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There is a lot of very good "how to draw" books, including "how to draw manga". If you need such kind, go and get them. But this one is completely not about the drawing techniques, but rather is about what to do before you start to draw. It shows you a regular method how to think of your character, how is it supposed to look from three points of view (form, costume, personality) and how to get deeper into all three directions by using complex tabular checklists. The idea of matrix method itself is not too complicated, and the method explanation takes about 30 pages. But the rest of the book illustrates how to use it by examples of creating monsters, artificial creatures, faeries, and many more other types of characters. This book is of good quality, full colored and contains a lot of amazing illustrations. Could be useful not only to anime/manga fans, but for any artist, including game designers.  
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Manga Matrix presents an easy grid method for mastering manga, an increasingly popular comic style. Using this unique Japanese system, artists can plot and cross-section elements on a matrix diagram to create an infinite number of original characters, creatures, and multiformed beasts. Angels, demons, dragons, monsters, and robots are all included in this book, along with descriptions of costumes and personalities for each. Manga Matrix is unlike any other manga instructional guide and is an invaluable resource for both the budding artist and the polished professional.

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Hiroyoshi Tsukamoto is a veteran artist and educator of fine art and graphic design. He has been actively working in the field for over 30 years. Tsukamoto's designs and artworks are numerous, including a mural for the pediatrics ward for the Japan National Cancer Center, character illustration and exhibit design for Nagoya Marine Museum, and character, stage, and costume design for the musical Borocchino!. Tsukamoto is also the author of the Japanese bestselling titles Manga Bible and CharaDeza Smash!