

Drawing an Ellipse

What it is and why you might need to know

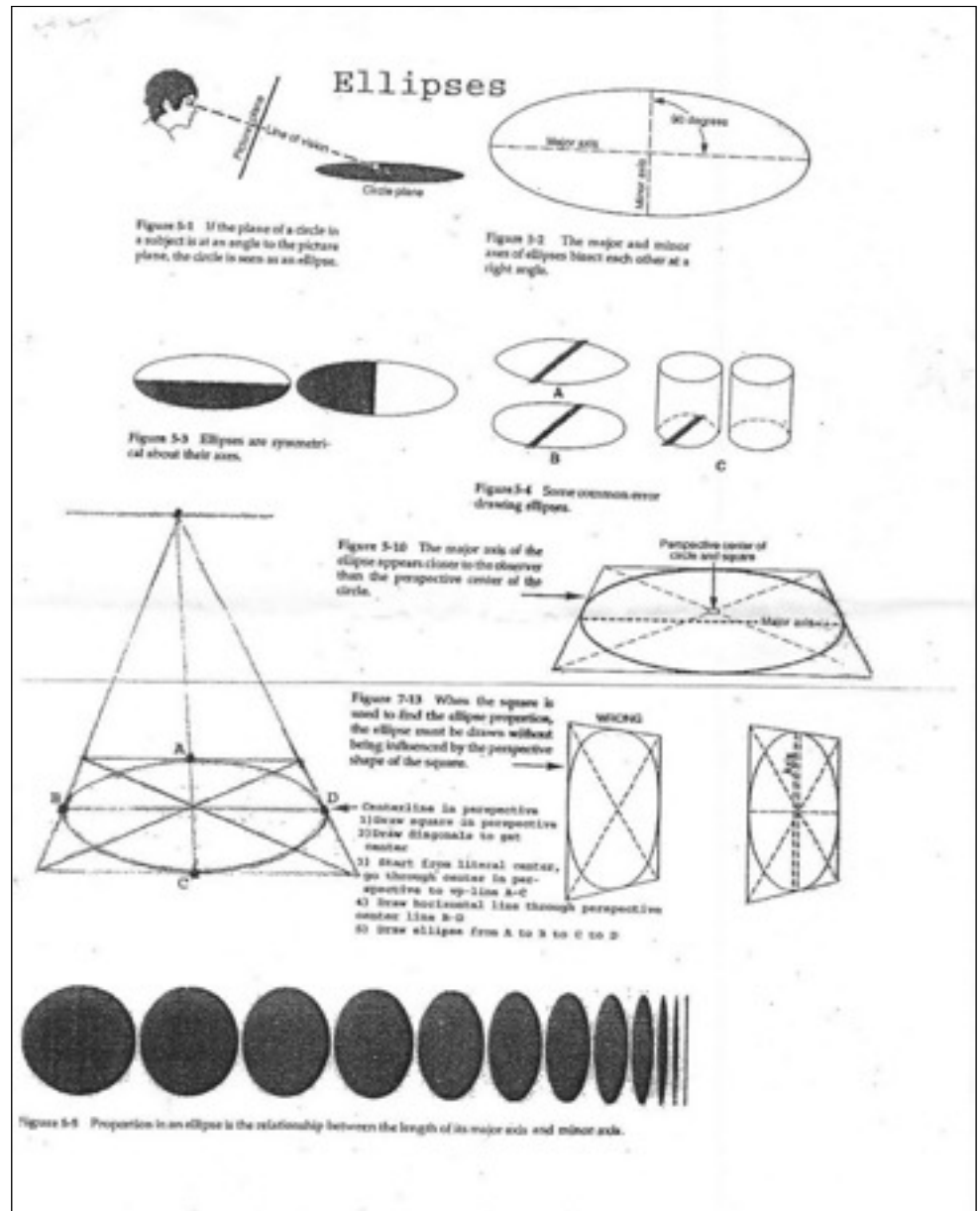
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Ever tried to draw a cup, jug or bottle? If you are new to drawing you may have had a few problems, perhaps with the top and base of the vessel. These areas are ellipses.

The last time anyone may have mentioned ellipses may have been at school!

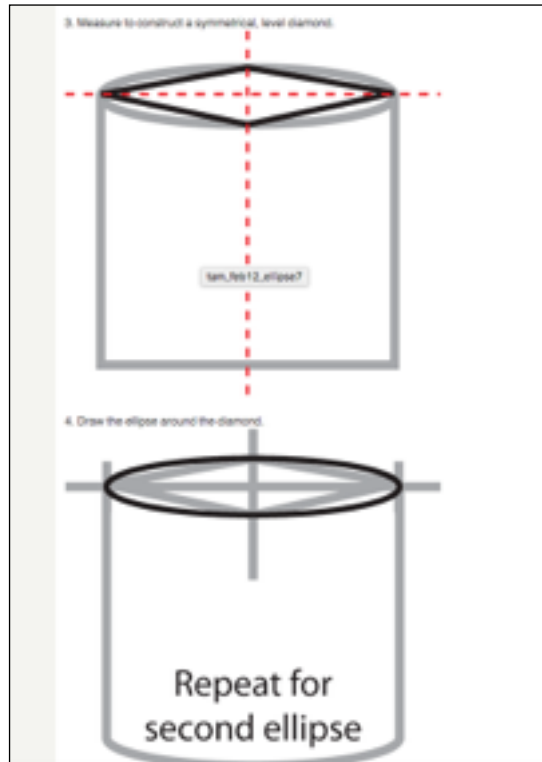
However, if you regard it as a 'stretched circle' you may find it easier.

The following are a few internet examples

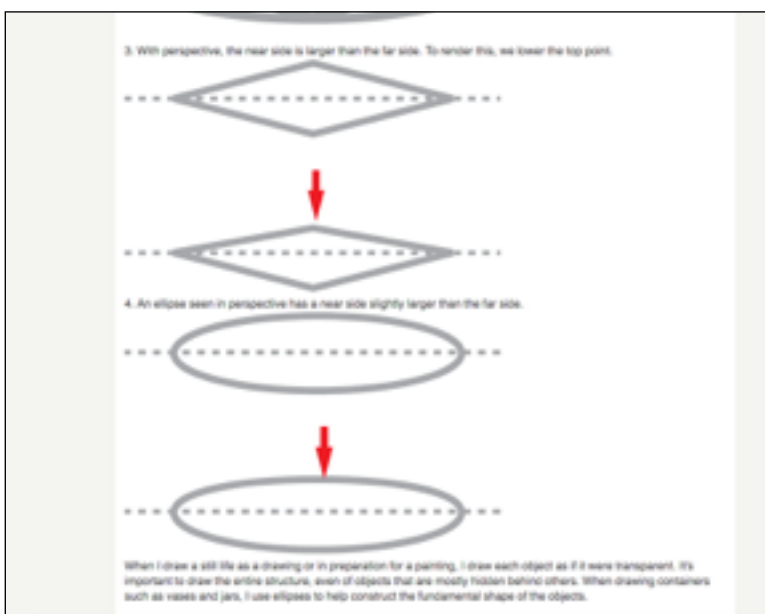
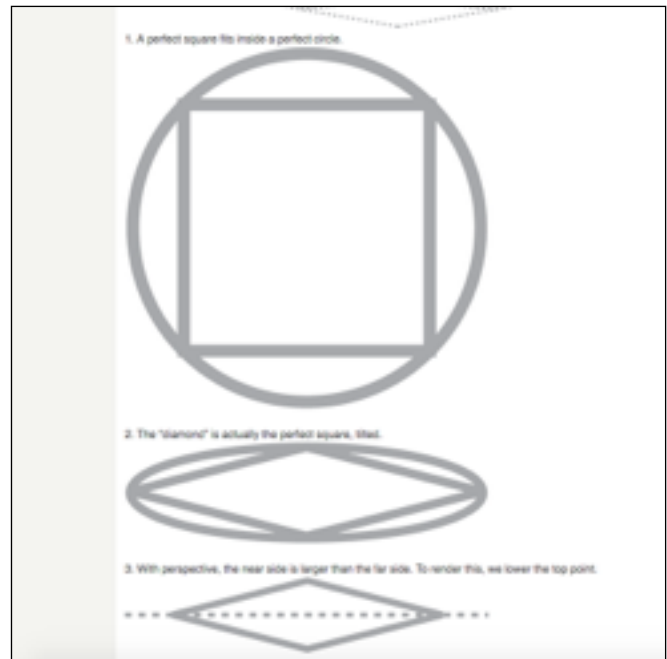


<http://www.artistsnetwork.com/articles/art-demos-techniques/drawing-lesson-an-ellipse-step-by-step>

How to get started



Draw the sides of the vessel
With a ruler draw a cross (in red on left)
Connect up the diamond shape
Draw your ellipse around



If this is all too technical
practice the following:

Drawing circles one way
and then the other

Drawing longer circles
(i.e. slightly stretched)

Now check you haven't
created sharp pointy
ends

Keep drawing pages of
them, soon you will get
the perfect ellipse!