

How to find images of works of art, design, and architecture?

Finding images of the works of art and architecture is a fundamental element of research. You can find them in print as well as in digital format.



To locate images in printed books consult *World Painting Index* (Arch. Ref ND45.H38) and



World Architecture Index (Arch Ref.NA202.T41991),
(If the library does not own some of indexed titles you may consider getting them in other libraries or via the ILL).

You can also find images by browsing various encyclopedias, dictionaries, atlases, histories, catalogues raisonné, monographs, publications of museums and private collections, as well as exhibitions catalogs. To locate them search the online catalog.

Images in digital books can be located by searching library catalog (limit your search to Digital Resources) or by searching collections of electronic text i.e. Google books, Guttenberg project, etc.



A valuable source of good quality images is *The Grove Dictionary of Art* available in print (Arch Ref. N31 .D5 1996) and online. Online version provides access to 100,000 images from the Bridgeman Art Library: images of painting, sculpture, architecture and the decorative arts from museums and from private collections, works in situ, and architectural and historical images. Links are also provided to images in public collections throughout the world.

To find images in print journals use indexes: *Avery Index*, *Architecture Index*, *Art Index Retrospective*, and *Art Abstracts*. They are available in print and electronic formats (see [Databases](#)). Knowledge of the scope and coverage of a particular database can help you to develop the appropriate strategy for each index.

There are numerous e-journals available on the web and via the databases: *Art Full Text*, *Academic Search Premier*, *Building Green Suite*, *JStor*, *OmniFile*, *ULI Case Studies*, *Material Connexion*. While searching most of them you have an option of limiting your search to images only. Library instruction explains [how to access them remotely](#)

The Littman Library maintains collections of slides and maps as well as the *Image Database* and the *Digital Archive of Newark Architecture*. They can serve as a good

source of images and can be accessed via the library homepage at <http://archlib.njit.edu>

Do not forget to check various collections of digital images available on the web. Below you will find links to some of them. More links can be found in our [delicious](#) accounts.

- [American Memory](#) (Library of Congress)
- [Philadelphia Architects and Buildings](#)
- [ArchInform](#)
- [ArchiNed](#)
- [ArchNet](#)
- [SIRIS](#) (Smithsonian Institutional Research Information System)
- [Bildarchiv zur Kunst und Architecture in Deutschland](#)
- [Emporis](#)
- [Europeana](#)
- [Great Buildings](#)
- [Historic American Building Survey](#) (HABS)
- [Index of American Design](#)
- [International Dada Archive](#)
- [Perseus](#)
- [Merimee](#)
- [Milestones of Modernism](#)
- [Image Exchange](#) (Society of Architectural Historians)
- [NYPL Digital Gallery](#) (New York Public Library)
- [SPIRO](#) (University of California at Berkeley).
- [Structurae](#)
- [Thais](#)
- [Vitruvio](#)
- [Wissentshcaftlishes Bildernarchive](#)

[Digital Librarian: architecture](#)

[Digital Librarian: art](#)

- Access to museum website is available via the library page:
- [Museums of architecture and design.](#)
- [Museum of Modern Art](#)
- [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)
- [George Eastman Museum of Photography](#)
- [Joconde](#) (French museums)
- [Art Inventories Catalog](#) (Smithsonian)

To find images use various search engines:

- Google Images
- Altavista
- All the web
- Ditto
- Picsearch
- Search-22

While using search engines remember to:

- Select the most distinctive words
- Enter the most important terms first
- Consider synonyms
- Be familiar with the Boolean operators
- Use more than one search engine

While searching Google Images you can limit results to:

- content types,
- size,
- file types,
- coloration,
- usage rights (labeled for reuse, labeled for commercial reuse, labeled for reuse with modifications, and labeled for commercial reuse with modifications),
- aspect ratio
- domain

Select advanced search to apply these and other limit options.

You can also search for images by entering a key word and specific extensions, for example Santa Maria del Fiore .jpg (or .gif)

To learn more about search engines see [Review of Image Search Engines](#) and [Search Engine Watch](#).

To learn how to properly acknowledge use of images and cite them look at the library tutorial at: [How to cite images](#)

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