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- Making hatches transparent and adding gradient fills
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- Creating photorealistic renderings and animated walkthroughs

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- Chapter-opening learning objectives
- Step-by-step tutorials
- Four-color screenshots and illustrations
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**Scott Onstott** is a consultant, lecturer, author, and independent video producer who has 14 years of experience teaching and writing about architectural and design visualization software. He is the author of *Enhancing Architectural Drawings and Models with Photoshop* as well as *AutoCAD 2012 and AutoCAD LT 2012 Essentials*, and coauthor of *AutoCAD: Professional Tips and Techniques*.

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