Best Free, Deep Discounted tools for artists and designers 2020

We've been breaking news about Adobe and Affinity deals in recent days, providing some respite for cash-strapped creatives looking for a bit of relief in their current day-to-day.

As more and more offers aimed at the international creativity community are piling on, we've compiled the best below for **professionals and students covering areas such as virtual classes, creative software, networking tools and stock photography.**

Before diving in, check out our other guides to other best freebies already out there:

Free stuff for all creatives

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Apple

US and UK users can now take up 90 day free trials of Final Cut Pro and Logic Pro X.

As our sister site TechAdvisor reports, Final Cut's trial is therefore boosted from 30 days, while Logic has never had a free trial.

The Final Cut Pro deal is live, with **Logic Pro X to come soon.**

Procreate

Fancy two full months of free access to Skillshare? A free limited edition Procreate brushset?

Then There’ll also be daily art prompts.

https://procreate.art/carepack

iStock

The Getty subsidiary is offering 69 free images as a response to current turmoil; yes, 69, stop laughing at the back!

It’s a nicely varied selection, with a few photos related to health and hygiene. There’s no deadline yet for downloading these, either.

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Adobe and Affinity



Adobe is offering two months free off its Creative Cloud subscription if you use a sneaky Cancelling trick. Note that the secret ‘offer’ was available long before the world crisis of March 2020, and that you’re effectively cancelling one contract for a new full-term one, starting anew.

Find out more.

iPad art kings Serif meanwhile are offering Affinity Photo, Designer & Publisher free for three months. This is an extension of their one month trial, and there’s also a 50% discount for users who would rather buy and keep the apps on desktop or tablet.

Find out more in our Affinity news story.

Learn Squared

Until May 30th 2020, 58 hours of online training is free for artists looking to up their game. The deal means you can enjoy the opening virtual class from creators like Ash Thorp (of *Akira* fan art fame) and Javier Perez on everything from Substance 3D matte painting, concept art to character design. Beeple is a fan, so why not try it? We're sure tempted.

Remote collaboration tool deals

Needing to manage a remote design project? You can check out our new guide to doing that, whilst also choosing from these free and deep discount deals on remote collab software.

Loom has removed the recording limit on their free plan – what was 25 is now unlimited; cut the price of Loom Pro in half – what was $10/month is now $5/month, and extended all trials of Loom Pro from 14 to 30 days.

Best Free and Discounted student tools



Skillshare

UK and US students can get two months free on the Skillshare Premium Membership plan. Note you'll need an ac.uk, .edu or .k12 email address to take advantage of this offer.

Red Giant

Red Giant Complete – the full set of tools including Trapcode Suite, Magic Bullet Suite, Universe, VFX Suite and Shooter Suite – is now free for students or faculty members of a university, college, or high school.

school or organization ID or any proof of current employment or enrollment that can be used for verification.

Clip Studio Paint

Japan’s Celsys is offering complimentary three-month Clip Studio Paint EX licenses for home use for companies and educational institutions using Clip Studio Paint volume licenses.

All companies and educational institutions with such volume license contracts will be contacted by Celsys shortly. New

Greyscale Gorilla

When buying a student discount use the code “LEARN3D” during checkout and get $150 off your first year of Greyscalegorilla Plus.

Greyscalegorilla Plus includes over 677 videos to start learning about Cinema 4D, Redshift, Arnold, and X-Particles, with 1,200 HQ textures thrown in.

Udemy

Students can sign up now to get courses for as low as £11.99 each. First time users only.

Sign up to Udemy here.

G Suite for Education

Google has rolled out free access to advanced Hangouts Meet video-conferencing capabilities to all G Suite and G Suite for Education customers globally including:

- Larger meetings, for up to 250 participants per call
- Live streaming for up to 100,000 viewers within a domain
- The ability to record meetings and save them to Google

Drive

These features are typically available in the of G Suite and in , and will be available at no additional cost to all customers until July 1, 2020.

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