| Anime is a diverse medium, telling stories that range from giant robots battling it out, pop idols trying to achieve their dreams, people who just have to catch ’em all, and even lonely office workers just trying to get through their day. There’s no shortage of interesting and creative stories being told for any and all generations.  Likewise, there’s an incredibly diverse group of fans out there producing high-quality models based on these shows. Below, we’ve rounded up a list of some of the best places to look for anime 3D models, and what you can expect from each site. We’ll first be looking at sites that are in English, then a few in Japanese. はじめましょう (Let’s start)! | |  |  |
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| Most fan content of anime models, surprisingly, doesn’t come from Japan. We’ll shed a little more light on that later in our Japanese site section, but for now, let’s take a look at the incredible offerings from these English language sites! | | |
| What We're Looking For | | | |
| Ease of searching: Finding the exact model you’re looking for can be tough. We kept an eye out for anything that makes that process more straightforward, like useful categories and search filters. | High-quality and authentic: There’s nothing wrong with taking some creative license, but we wanted to make sure models stayed true to their original look. | Reasonable pricing: Reasonable pricing is good, and free is even better. We’ll be highlighting what you can expect to pay at various sites. | Reasonable pricing: Reasonable pricing is good, and free is even better. We’ll be highlighting what you can expect to pay at various sites. |
| If one of these sites inspires you to get something 3D printed, try Craft Cloud by All3DP. There’s a wide variety of materials and finishes available, so you’ll be able to get your favorite characters printed just as you imagine them. | | | |

| ANIME FIGURES 3D PRINT/STL FILES: THE BEST SITES | | |  |
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| CGTrader, as the name suggests, is a paid website showcasing impressive-looking models. While it provides 3D models for a variety of uses, it has a search toggle for 3D printable content specifically.  It also has a very strong selection of models, with DragonBall being a particular highlight! You can also find models from Ranma ½, Darling in the Franxx, One Piece, and a very intense Motoko from Ghost in the Shell! | | |
| Search: The “3D Print” filter is very helpful for getting results quickly. | Quality and authenticity: CGTrader generally gave us the highest quality models out of everything we looked at. But no doubt that’s because all are for a cost. | Pricing: Expect to pay for everything on CGTrader. While prices can get into the hundreds, you’re more often looking at between $5 and $50 for models. | Printing: Toggle on “3D Print” under attributes when searching and you’re good to go. You won’t feel like you’re suddenly dealing with a very limited collection. But if you’re feeling brave, you can search for everything and try your luck printing it. |
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| Alongside small-scale operations, Etsy hosts a variety of modelers and designers, and the choice of models is quite impressive. Among the many, we were able to find a cute Totoro Family and a diorama of Tanjiro and Nezuko from Demon Slayer. However, being pretty unregulated |  |  | Ease of searching: Finding the exact model you’re looking for can be tough. We kept an eye out for anything that makes that process more straightforward, like useful categories and search filters. |
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