

Engineering Design *An Introduction*

Exploring the Visible World

- Exploration
 - How we gather information
- Visual sense
 - Accounts for up to 90 percent of information humans take in
- Drawing
 - Helps understand how parts relate to one another

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Developing Ideas

- Developing solutions
 - Involves generating and manipulating ideas
- First ideas are rough
 - Sketching allows building on ideas
 - Successive drawings capture improvement
- Draftspersons hand-inked production drawings in the past
 - Computer-aided drafting used today

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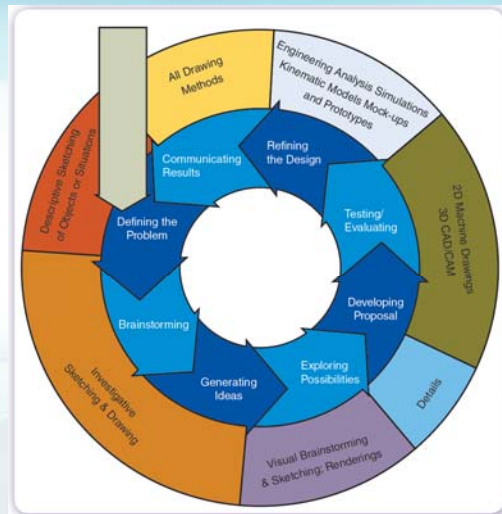


Figure 5-2: How drawing and modeling support the design process.

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Documenting the Process

- Documentation
 - Collecting evidence of the thinking process
 - A record of ideas and development work
- Engineer's notebook
 - Used in industry
 - Careful record of ideas, calculations, thoughts, and plans
 - May be used to support a patent application

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Documenting the Process (cont'd.)

- Design portfolio
 - Used in creative fields
 - Documents the thinking and physical work of an individual
 - May include previous projects

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Communicating Through Drawing

- Drawing
 - A skill that can be learned
 - Techniques can help develop basic skills
- Barriers to learning to sketch and draw
 - Fear of not being able to sketch
 - Fear of looking foolish

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Whole-Brain Drawing

- Verbal thinking: left brain
- Visual thinking: right brain
 - Artists use when drawing, painting, sculpting
- Exercises and activities
 - Can help develop right brain
- Ultimate goal
 - Both halves of brain working together

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Warm-Up Exercises

- Exercise 1: Drawing mirror images
 - Helps mobilize the right brain



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Figure 5-8: Faces and vase puzzle.

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Warm-Up Exercises (cont'd.)

- Exercise 1: (cont'd.)
 - Draw the profile of a witch at the right edge of a piece of paper
 - Draw a mirror image of the face along the left side of the paper

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Warm-Up Exercises (cont'd.)

- Exercise 2: Turn it upside down
 - Draw woman's face from Figure 5-11
 - Next, turn picture you were copying upside down
 - Try to copy the upside-down drawing
 - Compare the two drawings
- Second drawing uses more right brain
 - Judging distances and spatial relationships

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Warm-Up Exercises (cont'd.)

- Exercise 3: Blind contour drawing
 - Draw your hand holding a small object
 - Travel along the contour of the hand
 - First with eyes
 - Then using pencil on paper
 - Don't look at the paper
- Practicing contour drawing
 - Improves seeing details, judging distances, and controlling the drawing hand

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Warm-Up Exercises (cont'd.)

- Exercise 4: Positive and negative shapes



Figure 5-18: Seeing and drawing negative shapes around the scissors.

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Drawing Basics

- Line
 - Line width is important to a sketch
 - HB pencil can make faint or bold lines
 - Has different qualities:
 - Straight, curved, sharp, fuzzy, and uniform or varied thickness

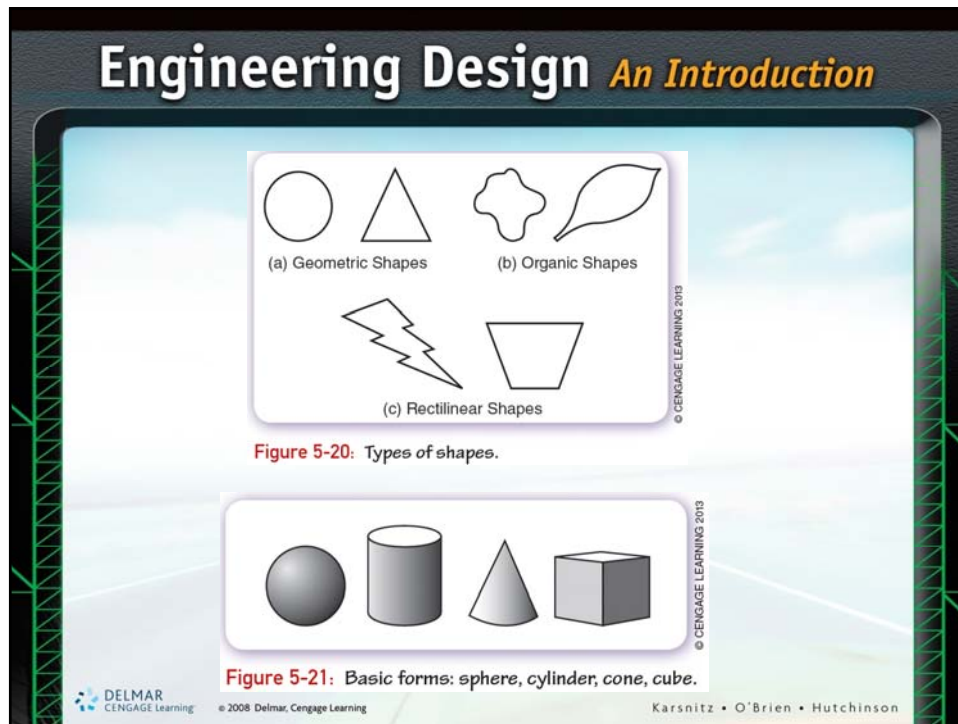
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Drawing Basics (cont'd.)

- Shape/Form
 - Two dimensional space enclosed within lines
 - Can be natural (organic) or geometric
 - Or combination of the two
- Rectilinear shapes
 - Shapes made using only straight lines
- Form
 - Shape with three dimensions

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Drawing Basics (cont'd.)

- Shading
 - Result of light falling on the object's surfaces
- Value
 - Range of shades
 - Blackest black of your pencil is darkest value
 - White of the paper is lightest value

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Drawing Basics (cont'd.)

- Light source and shading
 - Light most often comes from one main source
- Think of light source as coming over left shoulder
- Shade forms along their long axis

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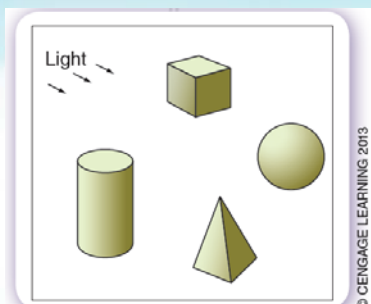


Figure 5-27: The direction of the light coming from the source and the distance from the source to the object affect how light or dark a surface will appear.



Figure 5-28: Using a pencil to get a blended shade on a cylinder.

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Color

- Hue
 - Refers to a specific wavelength of light
- Chroma
 - Describes brightness or intensity of a hue
- Value
 - Sometimes refers to lightness or darkness of a hue
 - Tints and shades

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Color (cont'd.)

- Primary colors
- Secondary and tertiary colors
- Analogous colors
 - Close to one another on the color wheel
- Complementary colors
 - Colors from opposite sides of the wheel

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Texture

- Can be nature of material itself
 - Or result of a production process
- Artists' tricks for simulating texture
 - Make rubbings over an actual texture
 - Scans of real textures

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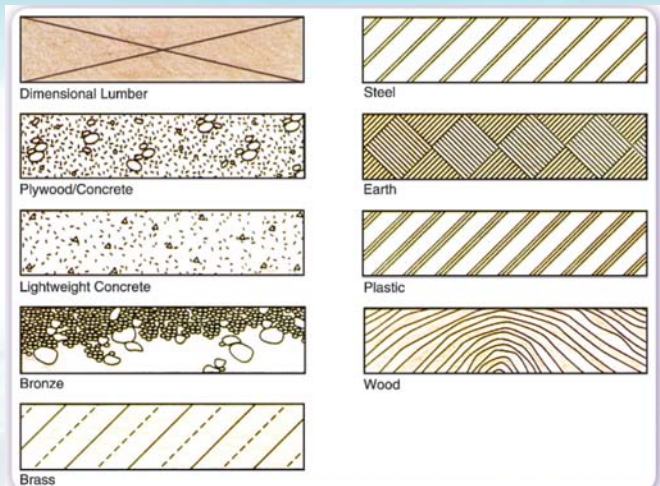


Figure 5-37: Graphic standards for some materials.

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Space

- Five spatial cues
 - High and low position
 - Large and small relationships
 - Overlapping
 - Lines converging as they move away
 - Atmospheric haze makes close things sharper than faraway things

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Sketching and Drawing Techniques

- Perspective drawing
 - Used to represent three-dimensional objects in two-dimensional space
 - Uses a vanishing point
- Isometric drawings
 - Do not use a vanishing point
- Technical drawings
 - Contain information needed to produce item

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Perspective Drawing



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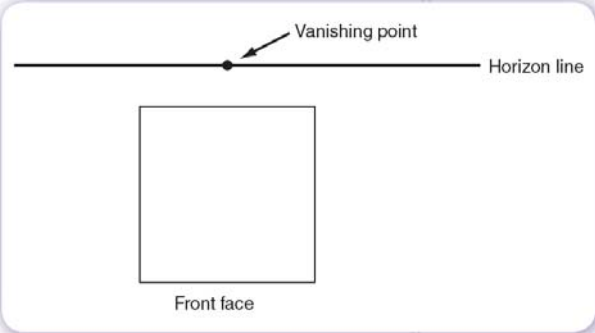
Figure 5-41: Follow the roof, windows, ends of column, and fence posts to find the vanishing point.

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Perspective Drawing (cont'd.)

- Exercise 5: Cube in one-point perspective



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Figure 5-43: Step One

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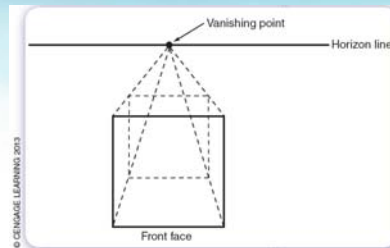


Figure 5-44: Step Two

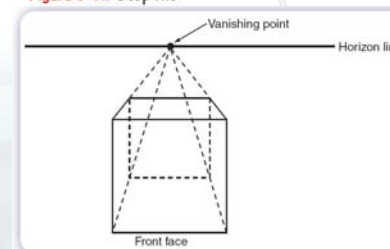


Figure 5-45: Step Three

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Perspective Drawing (cont'd.)

- Interior views
 - Horizon line placed slightly above center
 - Vanishing point centered on this line
- Two-point perspective
 - Viewing at an angle to the object
 - Closest part of object is an edge not a face
 - Placement of horizon line depends on eye level you want to represent

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Perspective Drawing (cont'd.)

- Understanding perspective visually
 - Simple aid: place transparent grid over the scene
 - Helps organize what we see
- Isometric drawing
 - Drafting convention
 - Covered in detail in Chapter 10

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Other Drawing Conventions

- Crating
 - Process of visualizing the object you want to draw inside a box or crate
- Sighting for proportion
 - Visual measurement
 - Helps determine relative points in a drawing
- Outlining
 - Stands out against the background

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Other Drawing Conventions (cont'd.)

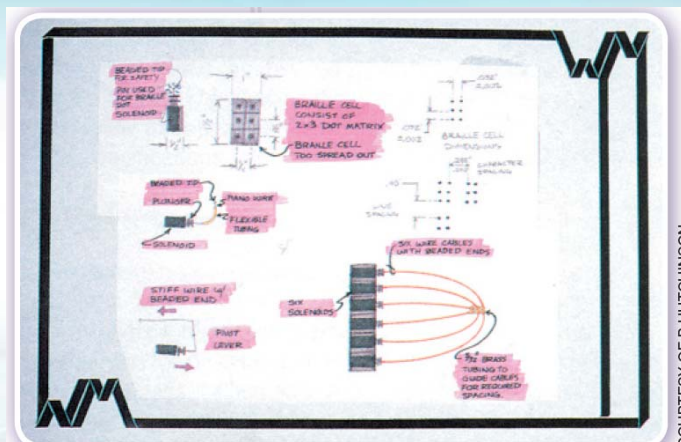
- Adding a background
 - Contrasting background helps focus attention on the object
- Colored pencil techniques
 - Use for shading and soft transitions
 - Good for matte surfaces
- Color marker techniques

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Using Drawings in the Design Process

- Preliminary sketches
 - Develop and present your ideas
- Annotated sketches
 - Adds notes about materials, fasteners, and other features
- Developmental sketches and drawings
 - Add more detail as ideas are refined

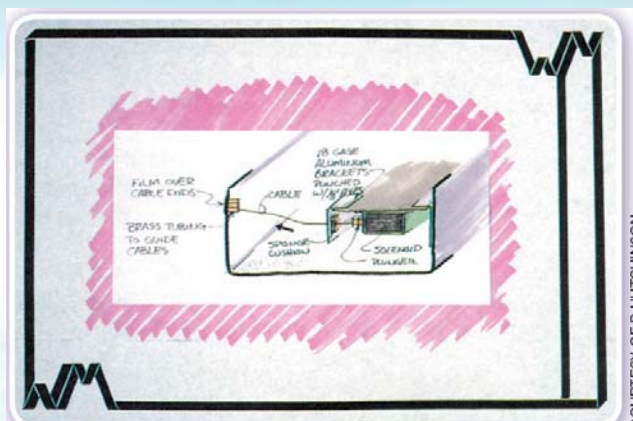
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Figure 5-84: Annotated sketch of computer Braille reader components.

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Figure 5-85: A developmental drawing showing the solenoid control in the final Braille reader system.

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Using Drawings in the Design Process (cont'd.)

- Production drawings
 - Final stage
 - Contain information needed to actually make the solution
 - Often drawn to scale

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Developing an Engineer's Notebook and Design Portfolio

- Engineer's notebook
 - Typically bound with numbered pages
 - Keeps written record of all completed work
- Design portfolio
 - Used to show the design process to clients
 - Aesthetic presentation is important

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Portfolio

- Components of a portfolio
 - Title page
 - Page numbering
 - Table of contents
 - Often landscape orientation
 - Logo
 - Binding on the left side or the top
 - Page content

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Portfolio Page Layout

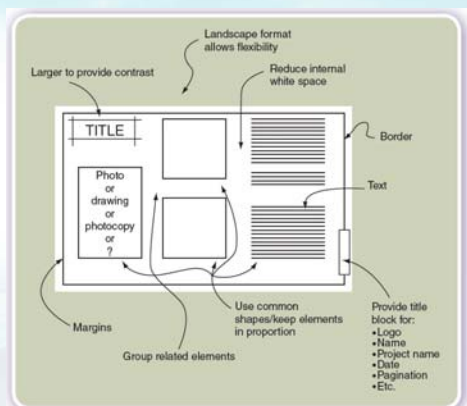


Figure 5-90: A well-organized page is easy to read and understand. It follows rules of alignment.