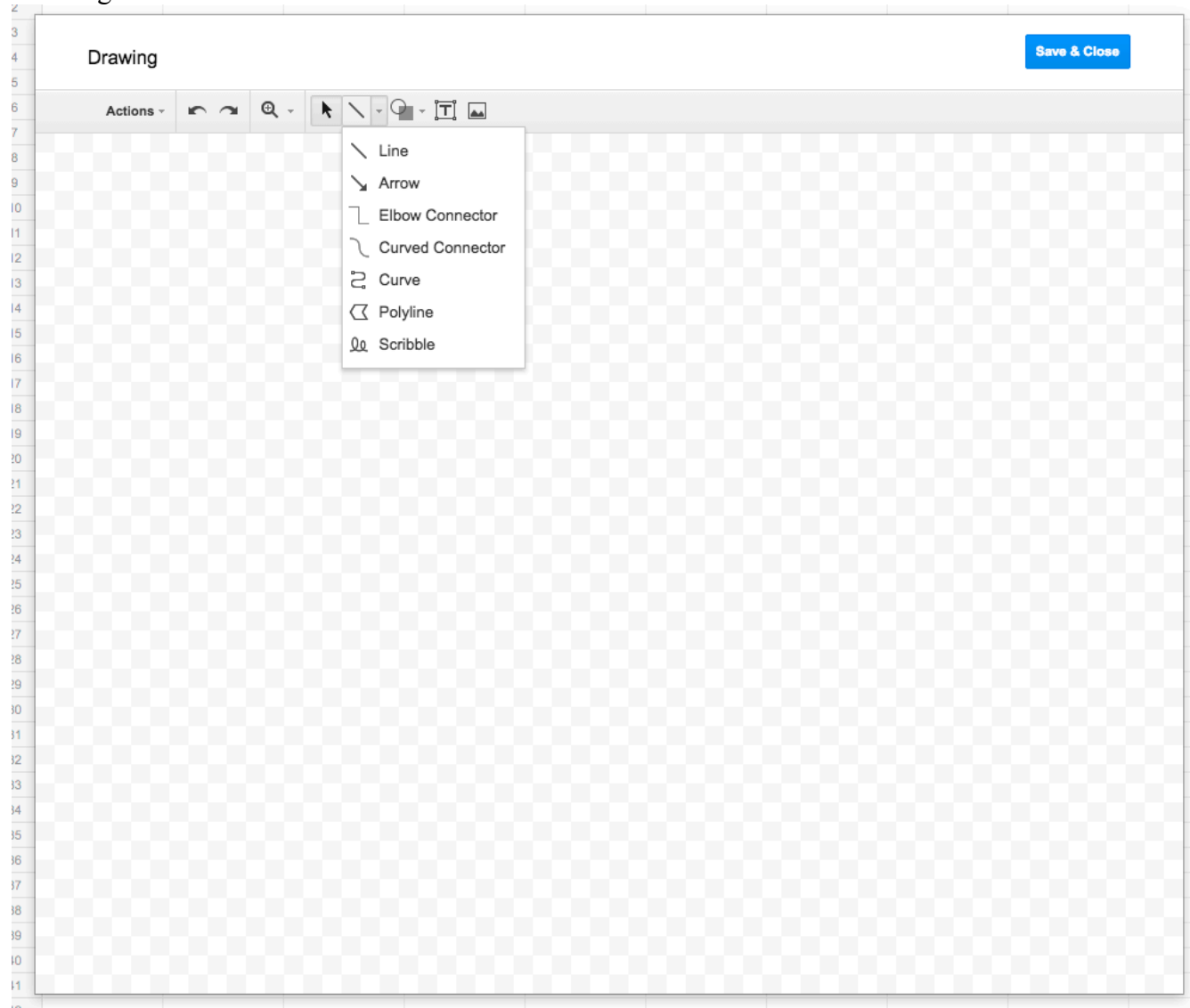


Tips for creating art with Google Sheets:

- [Merge cells](#) to create color blocks and larger shapes
- Use Insert > [Drawing](#) to create line art for finer details and illustrations to sit on top of the grid



- Get fancy and create color gradients with [conditional formatting](#) (use numbers to change the colors of cells automatically). Here are some pro tips from Marina Esmeraldo, one of the artists who made “Break the Grid.”
 1. Select the cell you want to start from and type "1".
 2. On the cell immediately to the side of the initial cell (depends on what direction you want the gradient to move in), type the formula " $=(\text{original cell})+1$ ". With the cell still selected, drag that across the surface you want to add your gradient to – the numbers will automatically add up!
 3. Select the group of cells you just added the numbers to, then go to Format > Conditional Formatting. Select "Color Scale", check if the range is correct, then under Preview click to add your own Custom colour scale.
 4. Now you get to pick your colours! Under Minpoint, Midpoint and Maxpoint, select the values you want to control and choose a colour to match with them. You can add your own custom colours!

5. Once you're happy with your gradient, you can hide the numbers. Select the relevant area, go to Format > Number > More Formats > Custom number format... and type "_" (underline and a space), and voilà!



- Choose from hundreds of colors, or use [hex codes](#) to pick specific shades by clicking on the paint bucket icon, then “Custom...”

