

Fundamentals of Drawing

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Basic Perspective:

Perspective = a system which creates the illusion of three-dimensional space on a two-dimensional surface. Some techniques/systems include:

Atmospheric perspective: Objects farther in the distance are lighter in value, less detailed and greyer in color.

Overlapping: one object covers up part of another object and is thus seen as being “in front”

Transparency: a distant object is seen through an object closer up

Size/Scale: objects in the distance appear smaller

Position: where an object is placed regarding a real or imagined horizon line

Interpenetration: parts of objects are seen as “going through” another object

Linear Perspective: system that relies on the relation of converging parallel edges at a vanishing point or horizon line.