

How to Install SketchUp and the AB 3D Modeling Tool

1. Go to <https://www.sketchup.com/download/all>
2. Download* and install the appropriate version of SketchUp.

SketchUp Pro:

SketchUp Pro is the professional version of SketchUp. If you will be using your SketchUp designs to make money, download and purchase this version.

SketchUp Make 2017:

SketchUp Make is the free hobbyist version of SketchUp. If you are only using your designs for non-profit purposes, download this version.

3. Open SketchUp and accept the user agreement.
4. On the top right, choose the template you would like to use.
5. Then click the Start Using SketchUp button on bottom right.
6. To load the AB 3D Modeling tool, go to the Window tab within SketchUp and select Extension Warehouse.
7. In the top right corner of the pop-up click Sign In and create a Trimble account or sign in with Google.
8. Search "Allan Block 3D Modeling Tool" in the search bar.
9. Click on the extension and click the Install button. Click Yes to trust the author to allow you to browse to open files.
10. To open, go to the Extensions tab within SketchUp and select the AB 3D Modeling Tool.



SketchUp Shortcuts

For Windows & (Mac)		
Ctrl (⌘) + a	Select All	Middle Button (Wheel)
Ctrl (⌘) + Move	Move a Copy	Scroll
Ctrl (⌘) + Select	Add to Selection	Click-Drag
Shift (Shift) + z	Zoom Extents	Shift+Click-Drag
Arrow Keys	Lock Direction	Double-Click
Select + Delete	Delete Selection	



Select (Spacebar)	Move (M)	Pan (H)
Paint Bucket (B)	Rotate (Q)	Zoom Window
Orbit (O)	Make Component	Push/Pull (P)
Zoom (Z)	Eraser (E)	Follow Me

Advanced Shortcuts

Eraser (E)	Ctrl	soften/smooth (use on edges to make adjacent faces appear curved)
	Shift	hide
	Ctrl+Shift	unsoften/unsmooth
Move (M)	Ctrl	move a copy
	Shift	hold down to lock in current inference direction
	Alt	auto-fold (allow move even if it means adding extra edges and faces)
	Arrows	lock direction; up = blue, right = red, left = green, and down = parallel/perpendicular
Orbit (O)	Ctrl	hold down to disable "gravity-weighted" orbiting
	Shift	hold down to activate Pan tool
Paint Bucket (B)	Ctrl	fill material – paint all matching adjacent faces
	Shift	replace material – paint all matching faces in the model
	Ctrl+Shift	replace material on object - paint all matching faces on the same object
	Alt	hold down to sample material
Push/Pull (P)	Ctrl	push/pull a copy of the face (leaving the original face in place)
	Double-Click	apply last push/pull amount to this face
	Distance	specify a push/pull amount by typing a number and Enter
Rotate (Q)	Ctrl	rotate a copy
	Angle	specify an angle by typing a number and Enter
	Slope	specify an angle as a slope by typing a rise, a colon (:), a run, and Enter ie. 3:12
Select	Ctrl	add to selection
(Spacebar)	Shift	add/subtract from selection
	Ctrl+Shift	subtract from selection
Zoom (Z)	Shift	hold down and click-drag mouse to change Field of View

To receive your .rb file, enter your project details using the AB Design and Estimating Apps or the AB Walls software. See allanblock.com for details.

Use the extension to:

Open the .rb file where you choose which blocks and colors to show on the project.

Search our library of our AB Courtyard patio package models to add to your design.



Search our library of favorite models to add design elements to your project.

View step-by-step instructions for using the extension.

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