

Zara's Guide to Perspective: The Art of Distance

Step into the scene and bring your art to life with depth!

- The horizon line is the place where the earth meets the sky and is usually at the artist's eye level.
- Objects in the foreground are drawn larger and with more detail because they are closer to the viewer.
- The vanishing point is the specific spot on the horizon where all parallel lines appear to meet and disappear.
- Objects in the background are drawn smaller and higher up on the page to show they are far away.
- Using converging lines helps guide the viewer's eye towards the main subject of the artwork.

Did you know? Did you know? Renaissance artists were the first to use maths to perfect perspective! By using a single 'vanishing point' on the horizon line, they could make a flat painting look like you could walk right into it.

Key vocabulary: Vanishing point · Horizon line · Foreground · Background · Linear perspective · Scale