Wire-framing Tools

Balsamiq Mockups:

       I am in a human computer interaction course and we are also talking about wire framing. For an assignment an option of a non-paper prototype was to use a tool called Balsamiq. This tool allows the user to choose from many options including drag & drop elements, buttons, lists and much more. These elements are styled as if you were sketching them on paper. This tool is useful for the possibility of feedback and then allows the user to change their wireframe as needed to help keep the design process going.

Sketching:

       I may be old school, but I think one of the best ways to produce a wireframe is simply just to sketch out your ideas. I think sketching allows the designer to mock up many designs quickly and therefore they can then make their final design with inspiration of each sketch they created using an element of each design. Sketching is also helpful in getting feedback because it is easy to erase or re-sketch if any changes needed to be made.