# MATH 121 <br> (Day 6) 

# Piero della Francesca's Diagonal Construction 



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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

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