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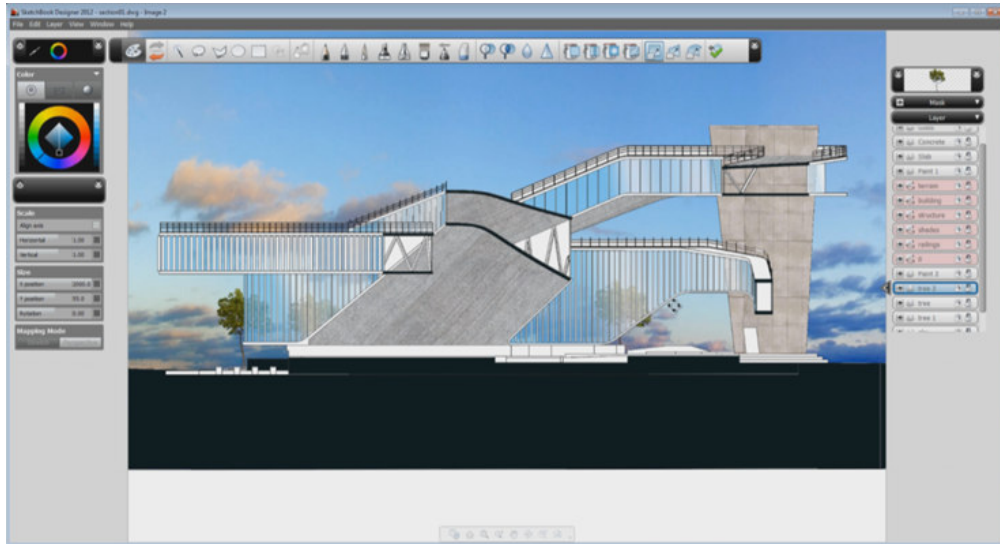


In this section you will learn the following:

- How to create a Layer Folder
- How to add layers to a Layer Folder
- How to manipulate a Layer Folder

GROUPING LAYERS IN SKETCHBOOK DESIGNER

1. One of the keys to success in illustration is effectively organizing of all the content in a canvas. In a complex deliverable, there may be enough layers to make the navigation quite difficult. Sketchbook Designer enables us to organize the information with Layer Folders. Let's see an example.
2. In the image below we have three trees. They happen to be duplicates, but they could be pretty much anything. This means that right now we have three layers with trees. One answer would be to merge them into one layer, but that may have implications in the course of your work. Let's do something different, which will keep the layers separate, but keep navigation more easy.



3. We need to invoke the Marking Menu from any layer, and select New Layer Folder.



4. We see a new layer with a drop-down list. It can be hidden, locked, and moved, so it basically behaves like a layer, although it's a repository of layers.

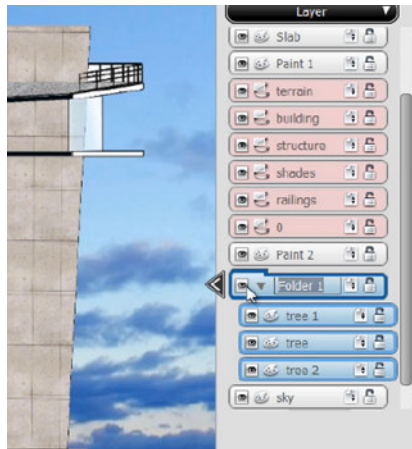


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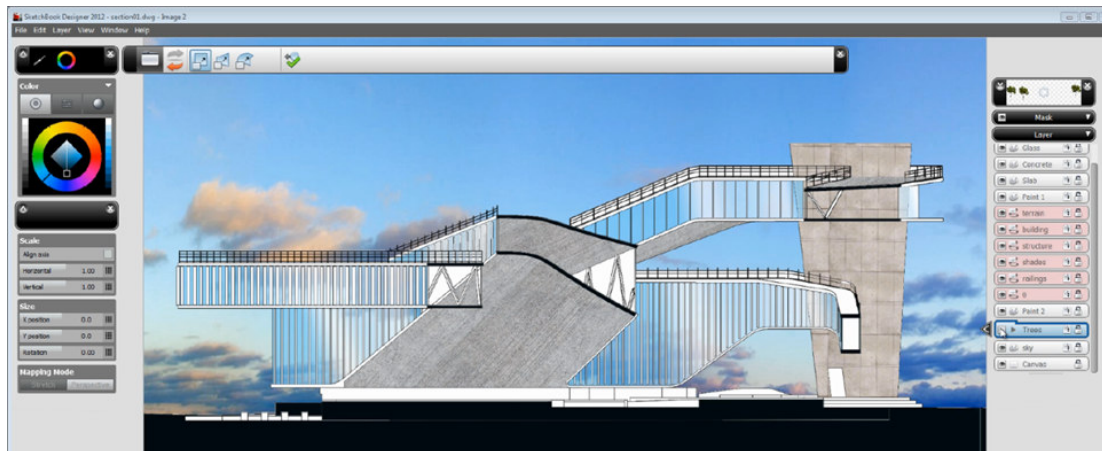
5. The key is to drag layers into the Layer Folder. These can be collapsed, so a multitude of layers can become a single line in the list of layers.



6. Let's see what happens if we turn that Layer Folder off.



7. We can see that all trees within that Layer Folder have been hidden from the canvas. This is a very powerful tool to keep the canvas organized without having to merge layers excessively.



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