

Linda A Doll Grid System ©1983 (www.lindadoll.com)

What is the Linda A. Doll Grid System?

The Grid System was designed as a working instrument and as a teaching aid. It is a series of small grids on transparent plastic along with a master grid and was created to help artist enlarge sketches, drawings or photos to full painting size easily and quickly.

Why the Linda A. Doll Grid System?

The Grid System is designed for the artist who seeks a method of advancing from the thumbnail or sketch to completed drawing quickly and accurately. Sketching and drawing are a building process and many artists prefer the freedom to sketch without concern for size or placement. The study is created, cropped appropriately, than scaled to the painting size needed. The Grid System will scale any sketch up to 1/4 sheet (10" x 14"), 1/2 sheet (14" x 20"), 3/4 sheet (18" x 24") or full sheet (20" x 28") as well as miscellaneous other sizes.

How Does the Linda A. Doll Grid System Work?

For those with experience using a grid system, the Linda A. Doll Grid System and how it works is probably self-evident, but a few hints or suggestions may help in the understanding and in the use of the system.

QUARTER SHEET (10" X 14")

1. Place the entire small plastic transparent grid over your thumbnail sketch, drawing or photo the way you would like the drawing to fit on your painting sheet. Try several sizes to see which you prefer. Secure it down with a small piece of tape. Always tape from the back. **Notice the larger the grid, the smaller the objects or figures – the smaller the grid the larger the objects or figures.

2. Place a sheet of 11" x 14" tracing paper over Grid "A" (16 boxes). Secure with a small piece of tape to keep it from shifting. You should be able to see the Grid "A" through the piece of tracing paper. Draw on the tracing paper, don't draw on the grid itself.

3. Starting at any point, repeat the drawing using the boxes and x lines to guide you through the placement of your drawing. Complete the drawing in one box and then continue to the next until the entire drawing is done. You will have a 10" x 14" drawing ready to transfer to your watercolor paper or canvas. (This can be done with a light box or with transfer paper.)



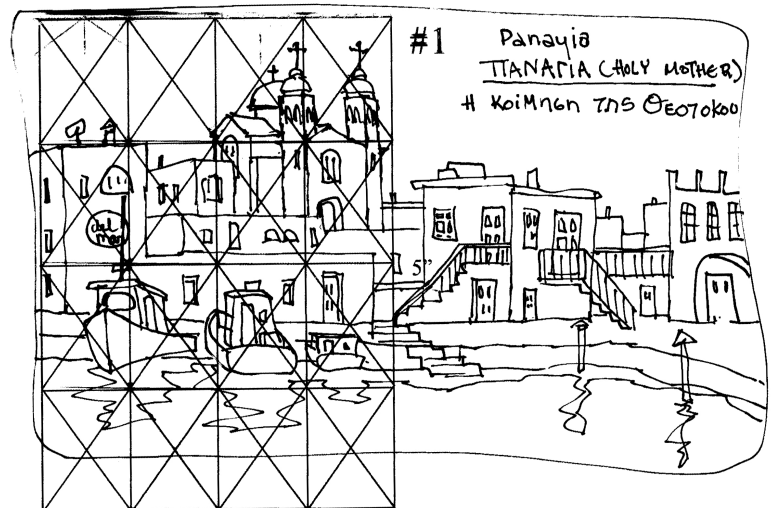
FULL SHEET (20" X 28")

1. Place the entire small plastic grid over your thumbnail, drawing or photo. This is the same small grid you used in the quarter sheet above.
2. Place a sheet of 11" x 14" tracing paper over the enclosed Grid "B". (4 boxes) Secure with a small piece of tape to keep it from shifting. You should be able to see the Grid "B" through the piece of tracing paper.
3. Draw 1/4 of the thumbnail, drawing or photo. (Top left 4 boxes) Cover the other 3/4 of the drawing if it is confusing to see the entire drawing or photo.
4. Draw the second 1/4 (Top right 4 boxes) on a second sheet of tracing paper, then the third 1/4 (Bottom 4 left boxes), then the last or fourth 1/4 (Bottom right 4 boxes). Tape these 4 sheets together when done and you will have a full sheet (20" x 28") drawing ready to transfer to your watercolor or canvas.

*** If this is confusing Xerox Grid "B" 4 times and tape together to make a full sheet grid and use one large sheet of tracing paper over it.

HALF SHEET (14" X 20")

1. Place the entire small plastic transparent grid over 1/2 of your thumbnail, drawing or photo. Secure it down with a piece of tape. ***** Important - Remember this time the small transparent grid covers only 1/2 of your thumbnail, drawing or photo.
2. Place a sheet of 11" x 14" tracing paper over Grid "A". Secure it down with small piece of tape. You should now be able to see Grid "A" through the piece of tracing paper.
3. Starting at any point, repeat the drawing using the boxes and x lines to guide you through the placement of your drawing. Complete the drawing in one box and then continue to the next until 1/2 the drawing is done.
4. Draw the 2nd half of the thumbnail, drawing or photo on a 2nd sheet of tracing paper, tape the 2 sheet together and you now have a 1/2 sheet drawing ready to transfer to your watercolor paper or canvas. (This can be done with a light box or with transfer paper.)



THREE QUARTER SHEET (18" X 24")

1. Find the small transparent grid in which 3 1/2 by 3 1/2 of the boxes cover the entire sketch, drawing or photo. Omit 1/2 of the right row and 1/2 of the bottom row of boxes.
2. Complete as for a full sheet omitting 1/2 of the right row and 1/2 of the bottom row of boxes. You now have a three quarter sheet (17 1/2" x 24 1/2" drawing ready to transfer to your 18" x 24" painting.

Additional Suggestions:

Using the top two rows will make a long thin drawing.

Using 3 by 4 boxes will make a perfect square drawing.