

Two Point Perspective

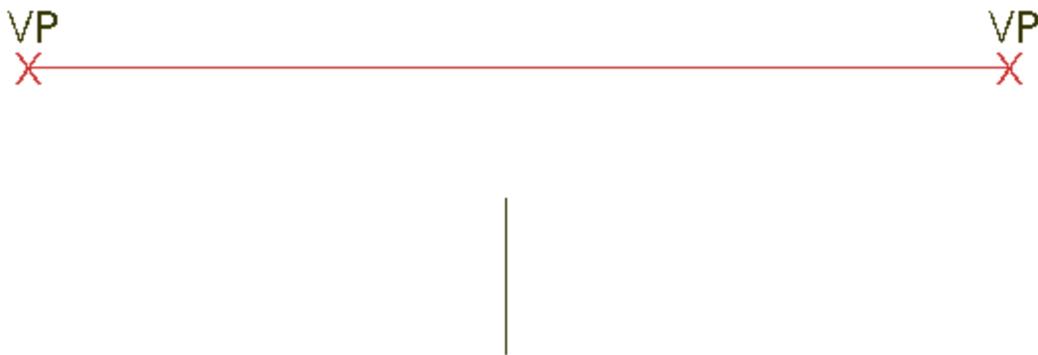


What is Two Point Perspective?

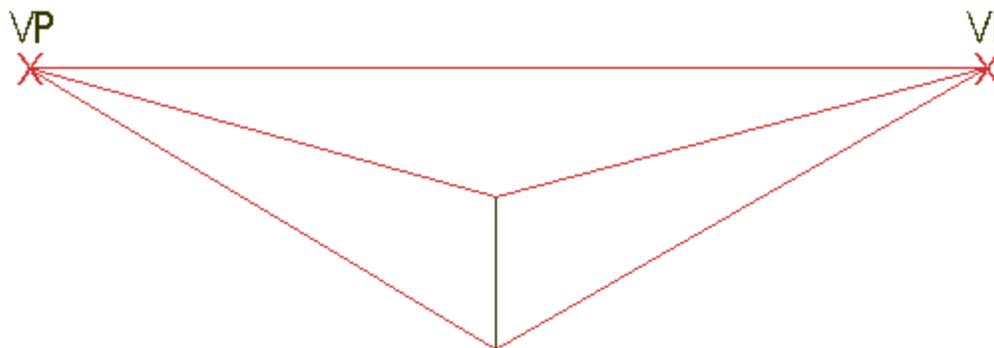
Two point perspective drawing is a type of linear perspective. Linear perspective is a method using lines to create the illusion of space on a 2D surface. There are three types of linear perspective. One point perspective uses one vanishing point placed on the horizon line. Two point perspective uses two points placed on the horizon line. Three point perspective uses three vanishing points.

Linear perspective is one of the six ways to create the illusion of space on a two-dimensional surface. All forms of linear perspective involve the horizon line, vanishing point(s), and lines of perspective that recede or advance to the vanishing point(s). Each form of linear perspective is named for the number of vanishing points used in the drawing. Therefore, two point perspective uses two vanishing points.

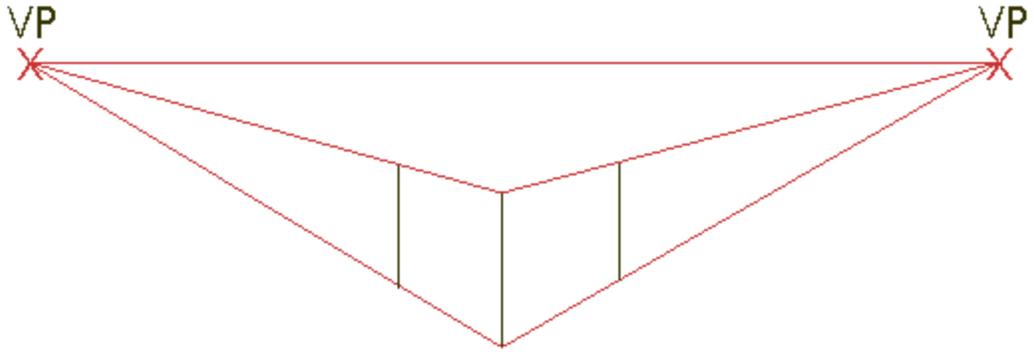
Two point perspective starts by defining the horizon line. This line theoretically represents the line that divides the sky from the ground. However, with many perspective drawings, this line is implied and instead represents the eye-line or "line of sight" of the viewer. Once the horizon line has been established, the vanishing points are placed. The vanishing point is defined as a point placed on the horizon line where objects begin to disappear because of distance. With two point perspective, two vanishing points are placed on the horizon line. These two points should be spaced out from each other to prevent distortion. The next step is to draw the corner of the object.



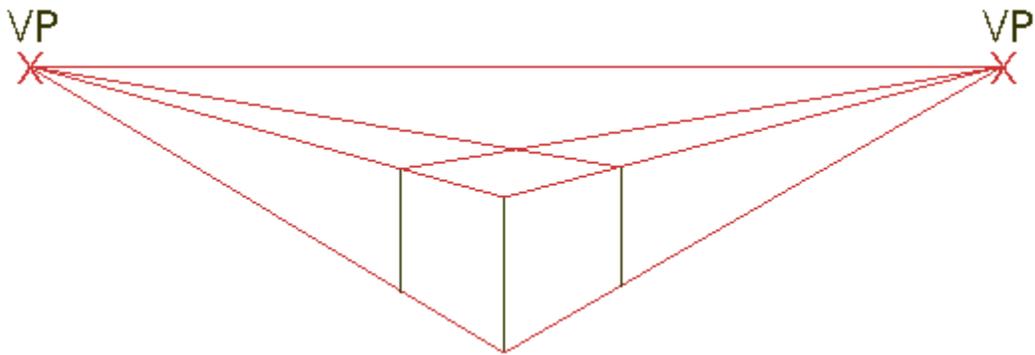
Mark two vanishing points on the paper and faintly draw a line between them - this is called the horizon line. Then draw one side/edge of the cube beneath the horizon line and in the center between the vanishing points.



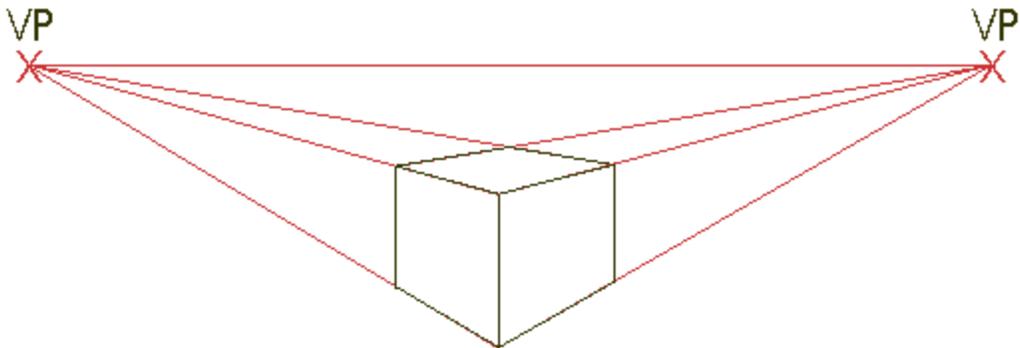
Draw faint lines from the ends of the edge of the cube to the vanishing points.



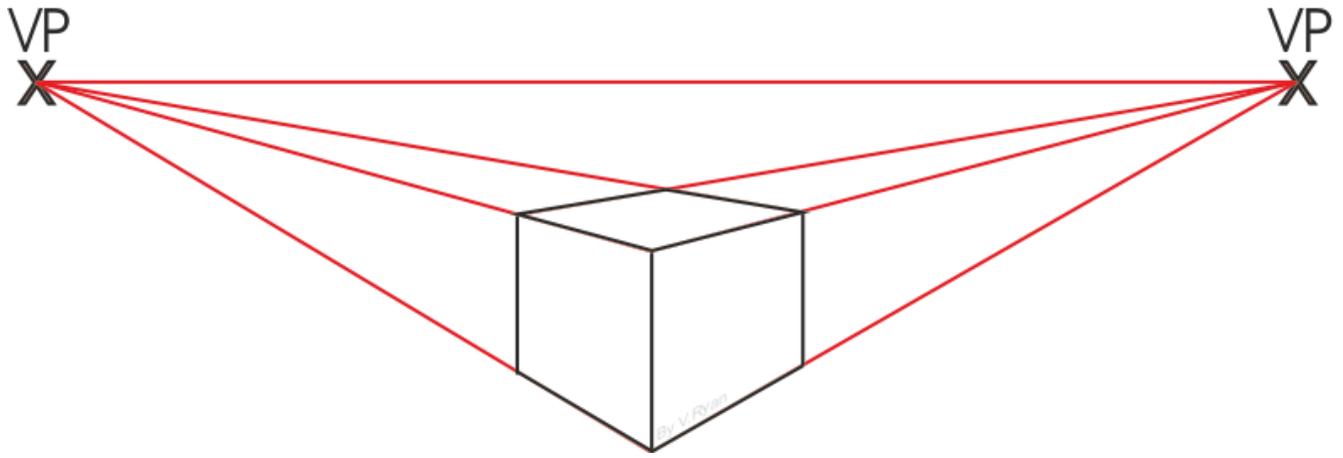
Draw two more edges of the cube so that two sides of the cube can be clearly seen.



Draw faint guidelines from the ends of these lines to either vanishing point.



Draw over the outline of the cube.



On the following sheet of blank paper sketch a two point perspective of your first or last initial in block letter form.

