

Sketchpad – Quick Reference

Tips and Tricks:

The “Display” menu allows you to make your lines bold, dashed, or normal. It also allows you to change their colors—which can be helpful on complex constructions.

You can “right click” on most objects to bring up an options menu.

The mouse wheel changes between the move tool, the point tool, the circle tool, the segment tool, and the text tool.

Constructing a midpoint:

Select a segment. Press Ctrl+M. OR Go to “Construct” and then “Midpoint.”

Constructing a perpendicular/parallel line:

Select the segment, line, or ray that needs to be perpendicular. Select a point. Go to “Construct” and then “Perpendicular line” or “Parallel line.”

Constructing an angle bisector:

Select three points (with the vertex second) and go to “Construct” and then “Angle Bisector.”

Hiding figures:

Select the figures you want to hide and press Ctrl+H. OR Go to “Display” and then “Hide.”

Constructing an intersection:

Select the two figures that you want to intersect. Press Ctrl+I. OR Go to “Construct” and then “intersection.”