MATH 121 (Day 6)

Piero della Francesca's Diagonal Construction



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One-point perspective



(Viewer faces object(s) straight-on)





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Today's Goal: Examine the art and mathematics of Piero della Francesca; Learn how he overcame these problems.

Piero della Francesca



1415-1492



Piero della Francesca, Madonna di Sengallia, c. 1473



Piero della Francesca, Legend of the True Cross: Annunciation, c. 1453



Piero della Francesca, St. Anthony Polyptych; Annunciation, c. 1465



From Peiro's book On Perspective for Painting, c. 1475



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Piero's floorplan and its perspective view



A "stage" on which to create a scene





















Drawing a box in perspective

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