

Zara's Guide to Perspective: Creating Depth in Art

Step into the scene and bring your drawings to life!

- The horizon line is the place where the earth meets the sky and represents the artist's eye level.
- A vanishing point is the single spot on the horizon line where all parallel lines appear to meet.
- Objects in the foreground appear larger and more detailed than objects in the background.
- Orthogonal lines are the diagonal lines you draw from the corners of your objects back to the vanishing point.
- Using perspective allows you to transform a flat 2D piece of paper into a 3D landscape with depth.

Did you know? Did you know? Artists during the Renaissance invented the rules of perspective to make flat paintings look like windows you could walk through! By using a single vanishing point, they could perfectly map out how buildings and roads seem to shrink as they get further away.

Key vocabulary: Horizon line · Vanishing point · Orthogonal lines · Foreground · Background · Scale