

Cool Vanishing Point

Proper perspective is a learned skill for artists. Creating scenes where the perspective is off will immediately cause the viewer discomfort. Recognizing perspective is the first step to developing skill to create it when needed.

Perspective is most recognized when the view of the person is in a place to recognize distance, like standing in the middle of a railroad track and seeing the tracks come together in the distance, or standing at the base of a wall and seeing the lines of the wall get closer the farther away they travel. These are examples of the formal qualities of perspective.

I also want you to think about other definitions of the word perspective: point of view being a very important one. What sorts of perspectives could you include in a photograph? Think about the phrase, "from the perspective of. . ." That's one way to approach this idea.

Grab your camera and take photos of things in perspective. Bracket each shot!

I want you to drop a folder with your name on it into the drop folder. Make a contact sheet of all the photos you took. So I should be able to see you bracketing.

AND

It should have 1 photo in it addressing the formal ideas of perspective and 1 photo addressing an idea of perspective **other** than the formal idea of it. We will share these with each other if we have time.

Here are some definitions to help you along:

perspective

noun

1. a technique of depicting volumes and spatial relationships on a flat surface. Compare [aerial perspective](#), [linear perspective](#).
2. a picture employing this technique, especially one in which it is prominent: an architect's perspective of a house.
3. a visible scene, especially one extending to a distance; vista: a perspective on the main axis of an estate.
4. the state of existing in space before the eye: The elevations look all right, but the building's composition is a failure in perspective.
5. the state of one's ideas, the facts known to one, etc., in having a meaningful interrelationship: You have to live here a few years to see local conditions in perspective.

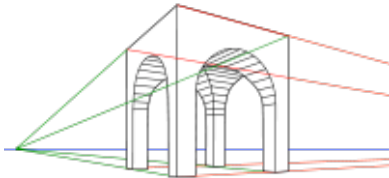
6. the faculty of seeing all the relevant data in a meaningful relationship: Your data is admirably detailed but it lacks perspective.

7. a mental view or prospect: the dismal perspective of terminally ill patients.

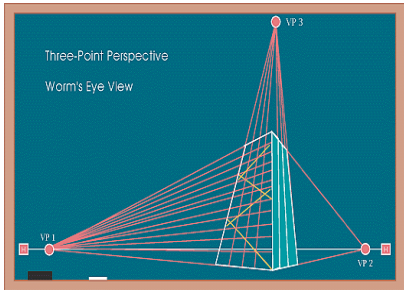
There are three basic types of perspective: one-point, two-point, and three-point. The one/two/three refers to the number of vanishing points used to create the perspective illusion. Two-point perspective is the most commonly used.



1 point perspective



2 point perspective



3 point perspective