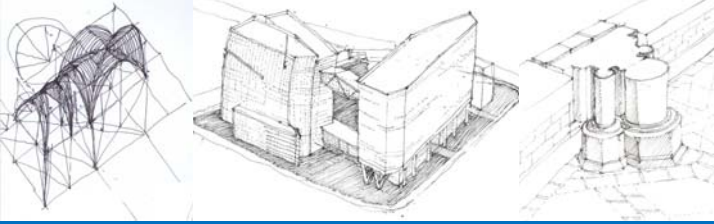


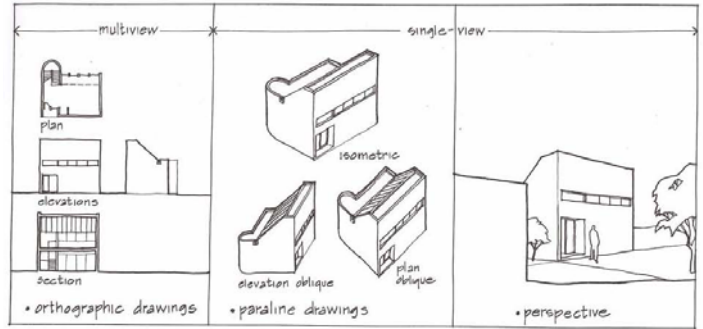
# axonometric and isometric drawings



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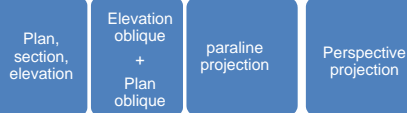
## multi view and single view drawings



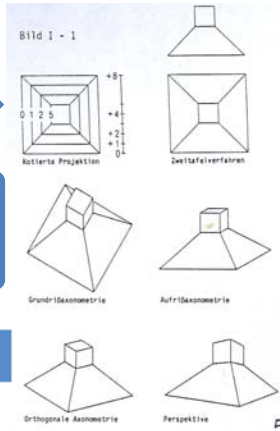
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## architectural projection

clearness

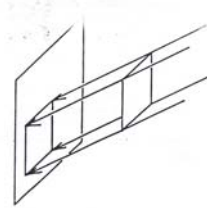


Accuracy grade



Source: Bonanni, TU Berlin, Fachgebiet Architekturdarstellung und -gestaltung 1986 page 5

## oblique projection - axonometry



Source: Thomae, Perspektive und Axonometrie, 2001 page 9

- The parallel rays of projection appear angular from above on object and image plane.
- The size of the picture is independent from the distance of the object to the image plane.
- This projection method can be a replacement of an accurate perspective.
- Axonometries are quick and easy to construct, they are consistent with perspectives from an endless distance.

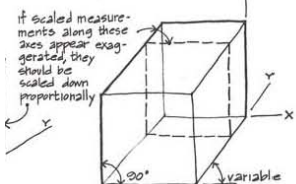
## Oblique projection - axonometry

### Elevation oblique

#### Elevation Oblique

Principal vertical face of rectangular form is parallel with the picture plane.

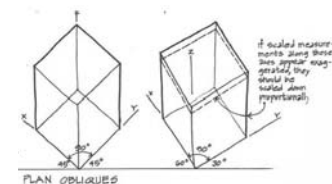
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### Plan Oblique

#### Plan Oblique

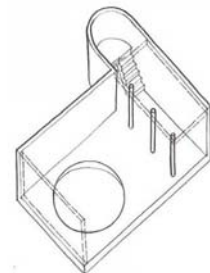
Principal horizontal face of rectangular form is parallel with the picture plane.



## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings - better

- When circular elements exist on floor plan, it is usually easier to use axonometric drawings. In Axonometric drawings, the horizontal circles remain as true circles

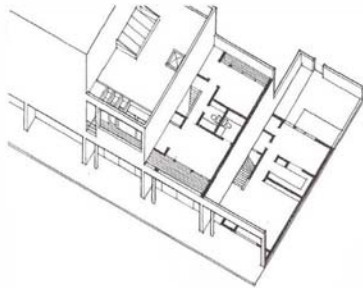


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## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings for multistory

- Multistory buildings can be represented with a number of plans to reveal subsequent floor levels



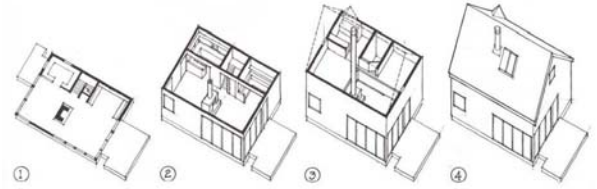
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## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings for multistory

- G/F plan
- G/F plan w/ full height walls
- G/F exterior & 1/F w/ full height walls
- Overall view of building



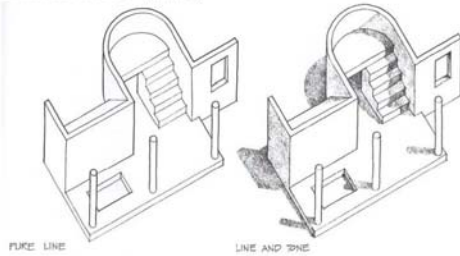
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## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings w/ tonal value

- Tonal value can be added to axonometric drawings to enhance the 3D quality



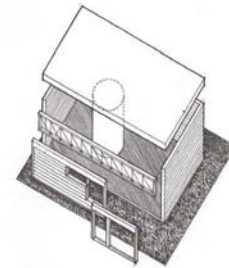
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## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings w/ tonal value

- Horizontal & vertical planes in axonometric drawings can be hatched with different pattern / tones



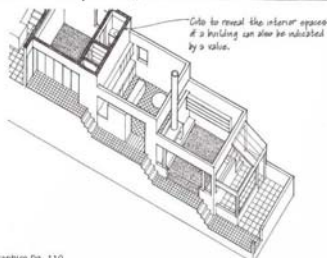
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## Plan oblique projection - axonometry

### Axonometric drawings w/ tonal value

- Horizontal planes in axonometric drawings can be hatched with pattern / tones to reinforce the contrast between the vertical and horizontal planes/ elements



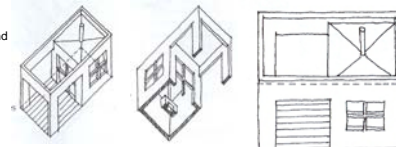
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## Plan oblique - axonometry

### Exercise 1

Uddin, Axonometric and oblique drawing. A 3-D construction, rendering and design guide. 1997 page 24



60-30 axonometric

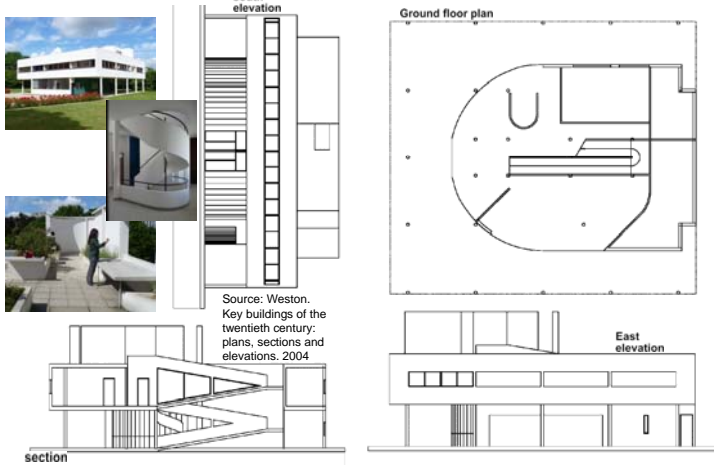
1. Use a A3 tracing paper, draw a horizontal line near the bottom of the paper (about 2 cm from the edge)
2. Use a compass to set another 2 lines forming the 60-30 degree sandwiching the 90 degree in between for placing the plan
3. Put the plan (1:100) under the tracing paper fitting into that 90 degree area
4. Trace the floor plan onto the tracing paper
5. Start drawing the vertical lines – all perpendicular to the tracing edge
6. Measure the height of walls, doors and other vertical elements and represent them correctly on the axonometric drawings
7. Repeat it until all elements are depicted

Attention: the axonometry of the example on this page is only for your reference., because this example was sketched in 45-45.

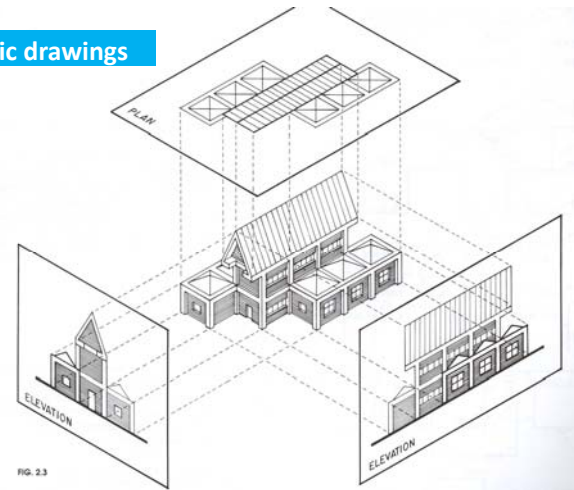
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## Plan oblique - axonometry

### Exercise 1



## Isometric drawings



Source: Browning, the principles of architectural drafting. A sourcebook of techniques and graphic standards. 1996 page 39

## Orthographic projection

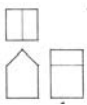
Plan, section, elevation

parallele projection

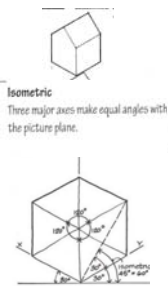
Isometric

Dimetric

Trimetric



Plan, section, elevation  
Principal face of rectangular form in each view is parallel to the picture plane.

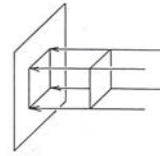


Dimetric  
Two of the three major axes make equal angles with the picture plane.

Trimetric  
Three major axes make different angle with the picture plane.

Source: Ching, Architectural graphics. 2003 page 115

## Orthographic projection



The vertical rays of projection encounter vertical on the image plane.

All lines and areas appear parallel to the image plane.

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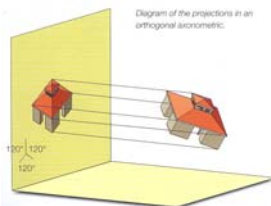
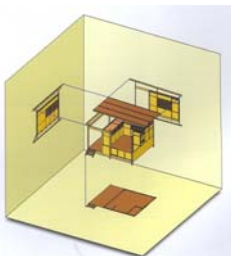
Source: Thomae, Perspektive und Axonometrie. 2001 page 9

## Orthographic projection

Plan, section, elevation

parallele projection

Isometric drawing



Source: Yanes, Domingues. Freehand drawing for architects and interior designers. 2005 page 60

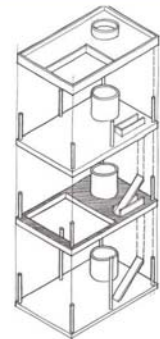
## Isometric drawings

### Line weight for isometric drawings

Hierarchy of lines:

- Thickest
- Profile of total field of each floor level
- Horizontal cut-lines
- Profile lines of individual elements (edge against space)
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- Transitions in form (corners)
- Material texture
- Thinnest
- Vertical (light or dashed) lines to reinforce vertical relationships of structure/circulation/form

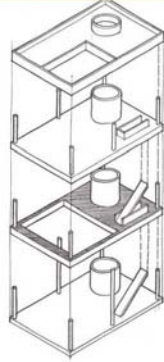
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Isometric drawings

Expanded isometric drawings

- Isometric can also be used to illustrate vertical relationships in multistory buildings
- The building is expanded along Z-axis

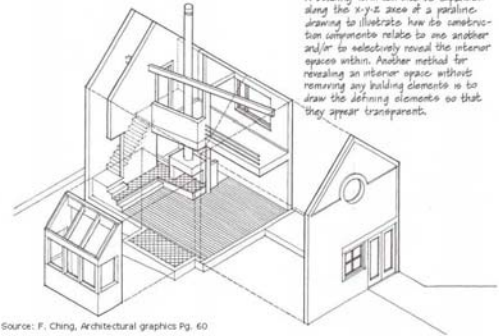


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Isometric drawings

Expanded isometric drawings

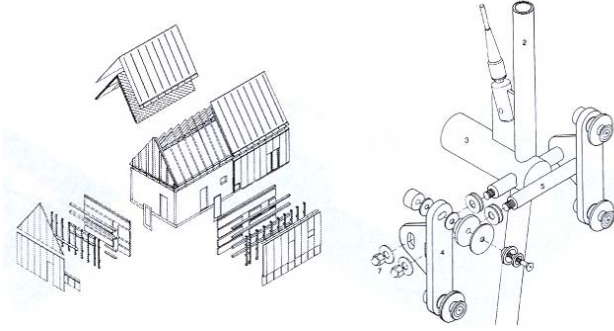
A building form can also be expanded along the x-y-z axes of a parallel-drawing to illustrate how its construction components relate to one another and/or to selectively reveal the interior spaces within. Another method for revealing an interior space without removing any building elements is to draw the defining elements so that they appear transparent.



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Isometric drawings

Expanded isometry

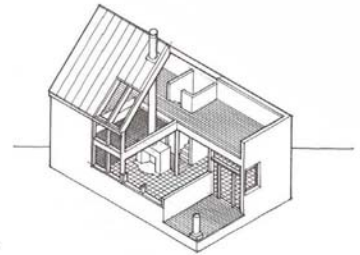


Source: Leopold. Geometrische Grundlagen der Architekturdarstellung. 2005 page 78

Isometric drawings

Isometric drawings w/ tonal value

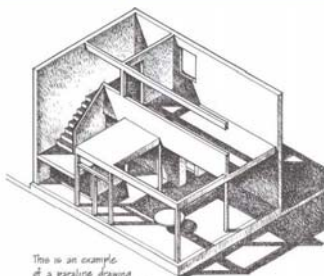
- Horizontal planes in isometric drawings can be hatched with pattern / tones to reinforce the contrast between the vertical and horizontal planes/ elements



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Isometric drawings

Isometric drawings w/ shades and shadows



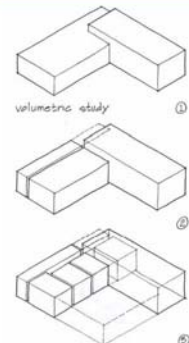
This is an example of a parallel drawing that uses shades and shadows to reveal the forms within the interior of a building.

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Isometric drawings

Isometric in graphical presentation

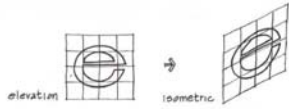
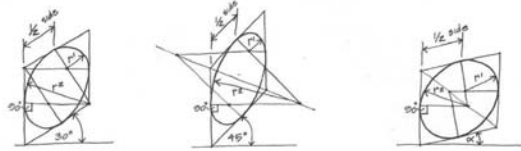
- Isometric are often used to create volumetric study or massing concept study



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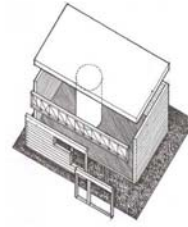
## Isometric drawings

### Circle & curvilinear lines in Parallel drawings

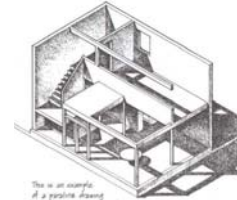


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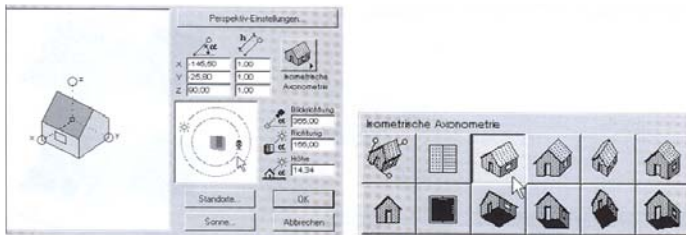


Axonometric drawings are also named plan oblique or elevation oblique. The true plan (either the floor plan or the elevation) is used to construct the axonometric drawings, type 45-45 emphasis more on the horizontal view, type 30-60 emphasis more on the vertical view.



Isometric drawings are constructed with a distorted plan as well as distorted elevations, all surfaces have equal emphasis.

## Computer-supported isometry and axonometry

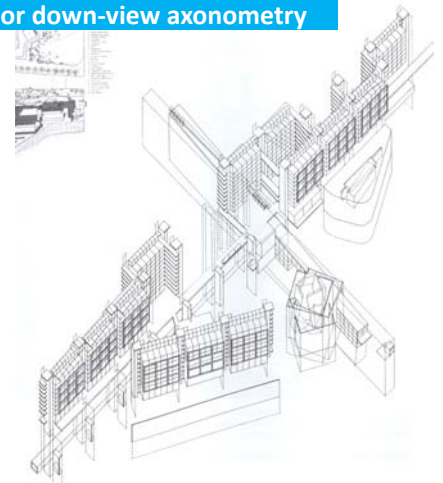


Orientation with support of a test object (ArchiCAD 5.0)

Choice of predefined oblique projections (ArchiCAD 5.0)

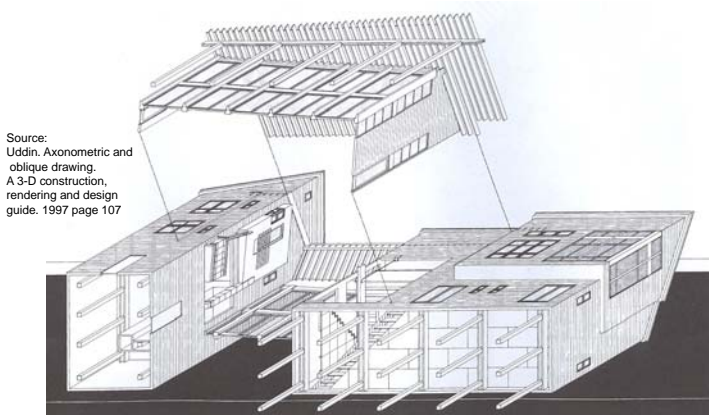
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## Bird's eye axonometry or down-view axonometry



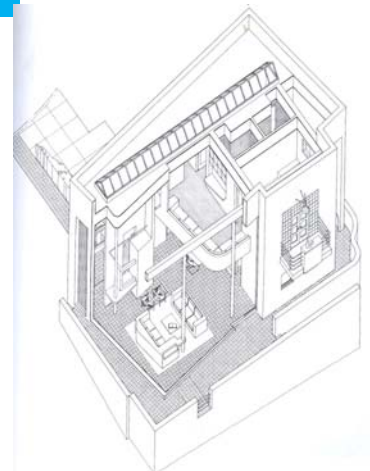
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## worm's eye axonometry or up-view axonometry



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## Cut-away-axonometry

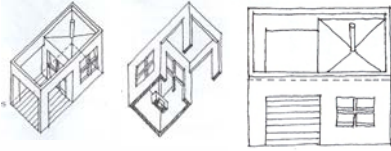


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## Isometric drawing

### Exercise 2

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#### Isometric

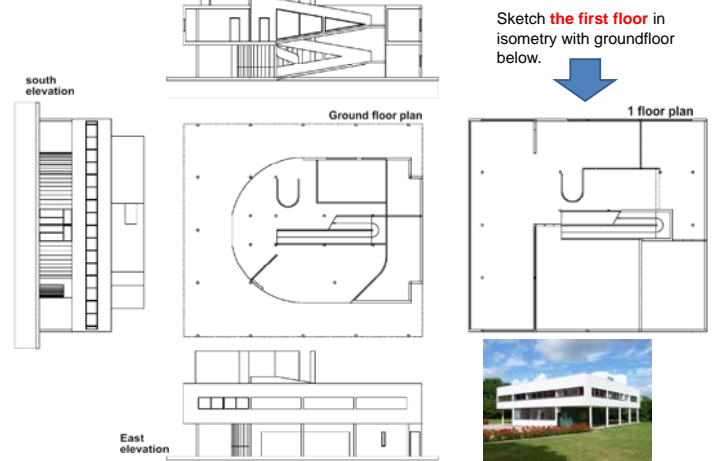
1. Use a A3 tracing paper, draw a horizontal line near the bottom of the paper (about 2 cm from the edge)
2. Use a compass to set another 2 lines forming the 30-30 degree sandwiching the 120 degree in between for redrawing the plan into this distorted shape
3. Measure from the plan (1:100) the horizontal dimensions of building elements and draw them along x and y axis of the isometric drawing, the complete floor area should be represented filling up the 120 degree on the tracing paper
4. Continue depicting plan elements onto the tracing paper
5. Start drawing the vertical lines – all perpendicular to the tracing edge
6. Measure the height of walls, doors and other vertical elements and represent them correctly on the vertical lines on the isometric drawings
7. Repeat it until all elements are depicted

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## Isometric drawing

### Exercise 2

Source: Weston. Key buildings of the twentieth century: plans, sections and elevations. 2004



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