

Elements of Art: Space



Artists use space to create the illusion of depth. There are two types of space:

Positive space: the area taken up by an object

Negative space: the empty space around an object or between multiple objects

Look at a piece of art and draw the positive and negative space separately.

Title and artist: **Vajra Warrior**, unknown artist, Japan

Positive space	Negative space
	

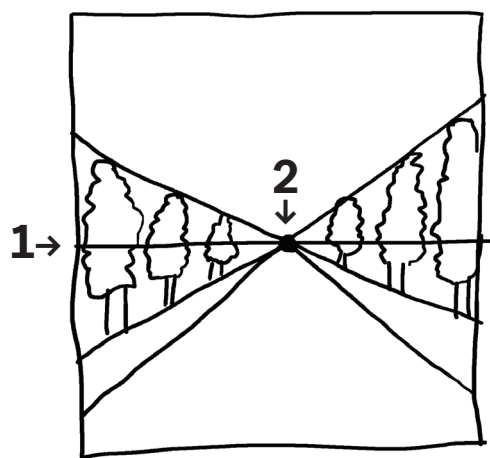
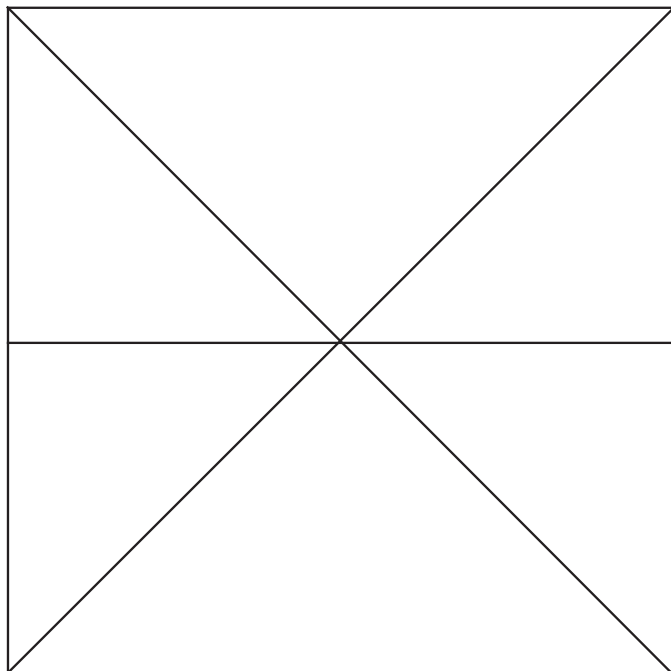
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Artists also use perspective techniques to create the illusion of space.

Linear perspective is a technique using a **horizon line** (1) and **vanishing point** (2) to make faraway objects appear smaller and closer objects appear larger.

Try drawing in linear perspective:



Artists use other techniques to create a sense of space, including shading, atmospheric perspective, overlapping, height, detail, and size. Look at a landscape painting or drawing. Sketch an artwork and list the techniques used to create a sense of depth/space.

Title and artist:	
Sketch:	Techniques used: