
Cheating perspective

How to get 'angles' correctly for simple perspective
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There are some things that look tricky with drawing and may even put you off. Ever sat on holiday in front of some beautiful houses with shutters and thought that would be nice to draw? You may have even started it and thought 'too many windows and even more shutters'

A few tips to simplify will help you along.

Firstly it is great to have a ruler or straight line you can use.

Secondly, it is not all of the detail on the window area that makes the picture, so you can edit what you see

With your ruler hold it up in front of you or place on your printout and line up all of the windows along the edge.

TIP: Think of a clock, one hand is always vertical at 12 o'clock. Your ruler is the pink arrow and it is lining up all the tops or bottoms of the windows on the buildings. What time is the pink arrow showing you? Just past 1 or 2? Maybe as you go down the building it is more like quarter past?

That's it you now have the angles for the windows. You also have a device for any angle you like when you draw!

Shutters, chimneys anything!



12 o'clock

