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- Introduces dimensioning, external references, layouts and printing, and using 3D

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From the Back Cover

AutoCAD 2012 and AutoCAD LT 2012: No Experience Required is the perfect step-by-step introduction to Autodesk's powerful architectural design software. This new edition from popular AutoCAD expert and "CAD Geek" blogger Donnie Gladfelter helps you quickly build skills as you proceed through an engaging, hands-on AutoCAD tutorial.

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- Start using basic AutoCAD commands and set up your own drawings right away
- Follow an extended tutorial—the design of a summer cabin—and learn all tools and functions
- Quickly master new AutoCAD 2012 features, which are clearly marked
- Develop sophisticated drawing strategies to hold you in good stead
- Learn to use layers, objects, blocks, groups, elevations, hatches, and multiline text
- Understand dimensioning and how to create and manage external references
- Create 3D geometry, master parametric tools, and explore rendering basics

Apply proven techniques and efficiently create detailed drawings

Create, configure, and assemble complete construction document sets

Develop compelling 3D visualizations from 2D design documentation

About the Author

Donnie Gladfelter is an AutoCAD expert and respected thought leader in the CAD community. He is well known for the CAD Geek blog (www.thecadgeek.com), has written many articles for *AUGIWorld* magazine, and is a popular speaker at Autodesk University and other industry events. He has worked with the development team at Autodesk to help shape future versions of AutoCAD, and the company has featured him in numerous video interviews, including their popular "Ask the Expert" series. Donnie also helps empower CAD professionals locally and across the world as a Business Development Manager for CADD Microsystems, Autodesk's 2010 Reseller of the Year, and as a member of the Autodesk User Group International Board of Directors.

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