is appropriate for a beginner adult. It starts with simple concepts and gradually builds on what you've already learned. Anyone at any age will be impressed by what you will be drawing in a short amount of time. I bought this book for my children and was so impressed , I started drawing myself. My children love this book and so do I.

I bought this book to relearn how to draw properly. While the book is directed at a young audience, adults-at-heart like me will benefit from the drawing principles such as foreshortening, placement, size, overlapping, shading and shadowing, contour and horizon (plus 1 and 2 point perspectives). My disappointments were that a few later lessons repeat previous lessons and that it uses blank pages after each lesson for you to practice on. I suggest you use a separate sheet of paper to do this so you can pass this book to your kids and their kids and so on and so forth. Despite these, I still rate it 5 stars. I can now draw simple everyday objects both as cartoons and as realistically as I can. They're not professional quality yet, the book recommends daily practice until they are and that's exactly what I'm doing. This isn't the only book you should buy though if you want to draw artistically. In my case, I'd like to draw comics-style characters and objects so I can move on to animating them later. I got Tom Alvarez's "How to Create Action, Fantasy and Adventure Comics" (separately reviewed) which is also an excellent how-to book.

While aimed at kids, this is a great place to start at any age. If you have been looking at other drawing books, and the books you have seen before only make it harder, your search is over. Mark makes it easy for anyone at any age to get basic drawing skills, the building blocks you need to get started. He teaches the skills that other books make seem complex, without the stress or making it go over your head. His way of teaching is simply the easiest method a person can have to start drawing. And if the books are good, his old show on PBS and his videos are even better. Mark makes drawing so fun kids beg to use the book again and again. He does not start by intimidating you with the completed project, in fact you don't always know what you are drawing until you are done. He takes you one line, circle, or square at a time and before you know it you have a fun drawing. I also recommend you try the books from Ed Emberly, or check my lists on [for kids](#) that want to learn to draw, or be a cartoonist or animator.

I discovered this book years ago when it was all the "buzz" at an art education convention. I used it for many years in my classroom when I was an art teacher because it not only helps the beginning

artist learn to draw, but do so in 3-d so that they are amazed at their creations. Although I'm no longer an art teacher, I remain an artist and, because of that, I often come across requests from kids, teens, and adults to help them "learn to draw". This is one of only 3 books that I saved from my classroom days because it is so unique and beneficial to both the beginner artist and even those more advanced. I recommend this book and his Draw Squad book as those are the two I still use. I haven't had the opportunity to see his newer books that I see here in person but I have no doubt they are just as good! p.s. no talent needed to learn to create some very cool stuff with a pencil from these!

We got this and another of his books for the kids to use to inspire creativity and to help them learn drawing skills. We are homeschoolers - so we look all over for inspiration. This is definitely a keeper! The kids can't put it down.

I credit Mark Kistler with helping to ignite a passion for drawing in my kids. We first checked his books out about two years ago when my oldest was 8 and my twins were 7. Mark Kistler does a great job of connecting with his audience and helping them see that drawing success is easy to achieve when you go step by step. His infectious enthusiasm for drawing doesn't hurt either (look him up on Youtube!). We've had hours of fun with this drawing book and others by Mark, highly recommend for your young budding artist.

Love Mark Kistler's books. He makes drawing not only fun but breaks it down into understandable steps. I am a late in life learner and his exercises are engaging and interesting. Mark has a you can do attitude that is both positive and encouraging. Seeing the work of other students is great!

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