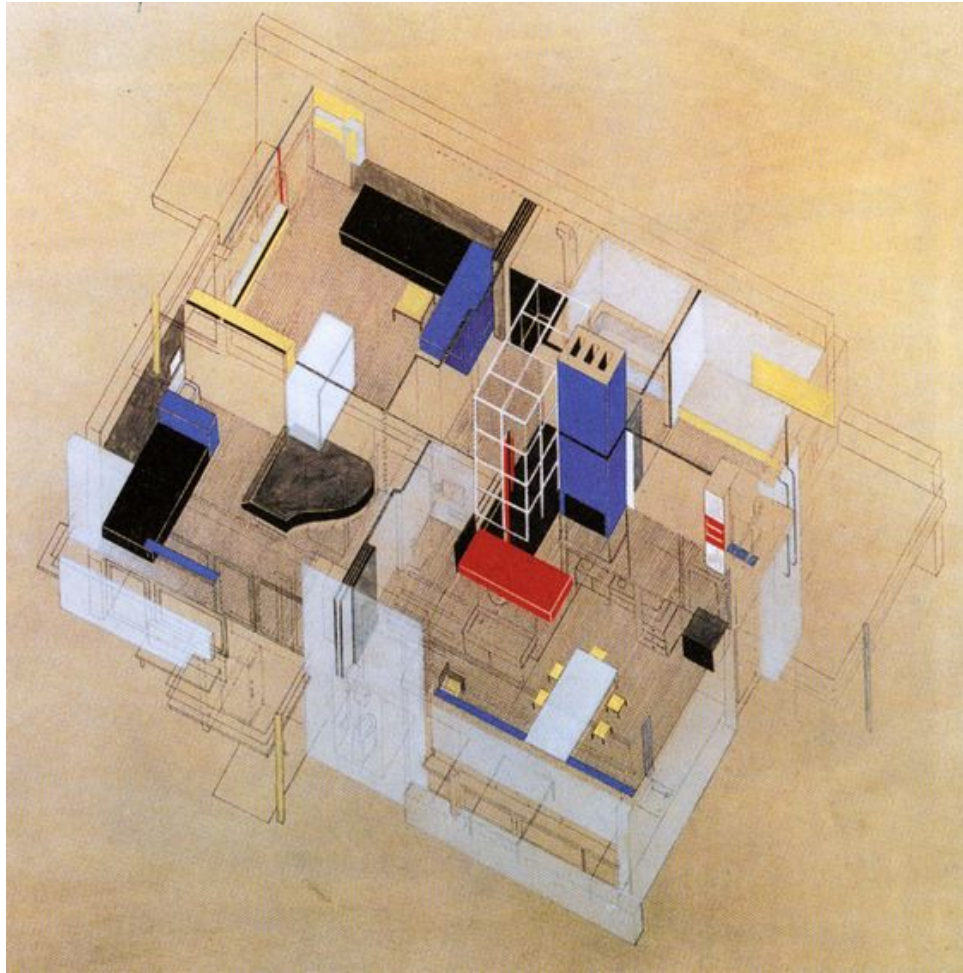


# OBLIQUE PROJECTIONS

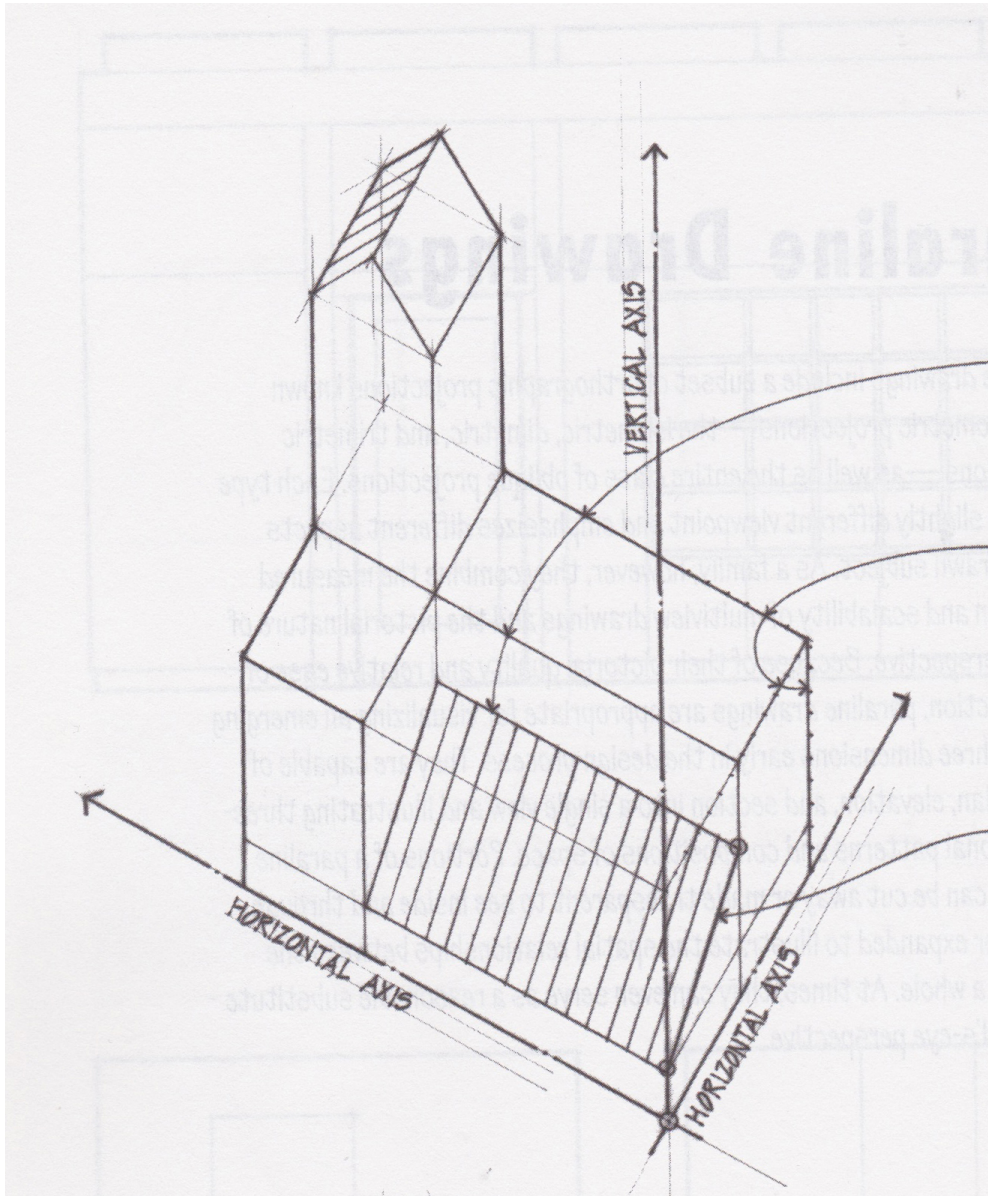


Gerrit Rietveld  
-axonometric drawing of  
Schroder House

# Oblique projections

(oblique = slanting, sloping)

- parallel lines remain parallel – they do not converge to vanishing points as in perspectives
- Any line parallel to one of the three major axes can be measured (drawn to scale)
- Always present either a birds-eye view (looking down on the object) or a worm's eye view (looking up at it)



## Oblique projections:

Parallel lines remain parallel  
In the drawn view; they do  
Not converge to vanishing points as in linear  
perspective.

Any linear measurement along axial lines  
can be made and drawn to a consistent  
scale.

(Non-axial lines are not parallel to any of  
the three principal axes. We cannot  
measure dimensions along these lines,  
nor can we draw them to scale. To draw  
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connect these points).

Always present either a birds-eye view or a  
worm's eye view

# Paraline drawings

## Oblique projections

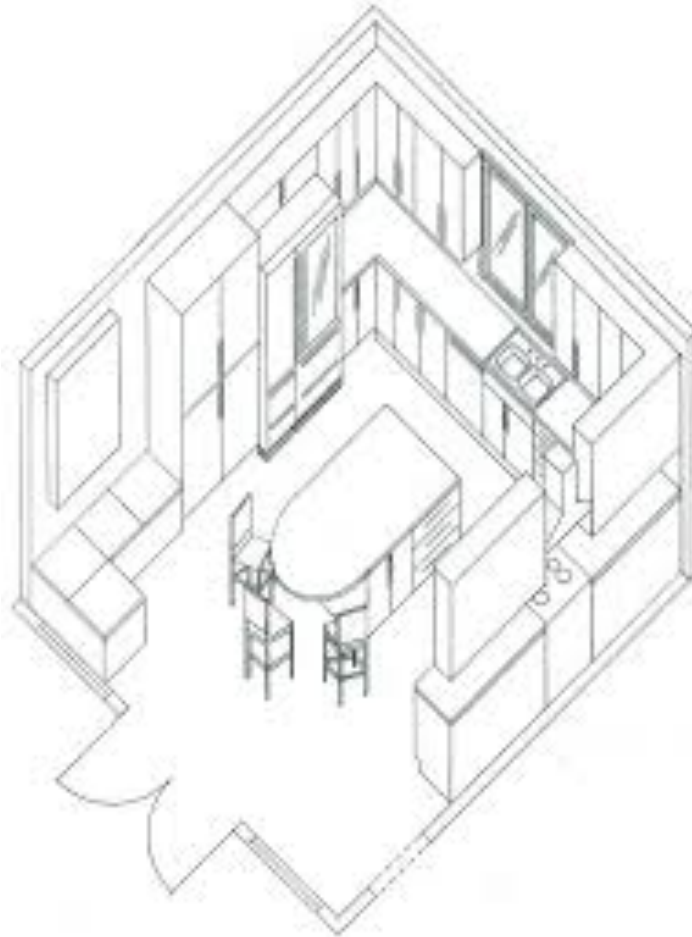
Oblique projections  
-plan obliques  
-elevation obliques

Plan obliques  
-axonometric (30/60) (45/45)  
-isometric (30/30)

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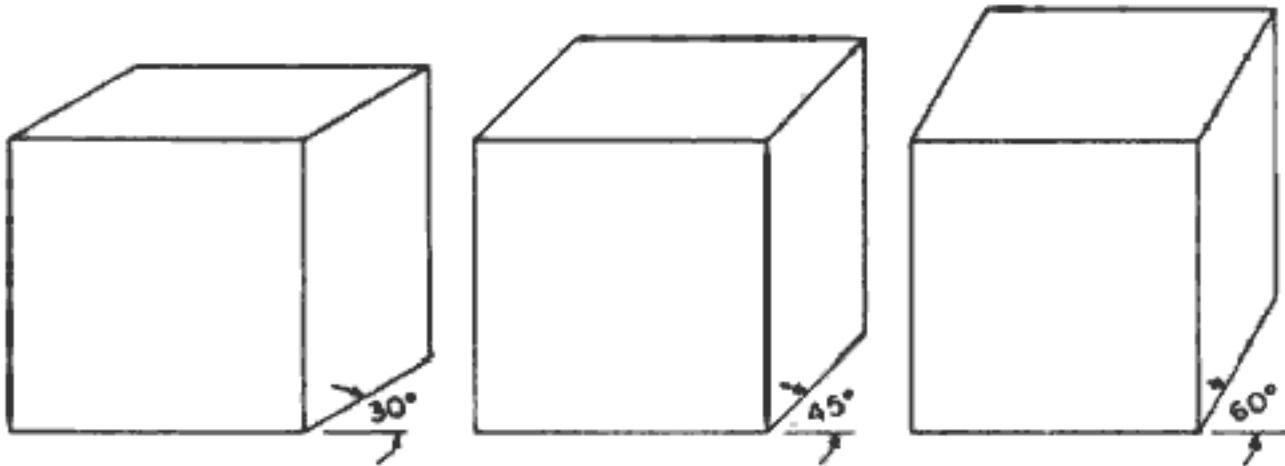
# Plan oblique

-axonometric and isometric (a special type of axonometric)



# Elevation oblique

(not used often in architectural drawings)



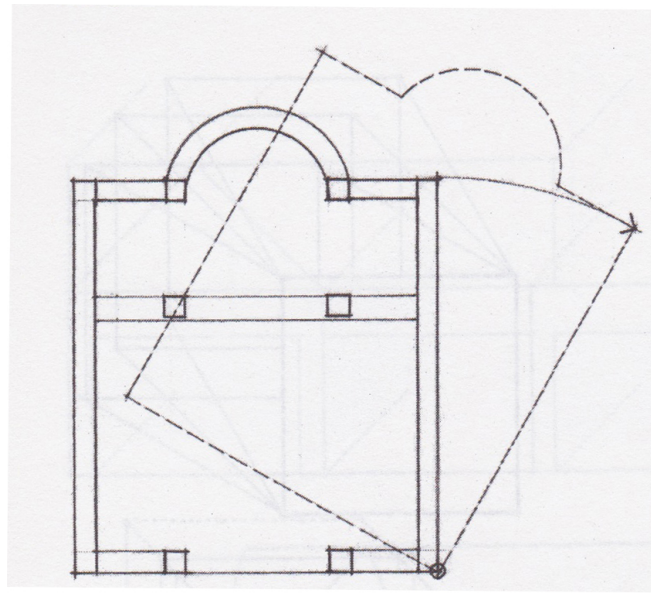
Plan oblique - Axonometric



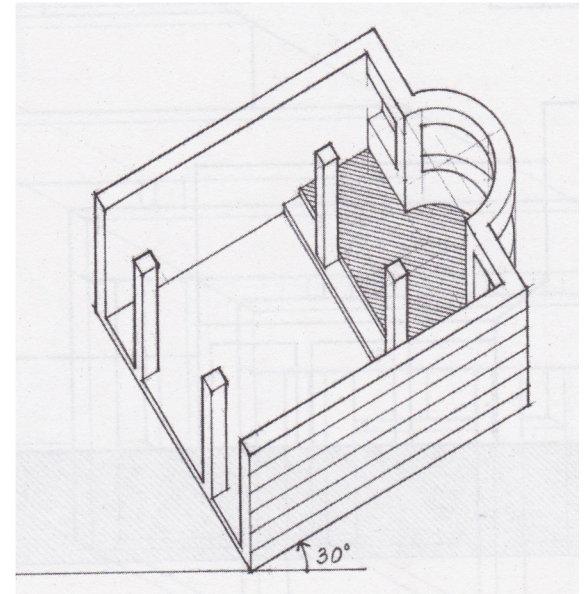
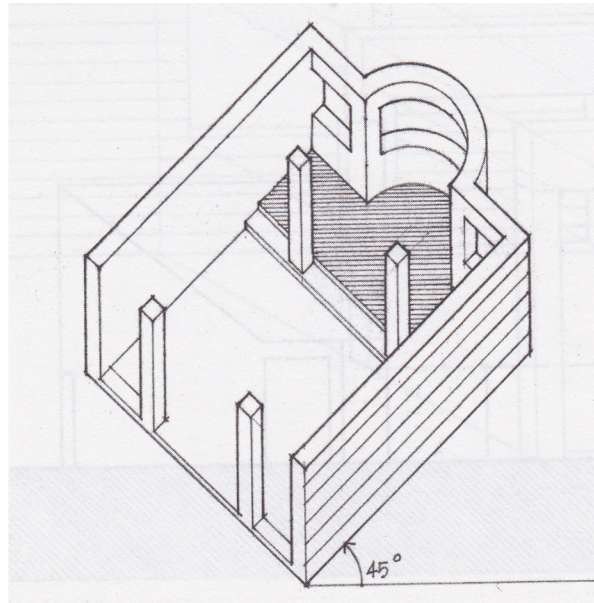
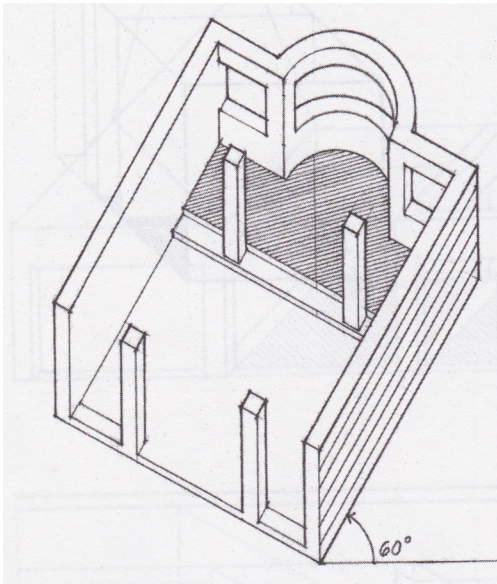
Although we will be focusing on measured hardline drawings in class today, axonometric drawings constitute an important tool for quick sketches of ideas in your sketchbook. Little axonometric sketches, like these, by architect Bernard Tschumi, often precede any attempt at a plan or elevation.



These drawings are capable of fusing plan, elevation and section in one drawing, illustrating three-dimensional compositions of space.

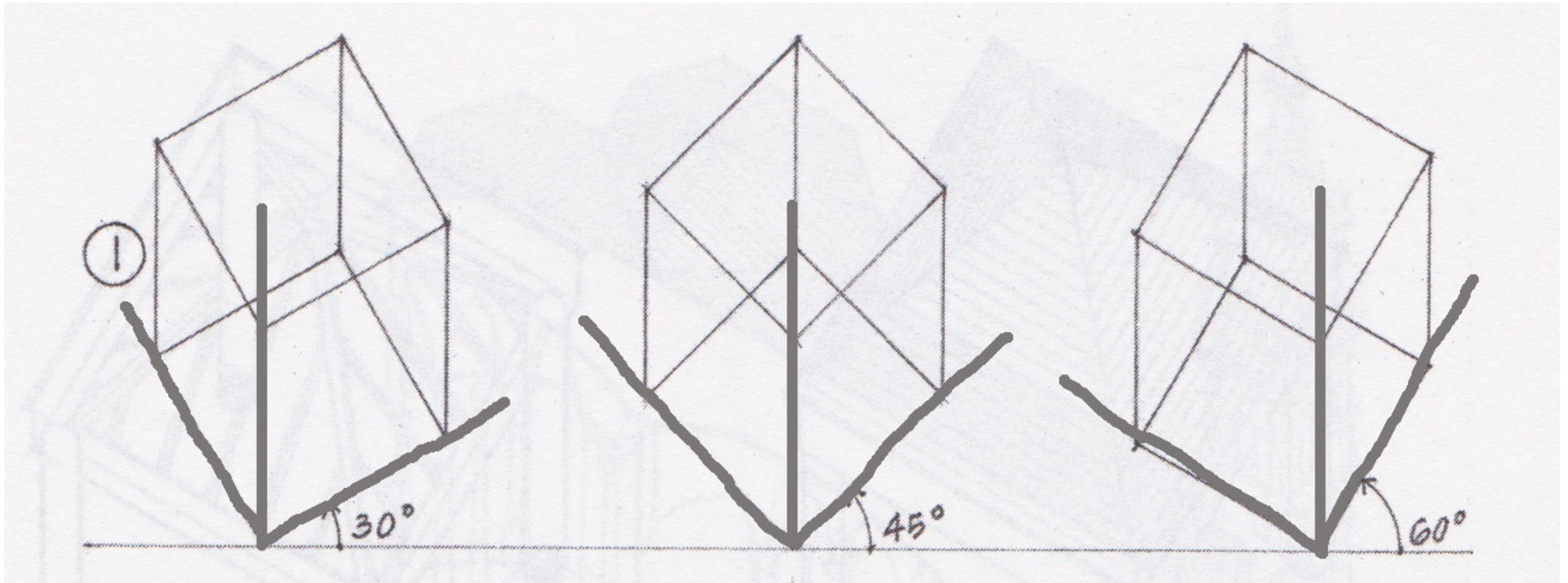


Drawn by simply rotating plans and projecting lines upward to correct height (except with isometrics)



### Possible angles of rotation for axonometric drawing

Francis D.K. Ching, Design Drawing, John Wiley & Sons, 2010, p. 208.

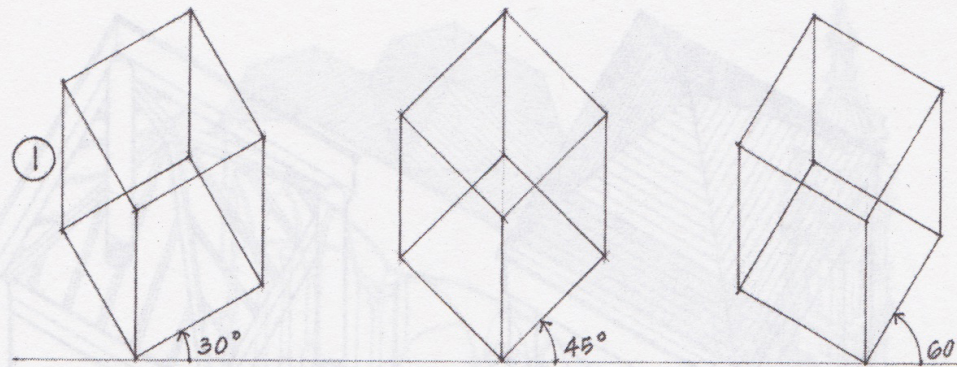


Axial lines (lines in the drawing that are parallel to the three major axes) are drawn to scale.

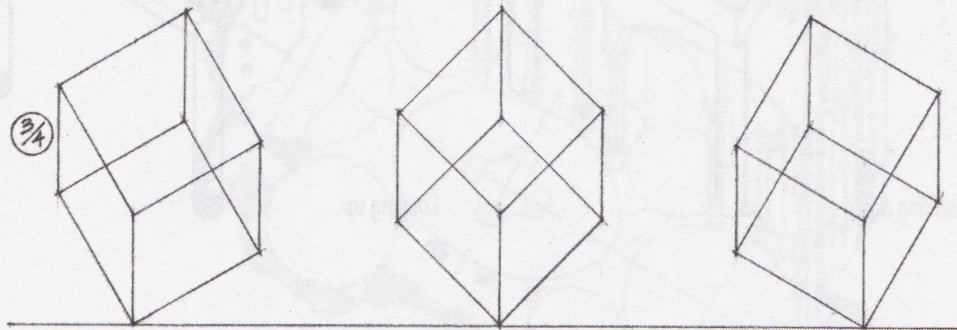
**Axial lines = lines parallel to each of the three main axes**

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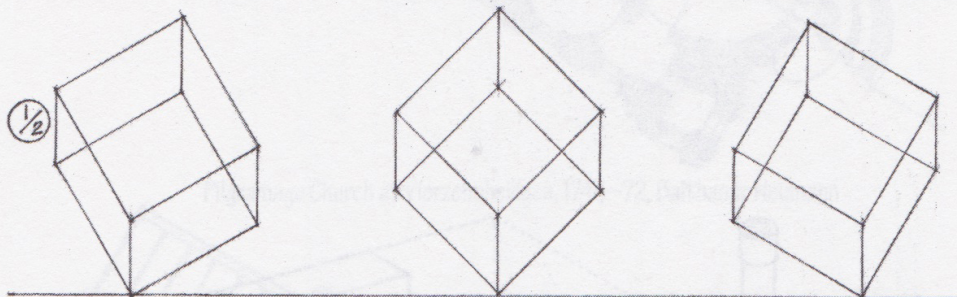
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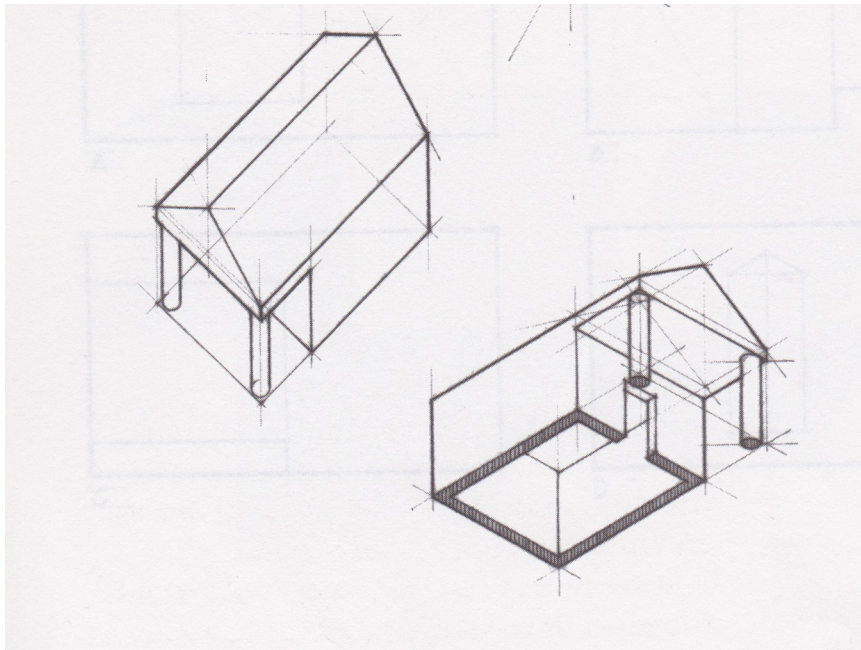
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Any axial line can be made and drawn to a consistent scale.

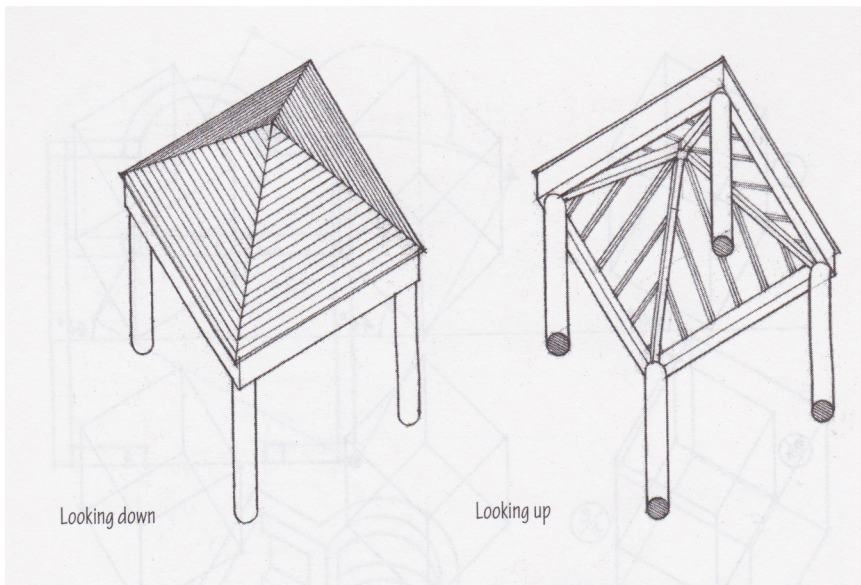
**Different angles of rotation with different ratios of foreshortening**

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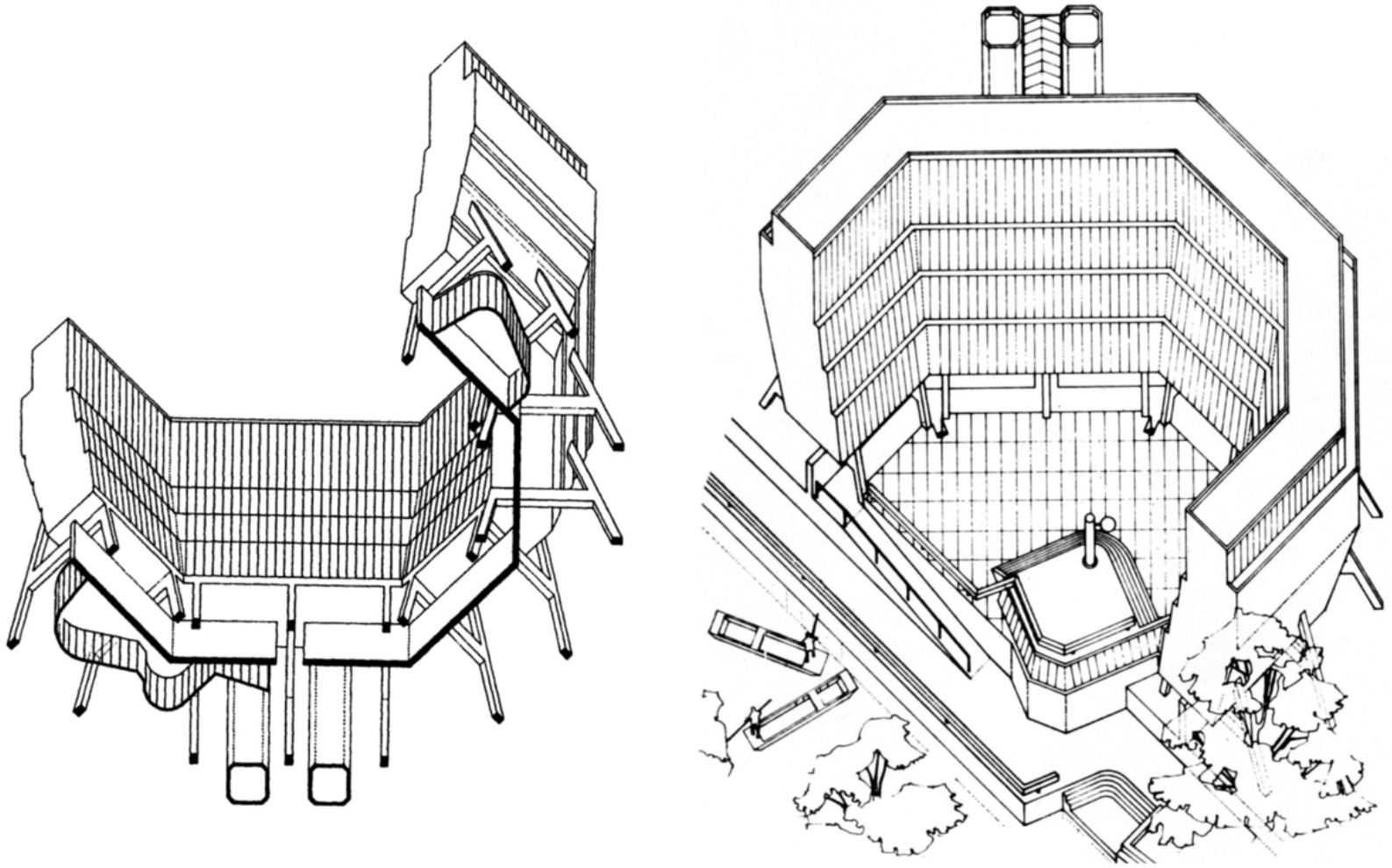


A oblique projection always presents either a bird's eye view (aerial view) or a worm's eye view (from below) of a subject.

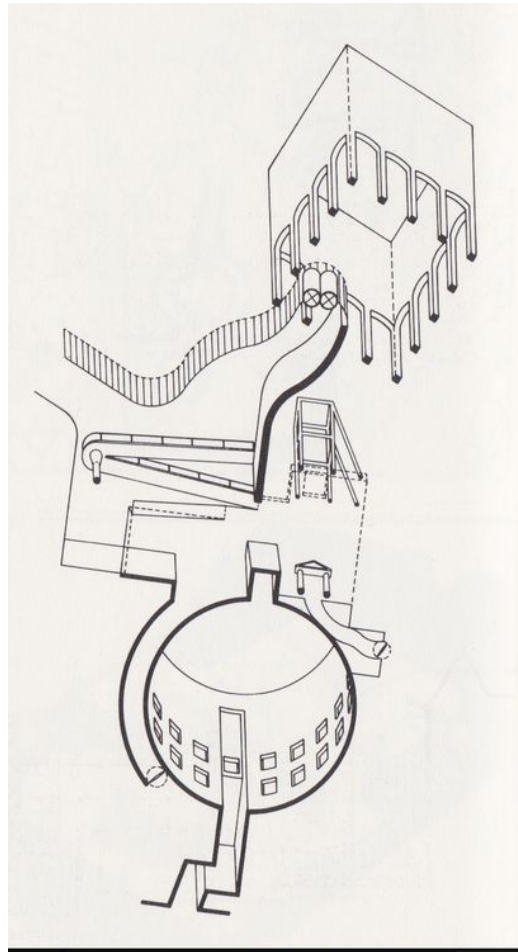
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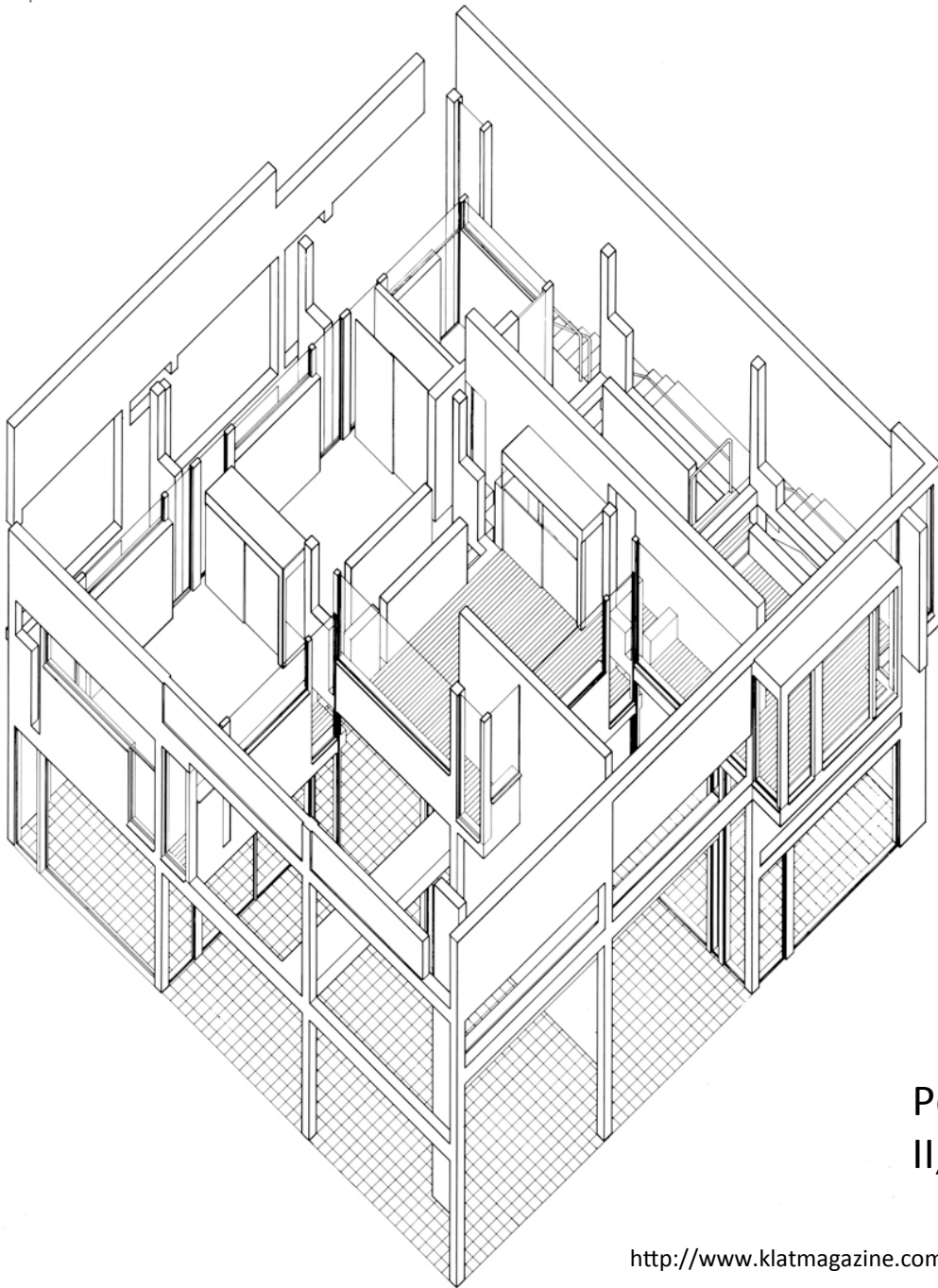


James Stirling axonometric, Florey Building, Oxford 1966-1971



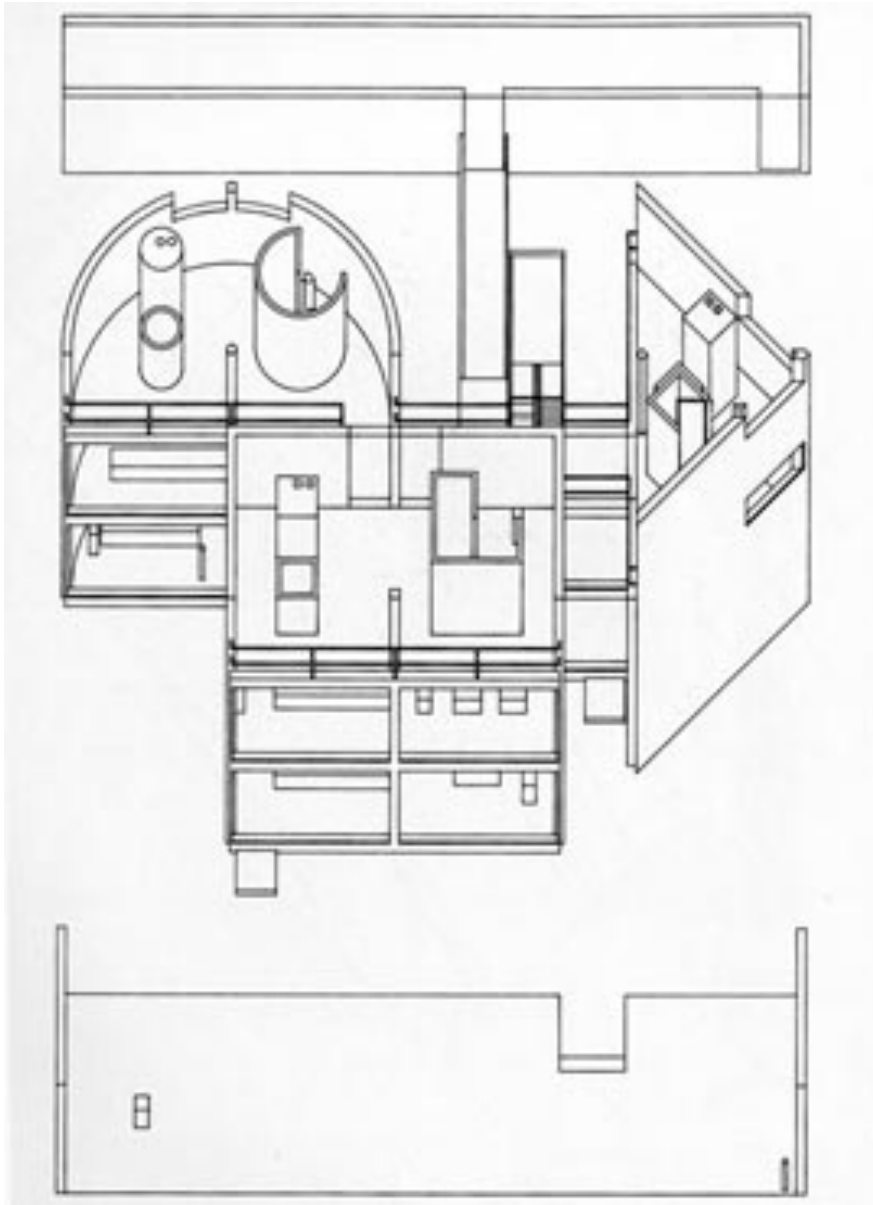
James Stirling axonometric, concept for North Rhine-Westphalia art collection,

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Here is an example of a standard 45/45-degree bird's-eye axonometric by Peter Eisenman.

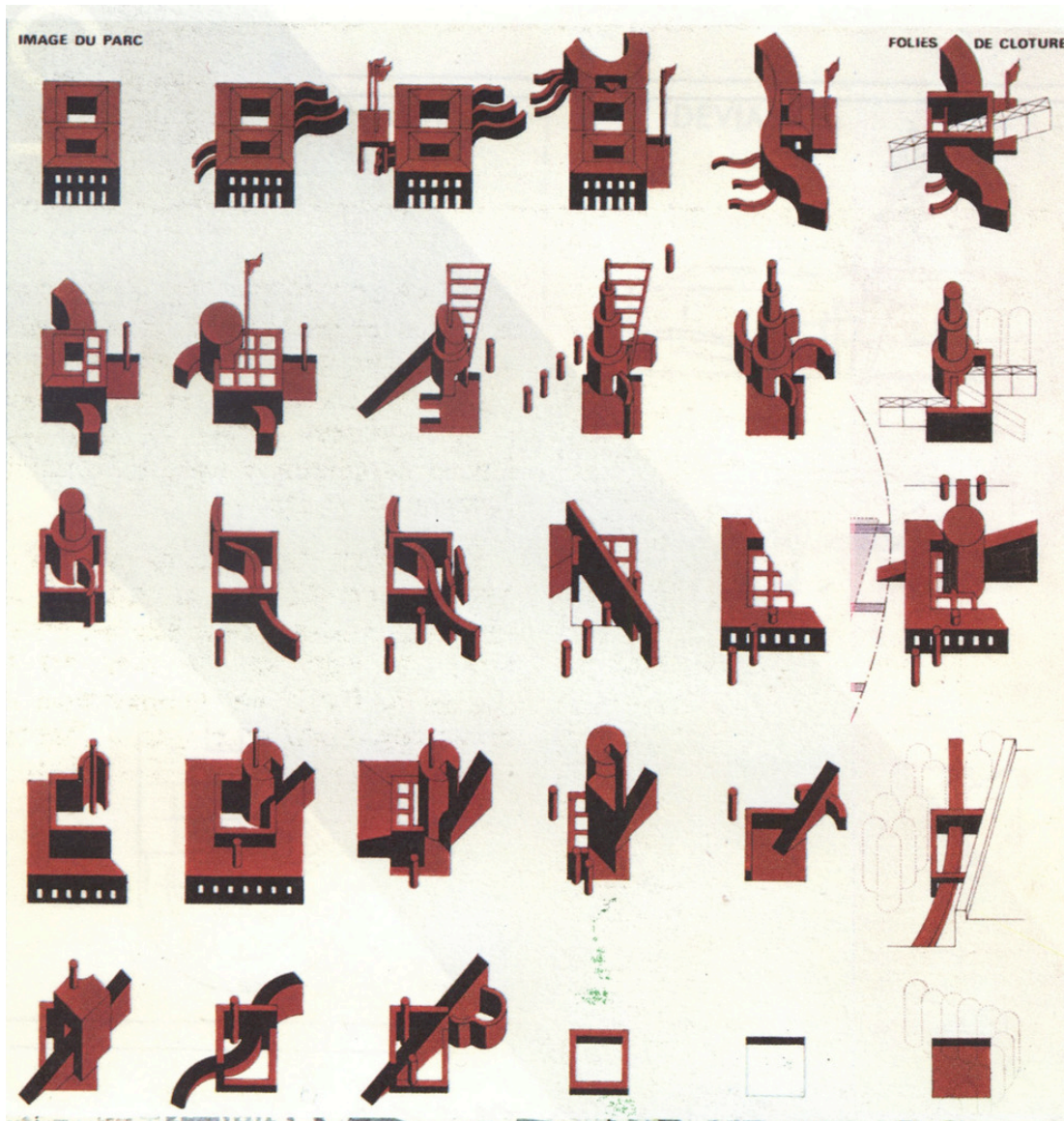
Peter Eisenman, House II, axonometric.



Some architects prefer to draw their axonometrics without rotating the plan, but still projecting lines straight upwards. Notice how the lower floors are barely visible in these drawings.

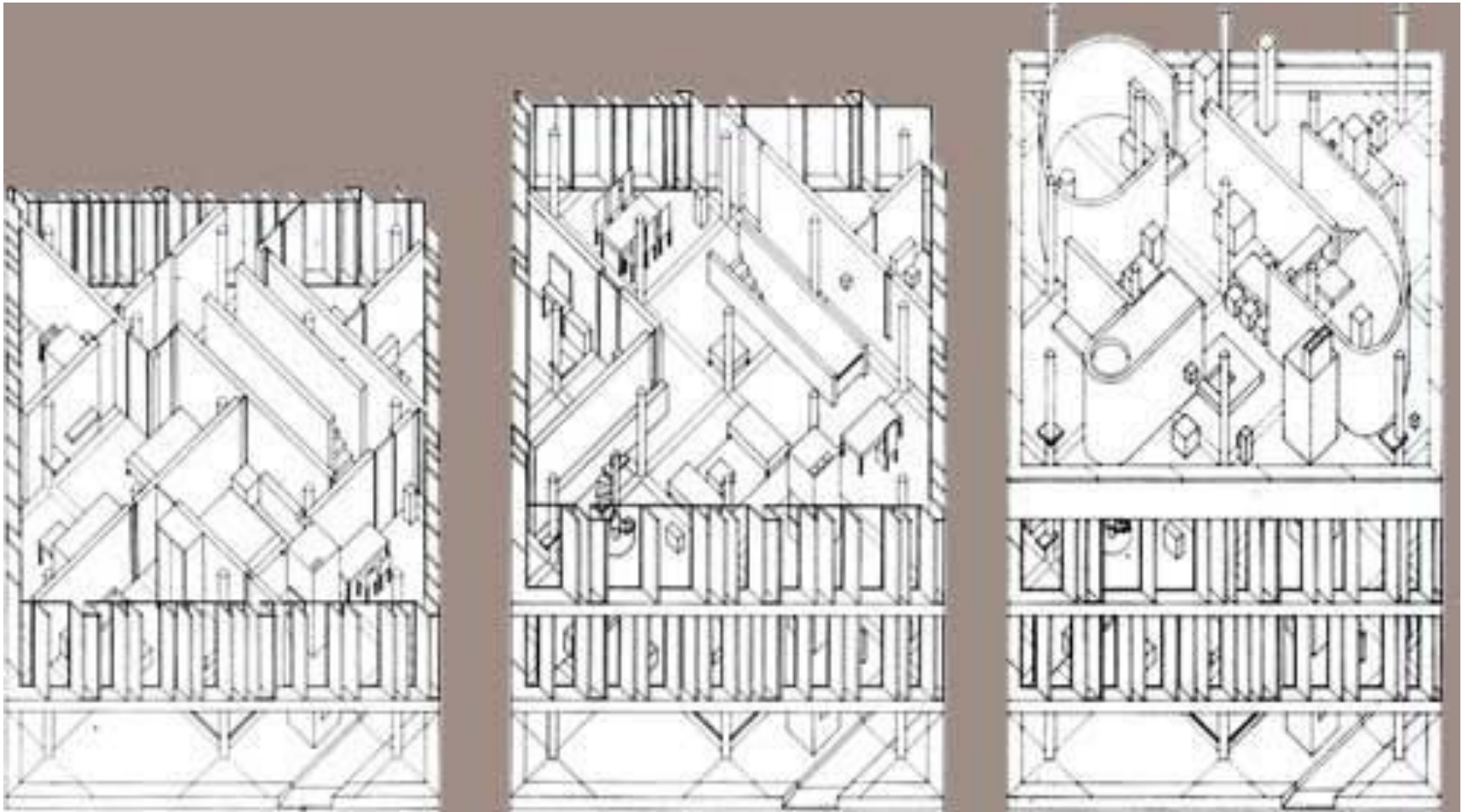
John Hejduk, One-Half House, axonometric





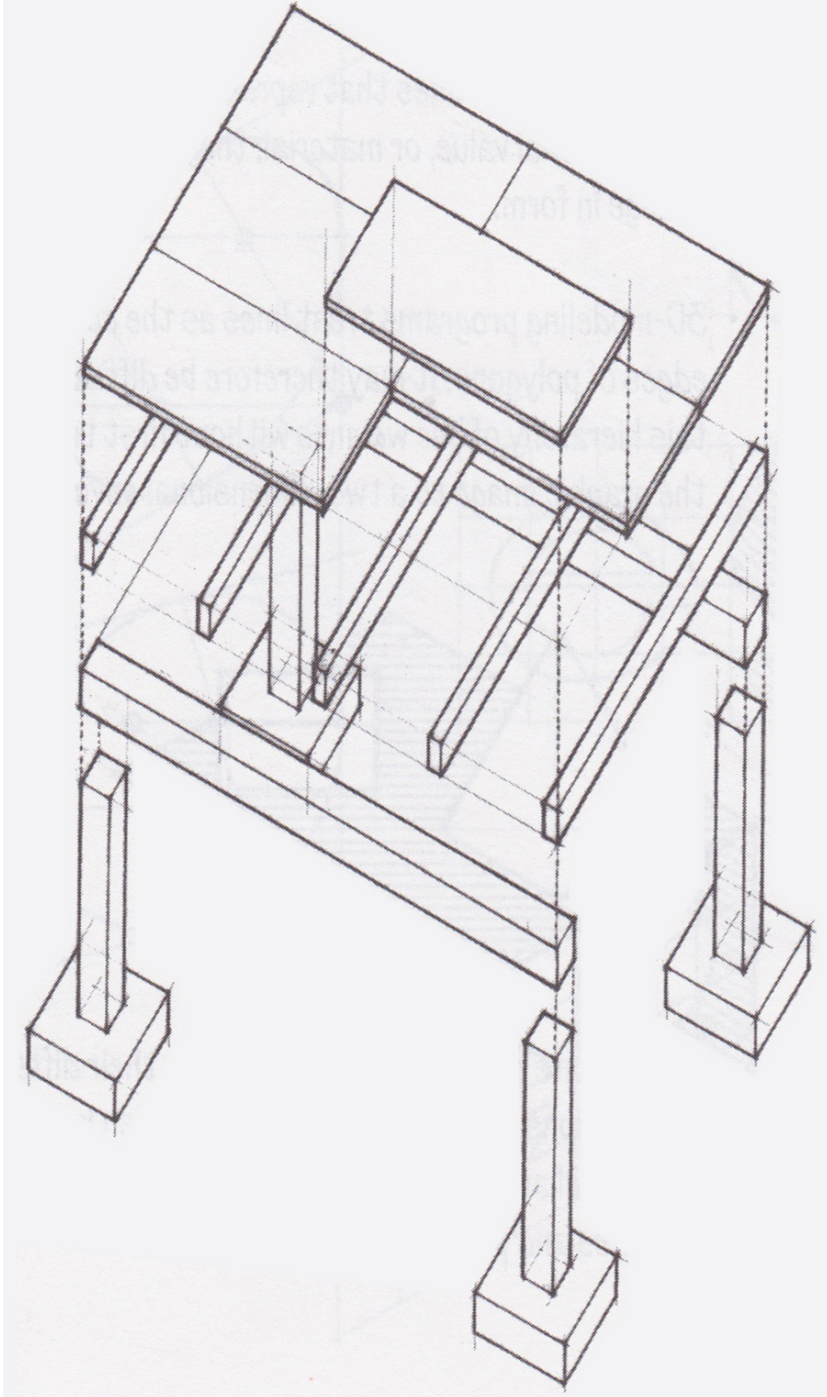
This series of axonometrics by Bernard Tschumi also uses plans that have not been rotated.

Bernard Tschumi, Parc La Villette follies, Axonometrics without rotating plan



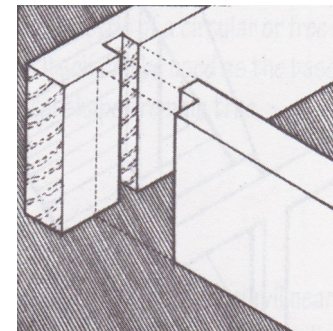
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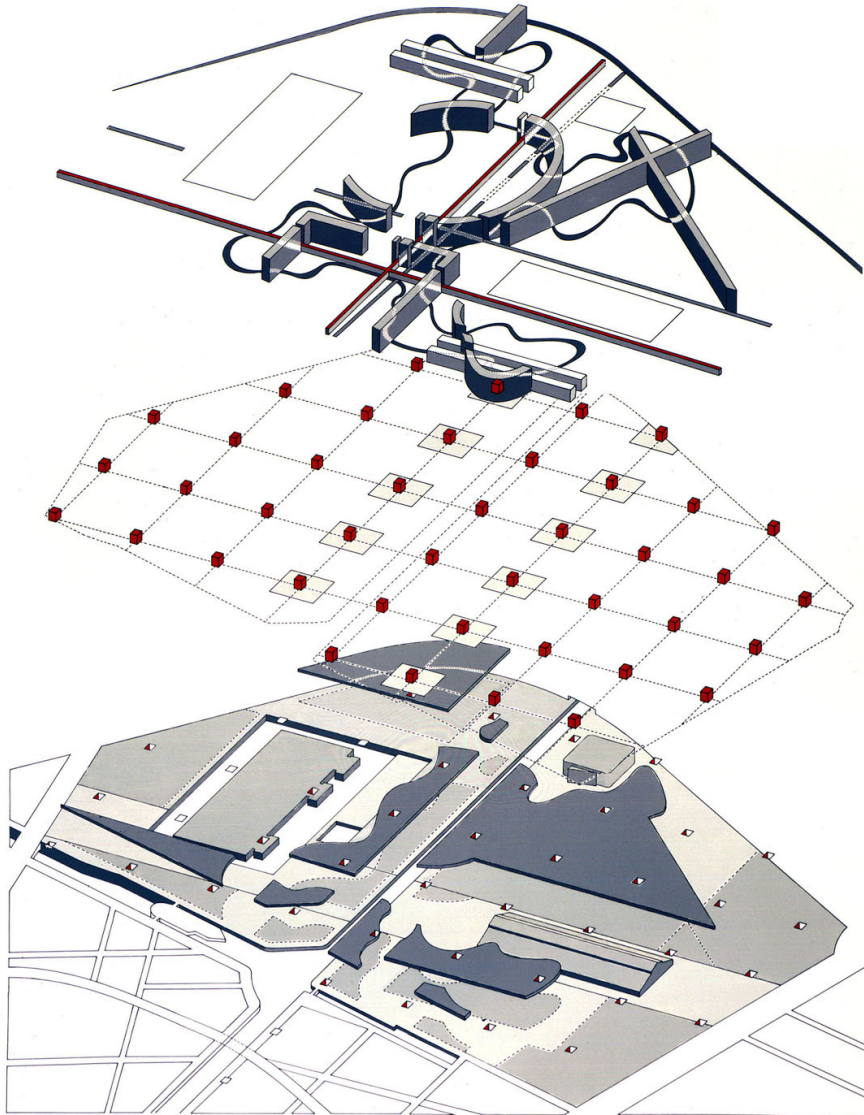
These plans, by architect John Hejduk, have been rotated 45 degrees, with lines projected upwards. Although they look like they have not been rotated, in their original orientation they are diamond shaped.



## Exploded axo:

- Allow us to see the hidden portions of a complex construction.
- Made by shifting portions of a paraline drawing to new positions in space. The final drawing appears to be an explosion frozen at a point in time when the relationships between the various components are most clear.
- Useful in describing details, layering or sequence of an assembly.

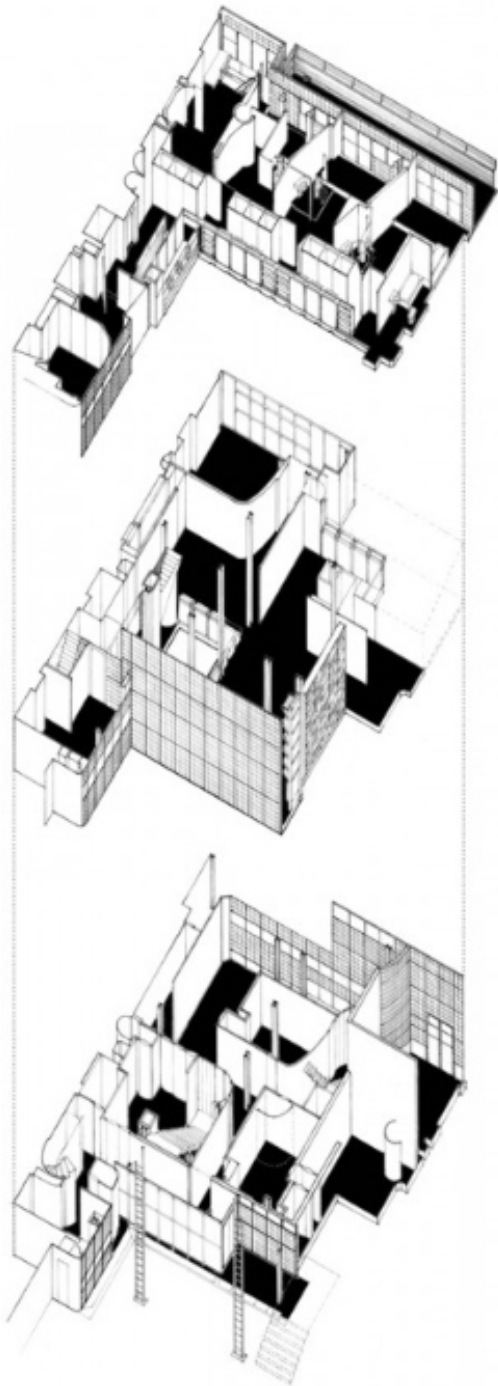




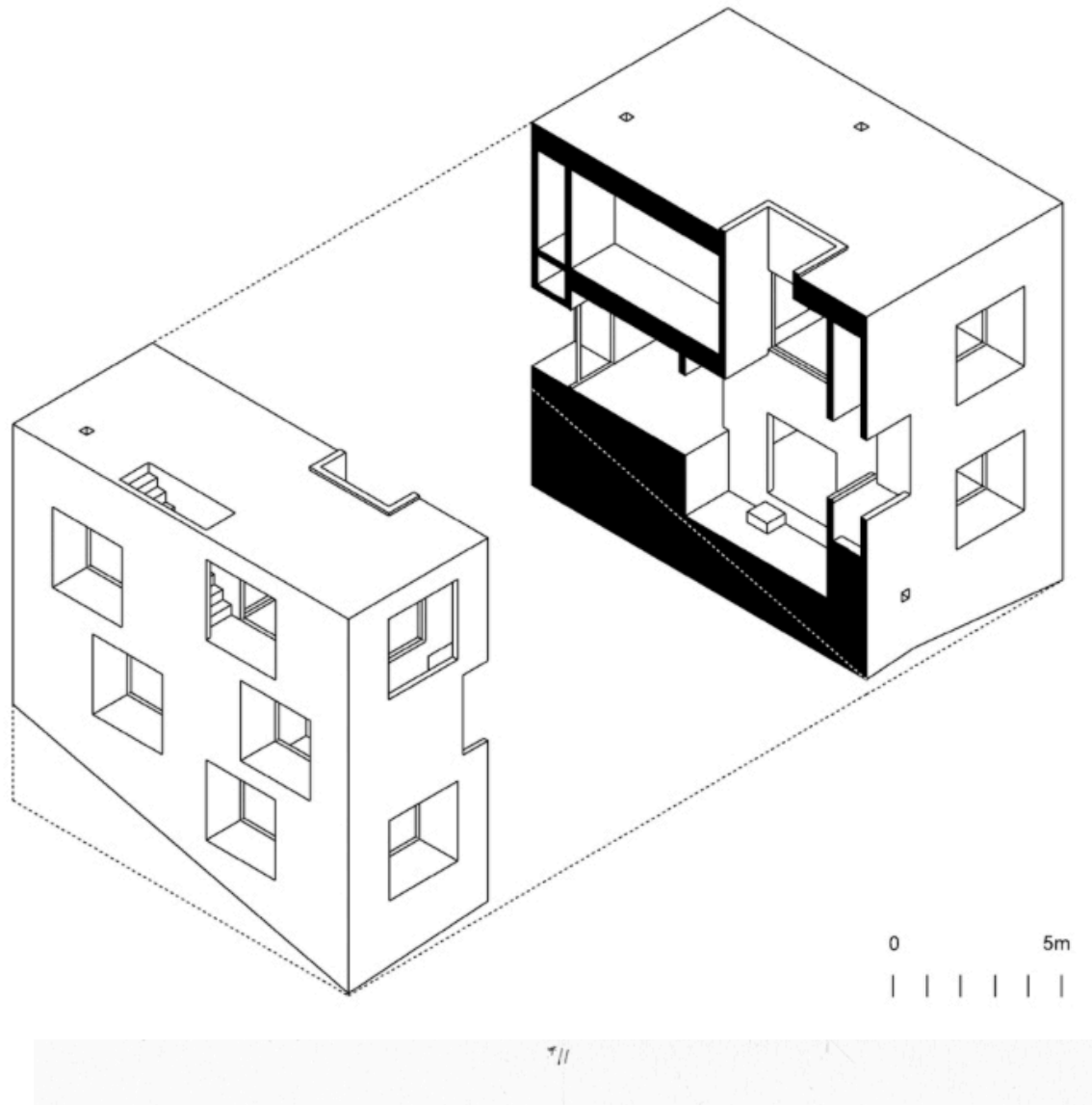
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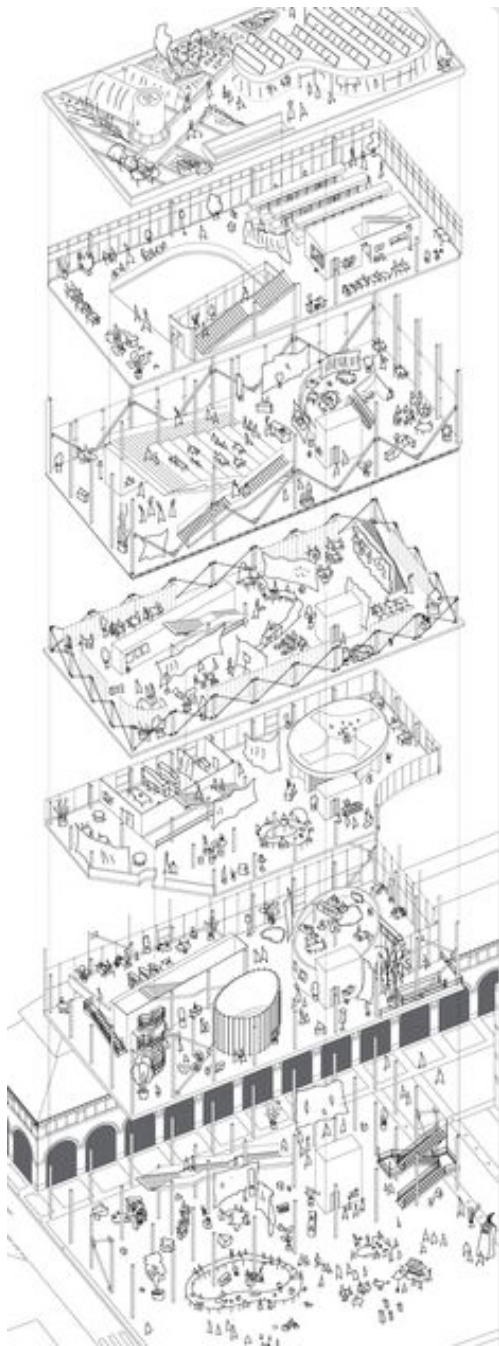
Bernard Tschumi, Parc La Villette exploded axonometric



**Pierre Chareau/Bernard Bijvoet - Maison de Verre – exploded axonometric**  
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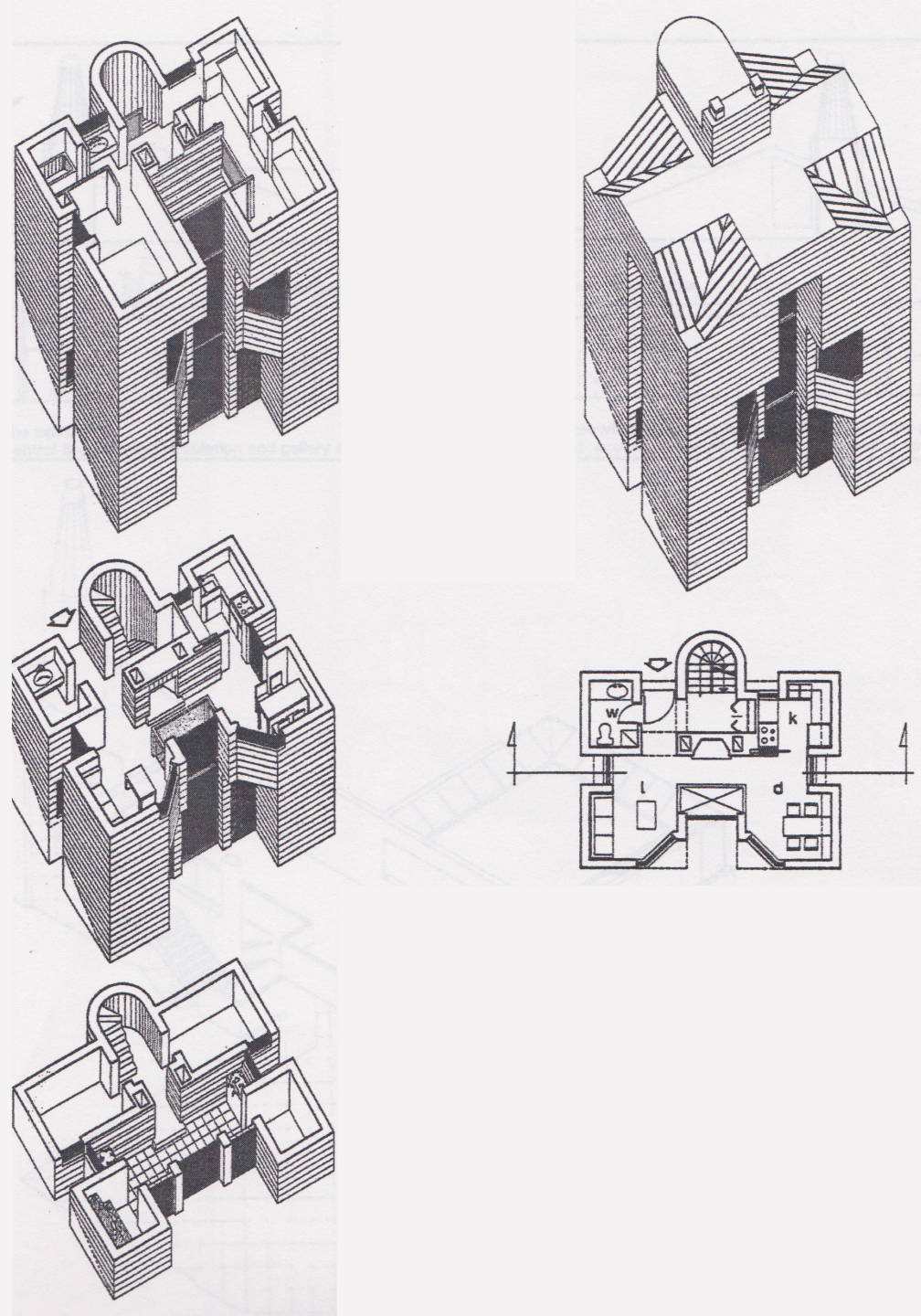


**Poli House, Pezo von Ellrichshausen – exploded axonometric section**  
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**Gorka Beitia Zarandona – Paris Market Lab—exploded axonometric showing inhabitation**

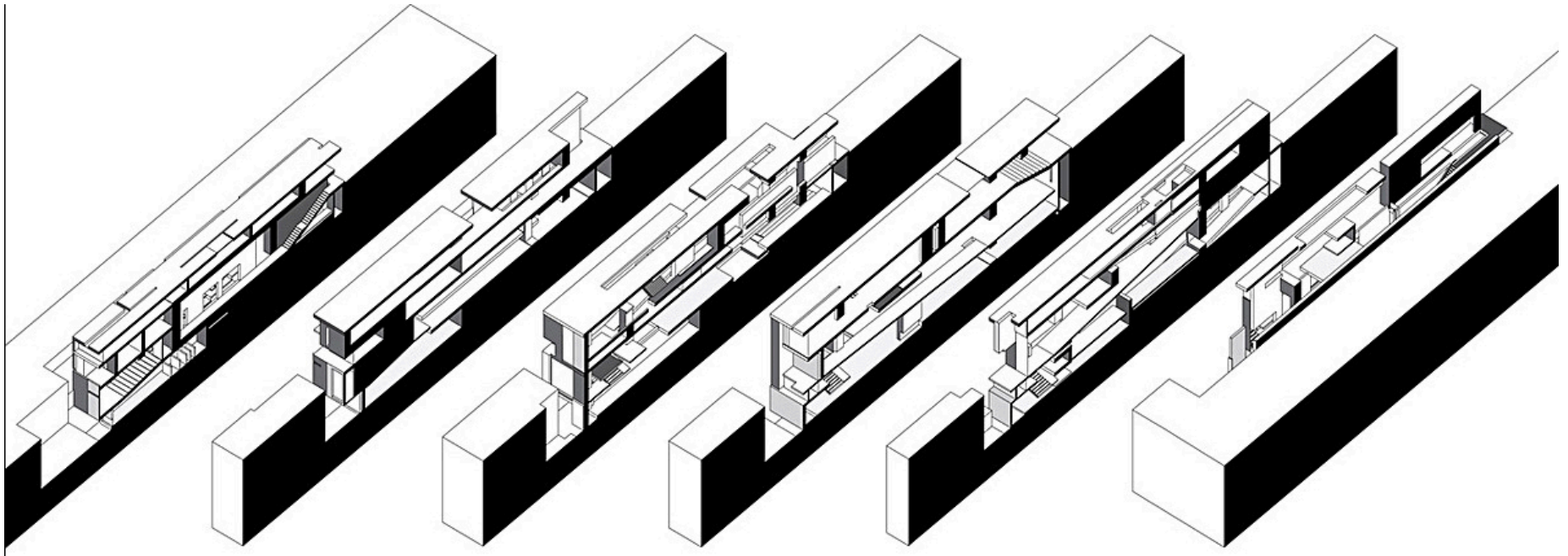
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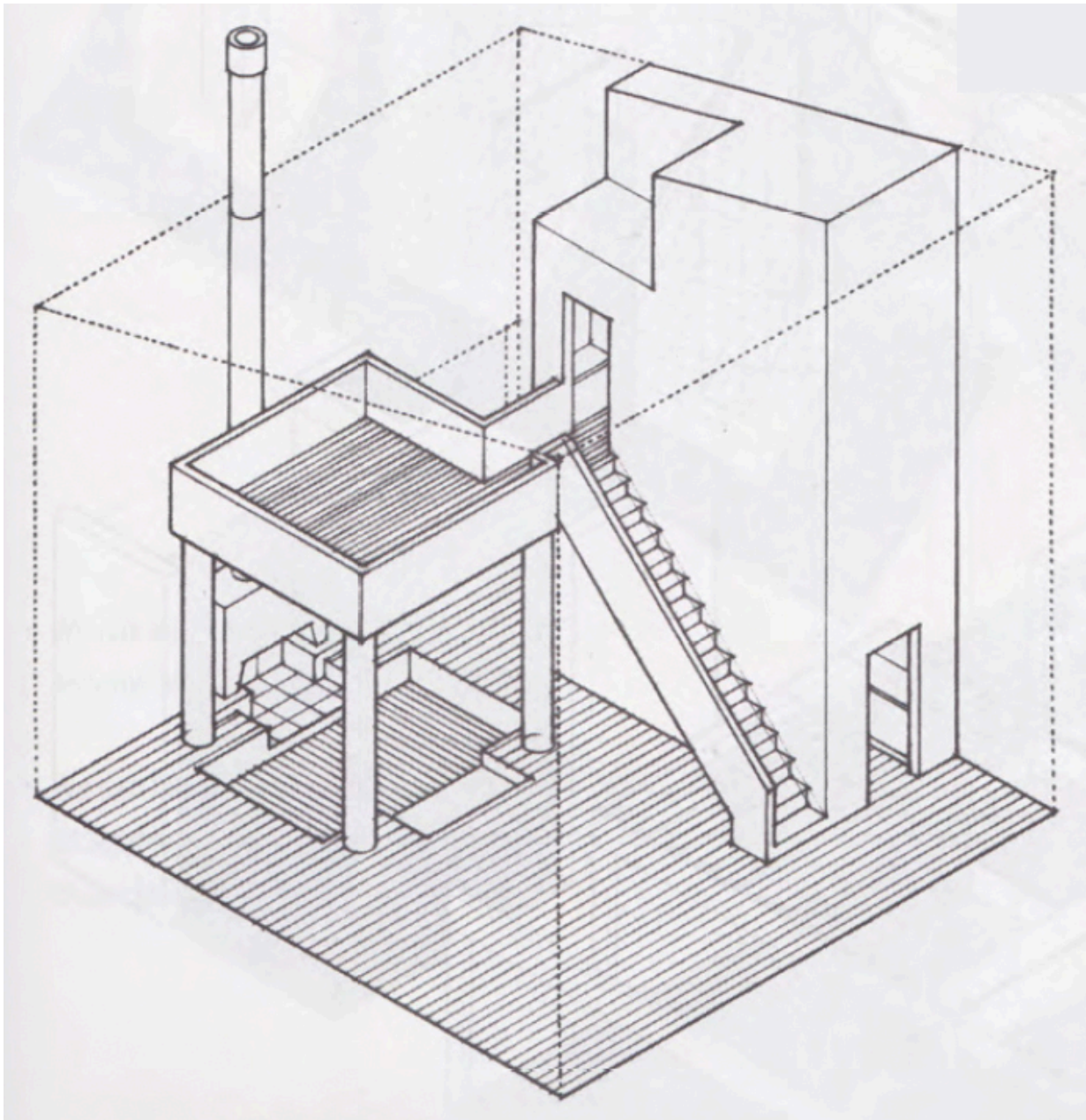
## Sequential axo:

- A series of views that can explain processes and phenomena that occur in time or across space.
- Can illustrate interior organisation across several floor levels, with vertical elements (stairs, chimneys, etc.) linking spatially through all levels.



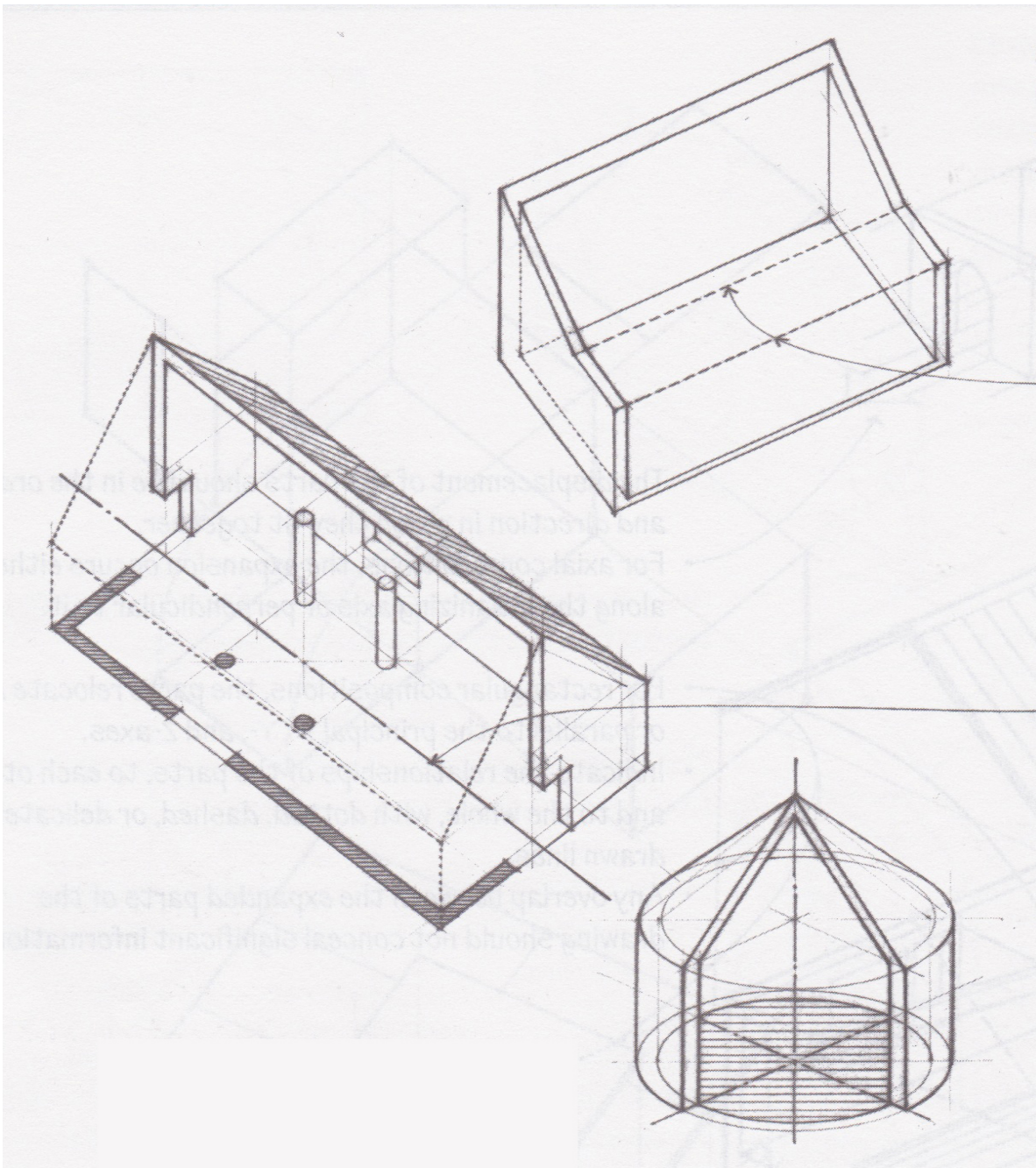


**Yale University student project—longitudinal sequential section axonometric**  
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## Phantom view:

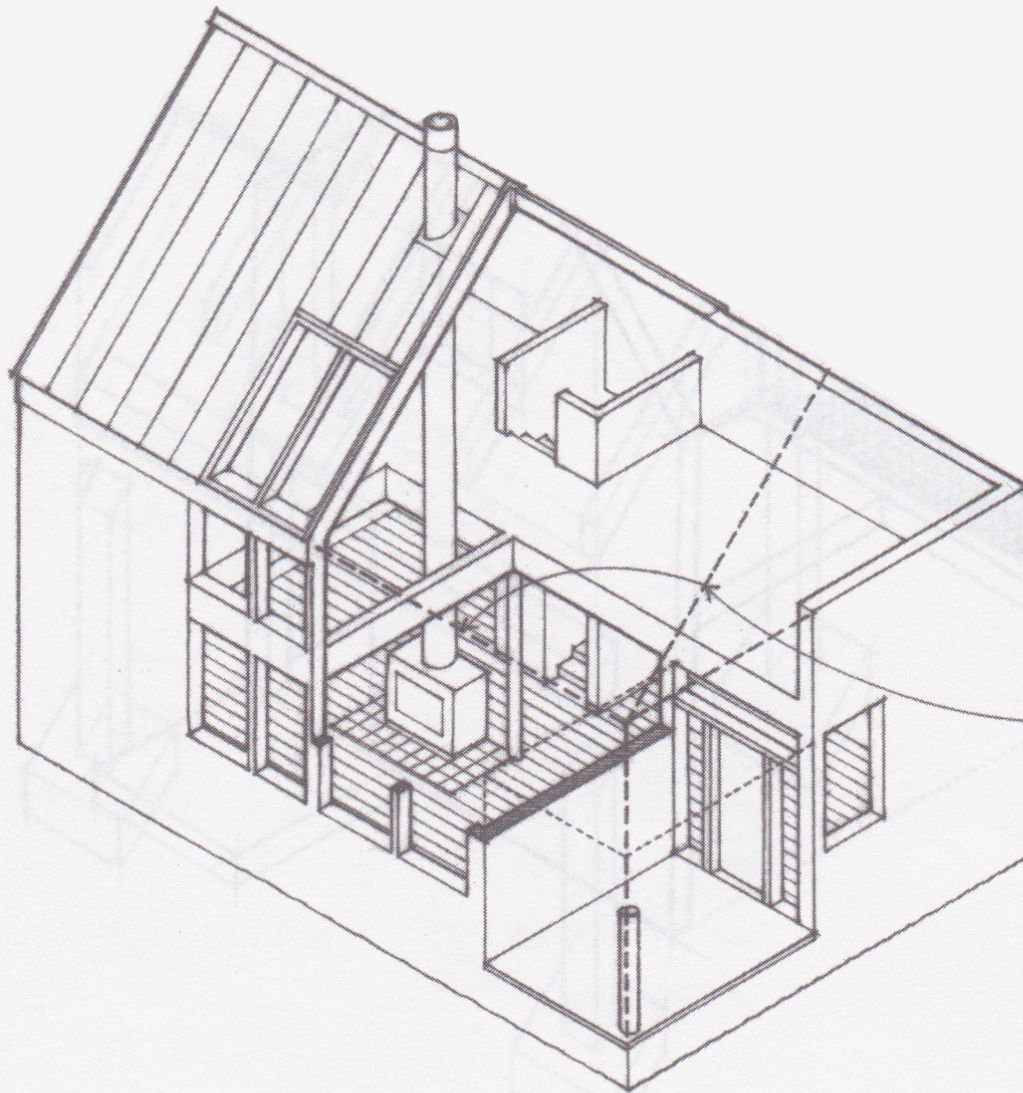
- paraline drawing having one or more parts made transparent to allow viewing of internal information
- allows us to see the whole composition and its internal structure and arrangement
- should show the thickness or volume of the parts made transparent.



Cutaway view:

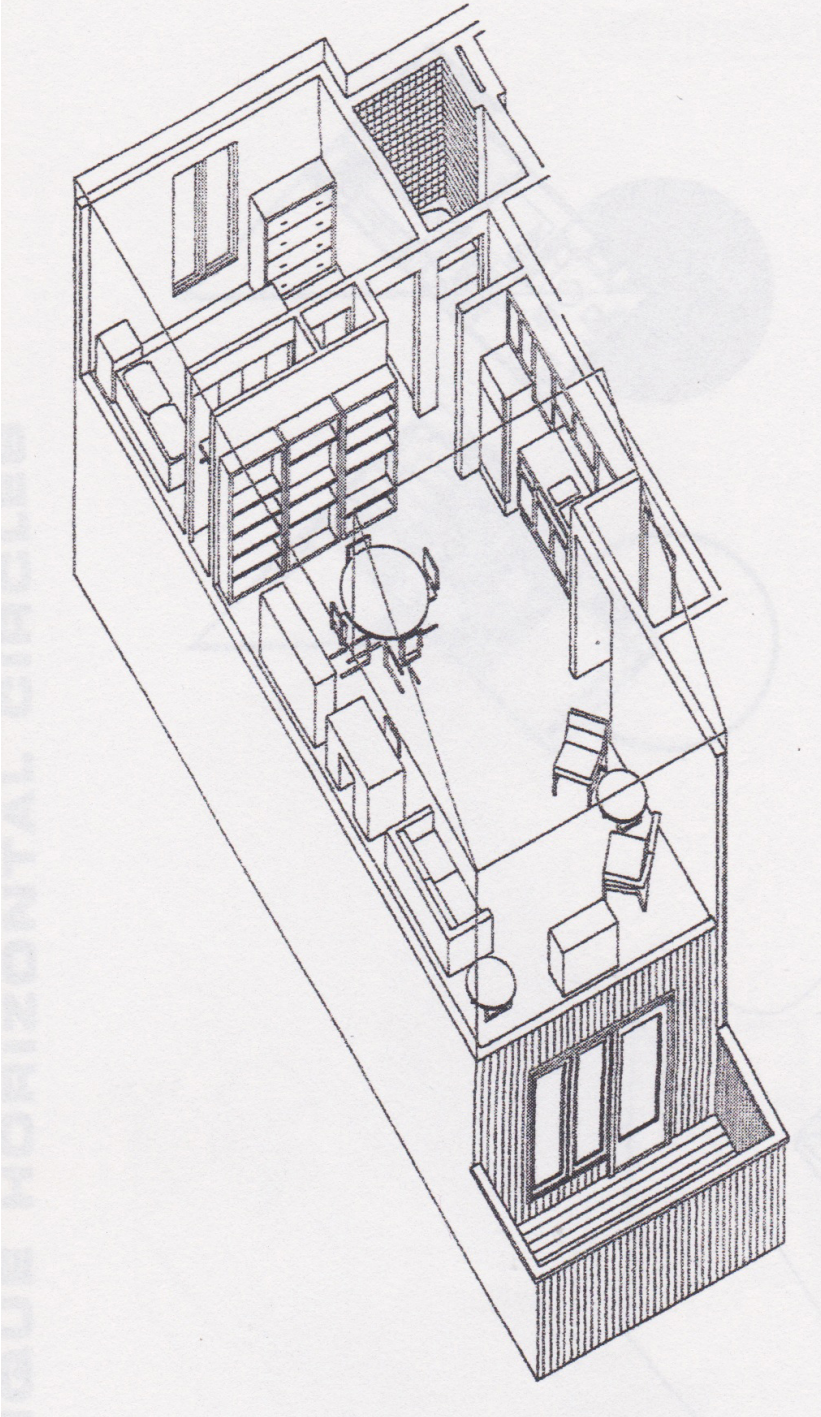
Paraline drawing having an outer section or layer removed to reveal an interior space or internal construction  
Remove an outer layer (ie. roof, ceiling, wall, floor).

Remove a larger section by slicing through and indicating the footprint or plan view of the part removed.

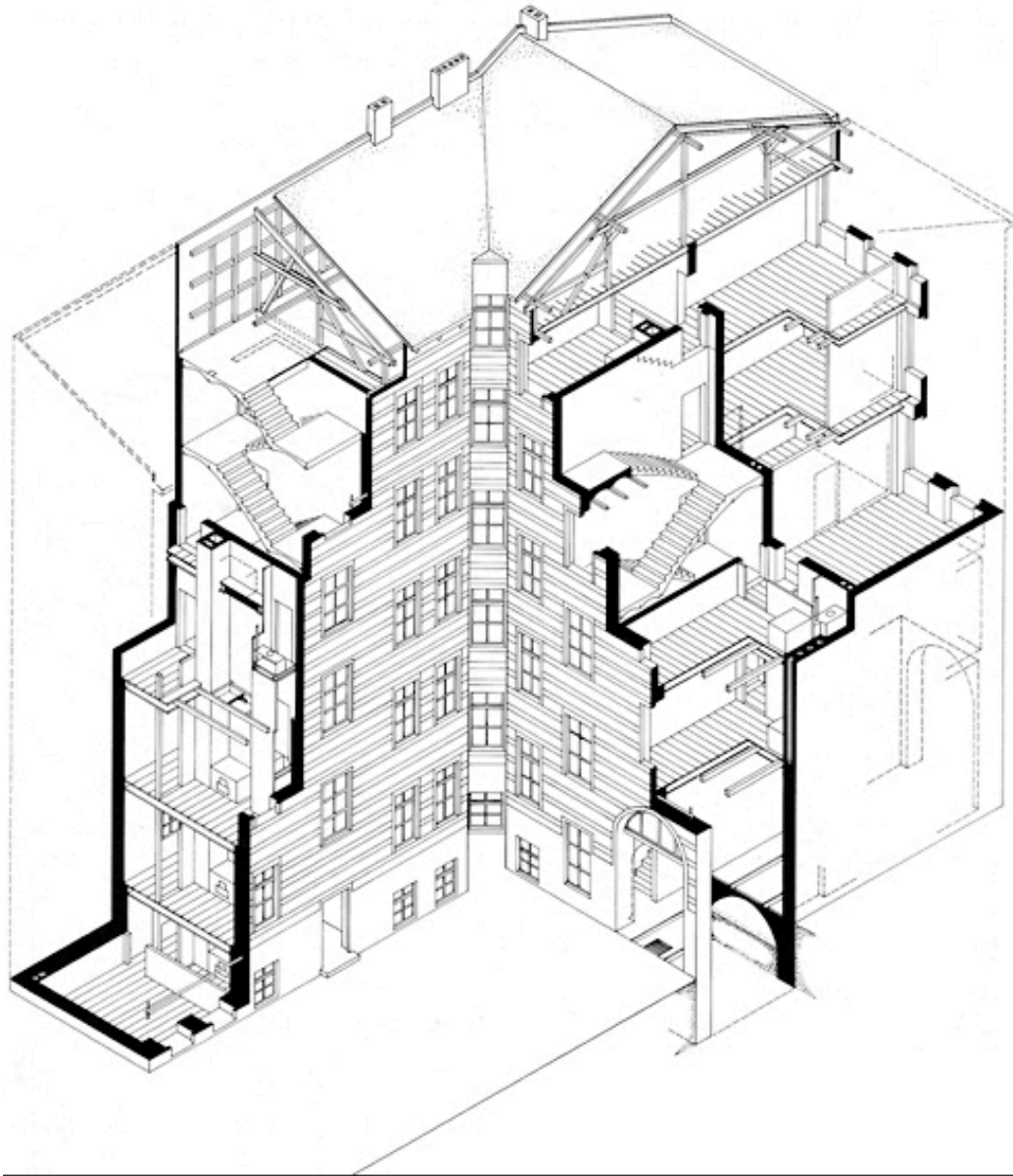


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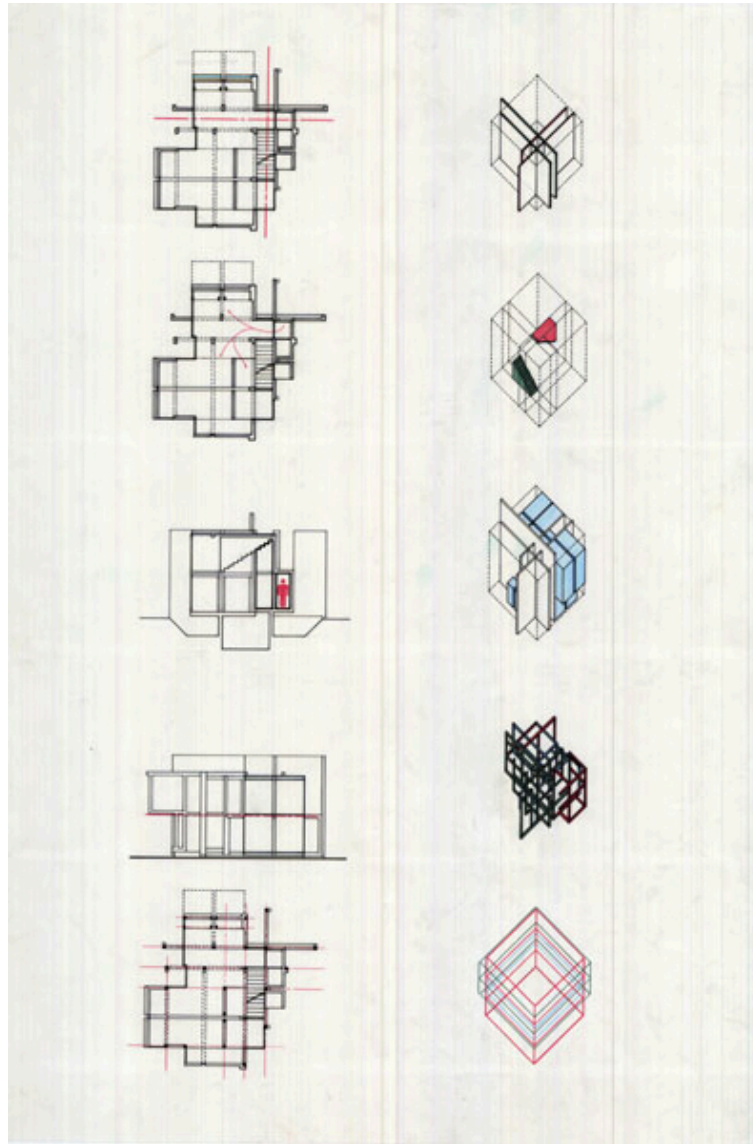
To reveal a more complex composition, the cut may follow a 3-dimensional route. The trajectory of the cut should clarify the overall form, and the cuts should be clearly articulated with line weights/tonal values. We can show the overall form of what is removed with a dashed line.



Cutaway view with two walls and roof removed



**Barlett First year student project – cutaway axonometric of existing building**  
<http://bartletyear1architecture.blogspot.it/2012/04/heiko-rossger-systematic-axonometric.html>



**Peter Eisenman analytical axonometrics**

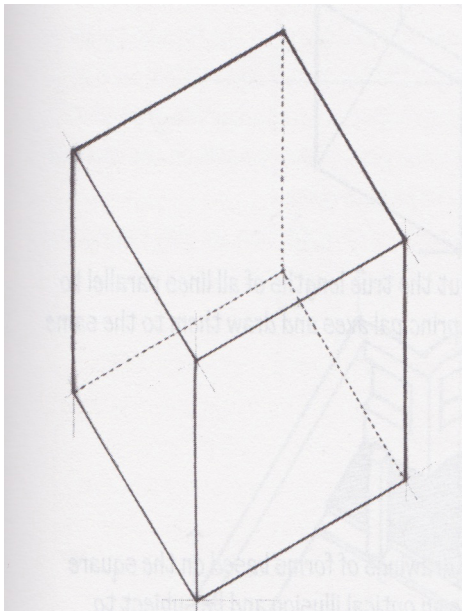
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# Isometric projection

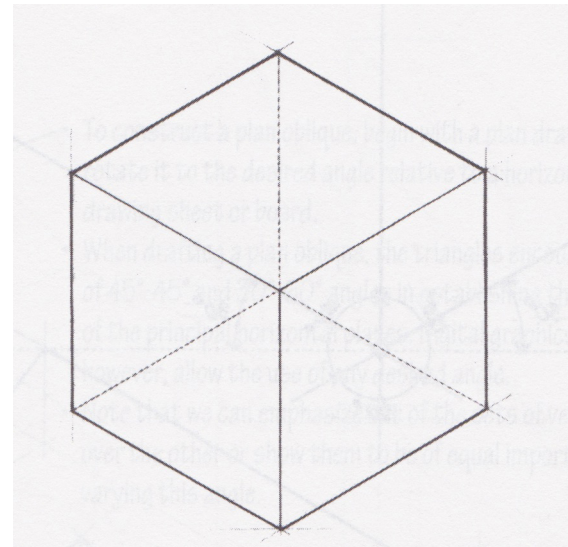


An **isometric projection** is a special type of axonometric projection in which:

- all three principal sets of planes share equal emphasis.
- the angle of view is slightly lower than that of plan obliques (axonometrics).
- plans and elevations **cannot** be simply rotated and used as base drawings.
- relative proportions of the object are preserved and there is much less distortion of the object than in plan obliques (axos).

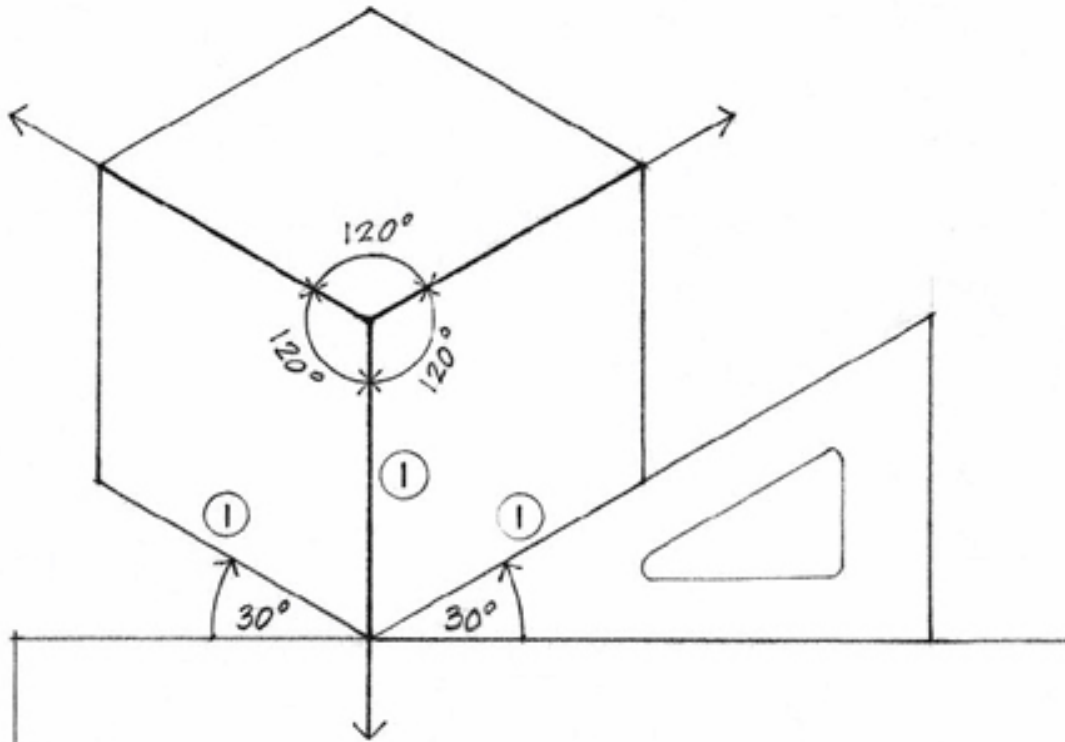


30 degree axonometric cube

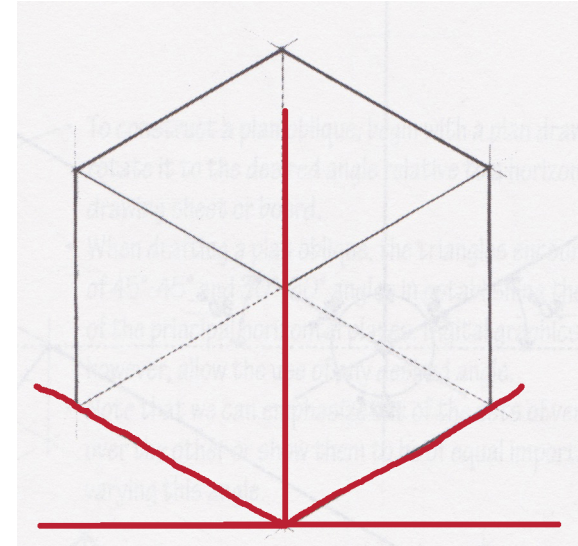


Isometric cube

# ISOMETRIC DRAWINGS

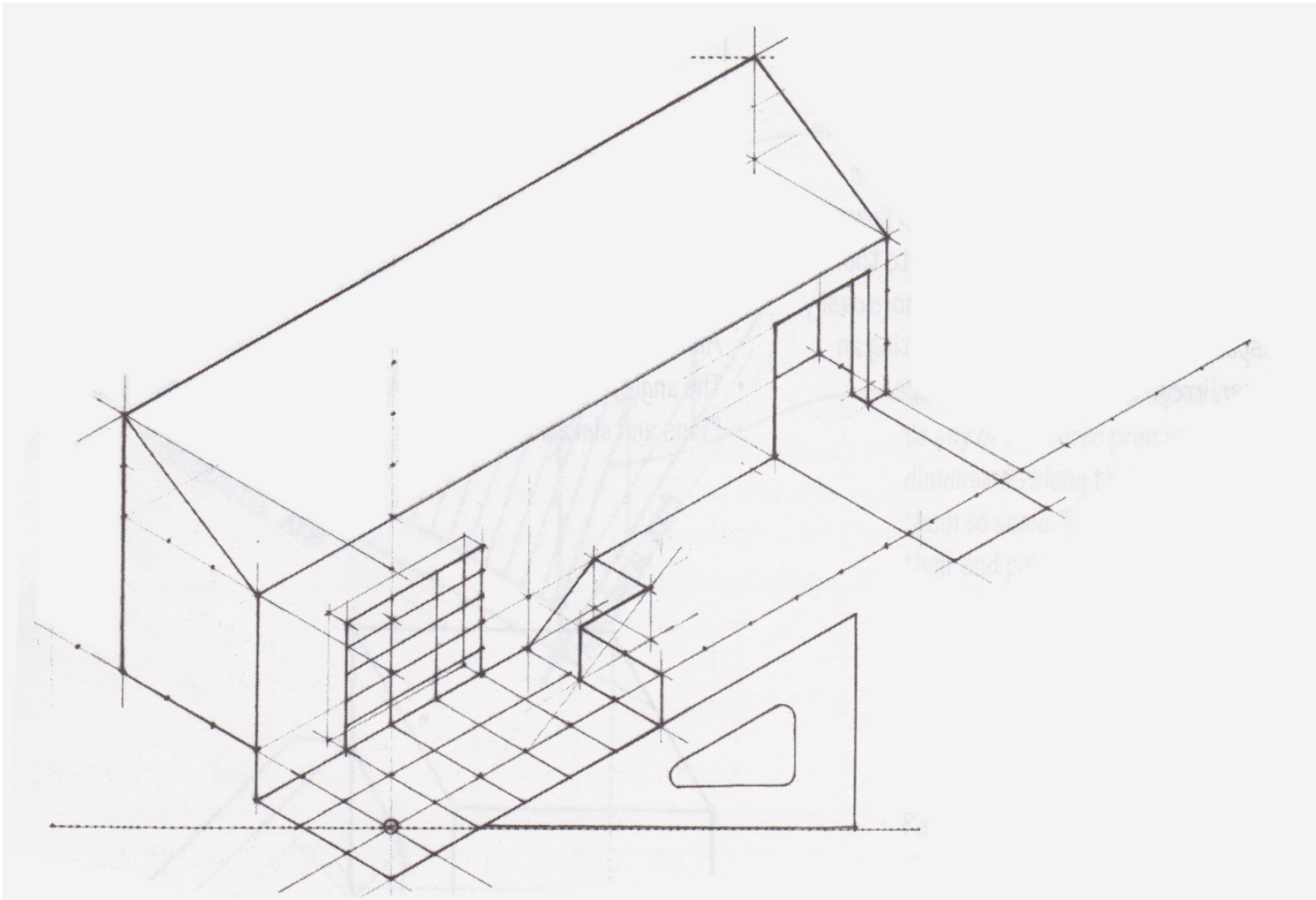


Francis D.K. Ching, Design Drawing, John Wiley & Sons, 2010, p. 198.



To construct an isometric drawing:

1) Establish the direction of the three principal axes. Because they are 120 degrees apart on the picture plane, if we draw one axis vertically, the other two axes make a 30 degree angle with a horizontal line.



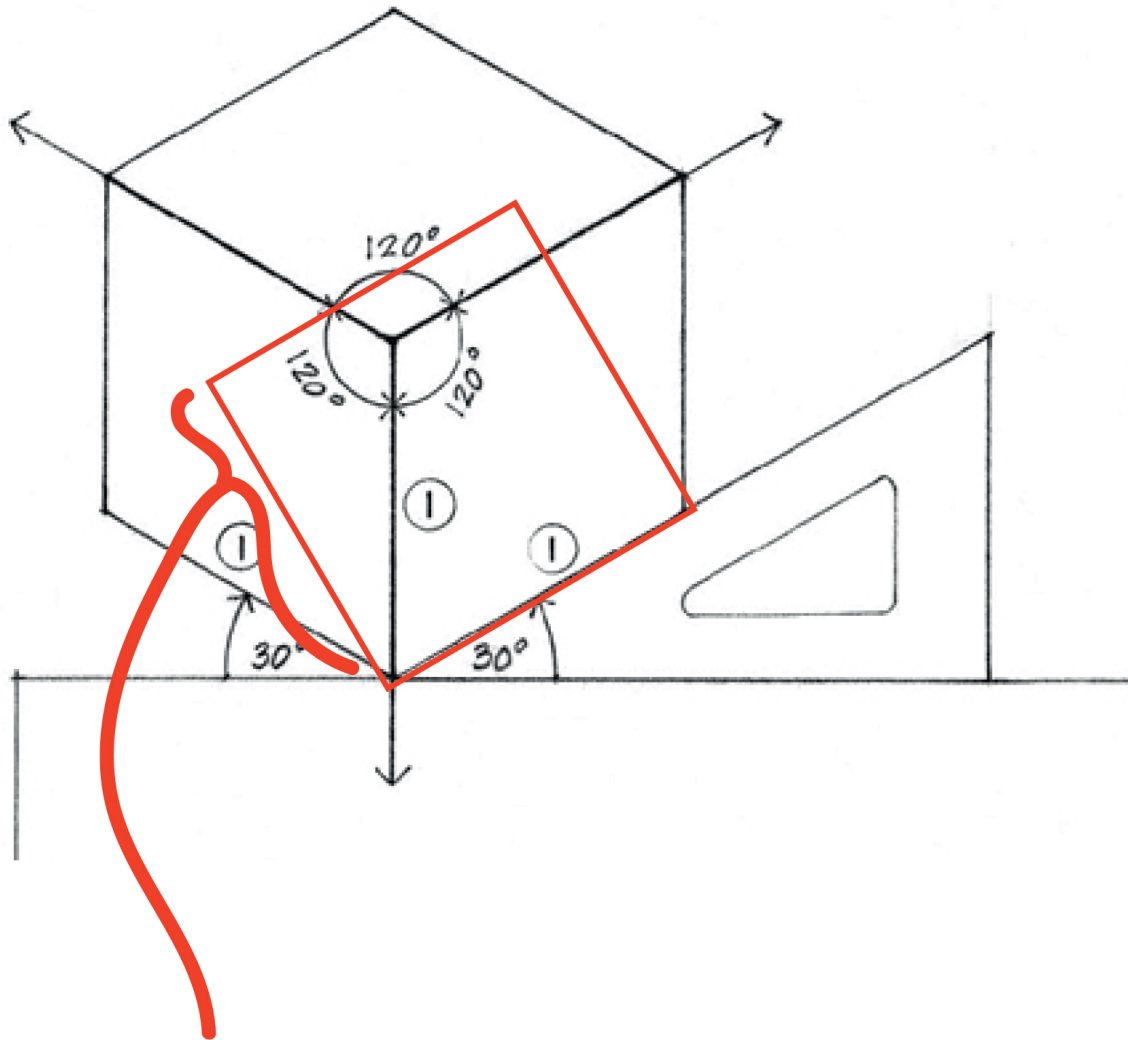
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To construct an isometric drawing:

2) Lay out the true lengths of all lines parallel to the three principal axes and draw them to the same scale.

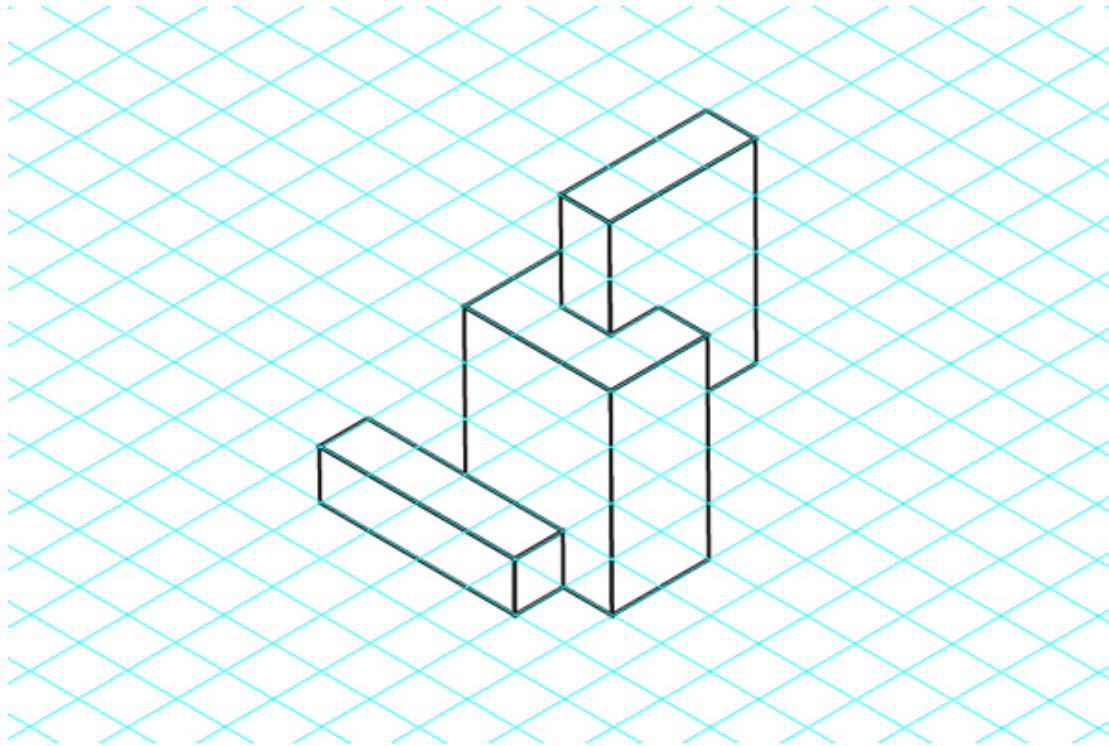
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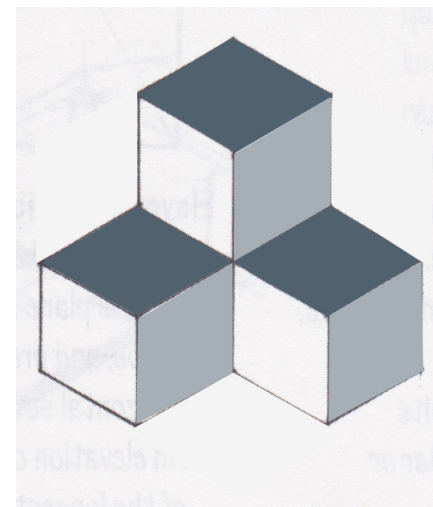
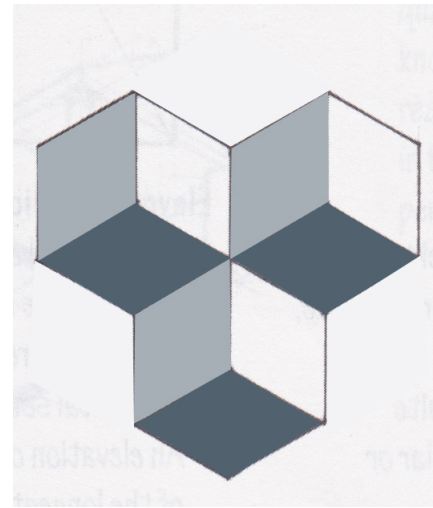
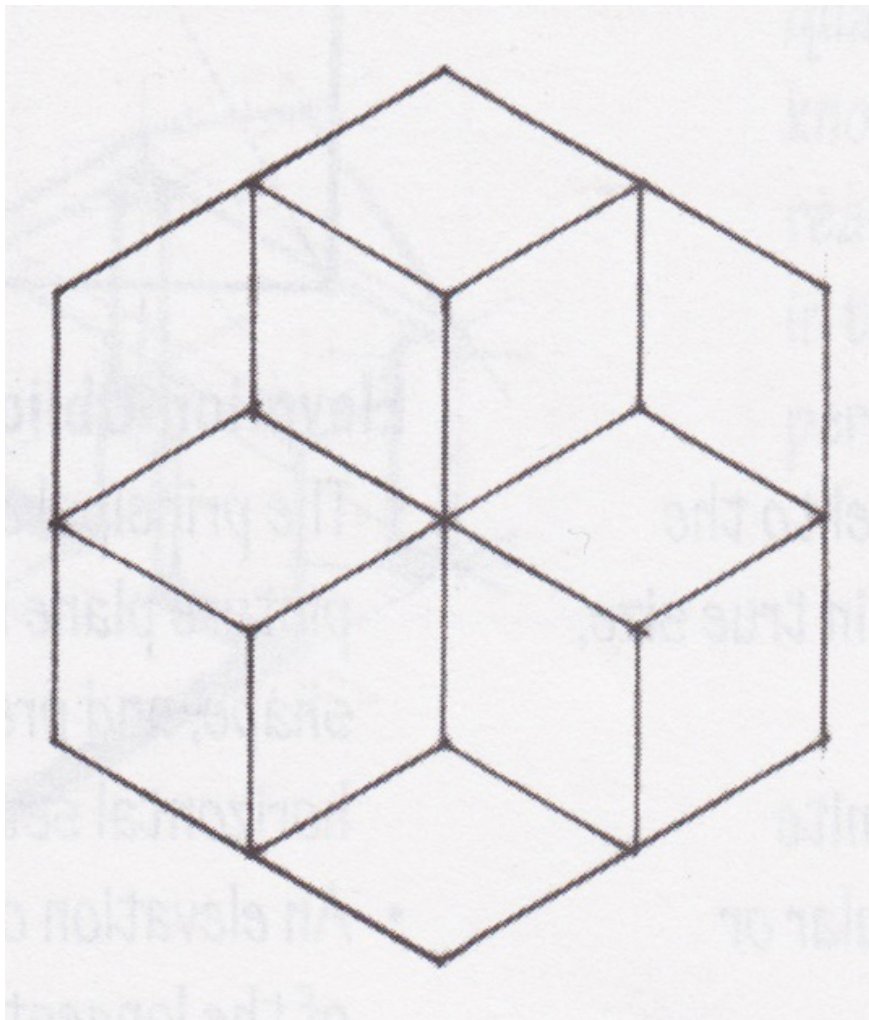
Because of the 30 degree angles, all elements in plan cannot be projected with vertical lines, but instead must be measured off of the plan and redrawn on the 30 degree angle line.

the distances along this axis must be measured and transferred to the 30 degree line



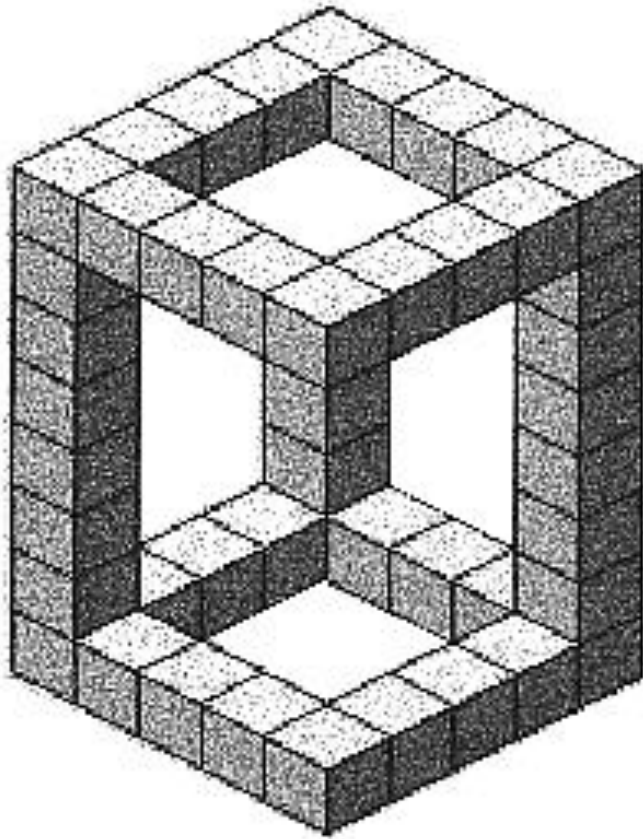
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An easy way to construct an isometric is to draw a 30/30-degree isometric grid at the appropriate scale and then use this as your basis for transferring the plan to isometric space.

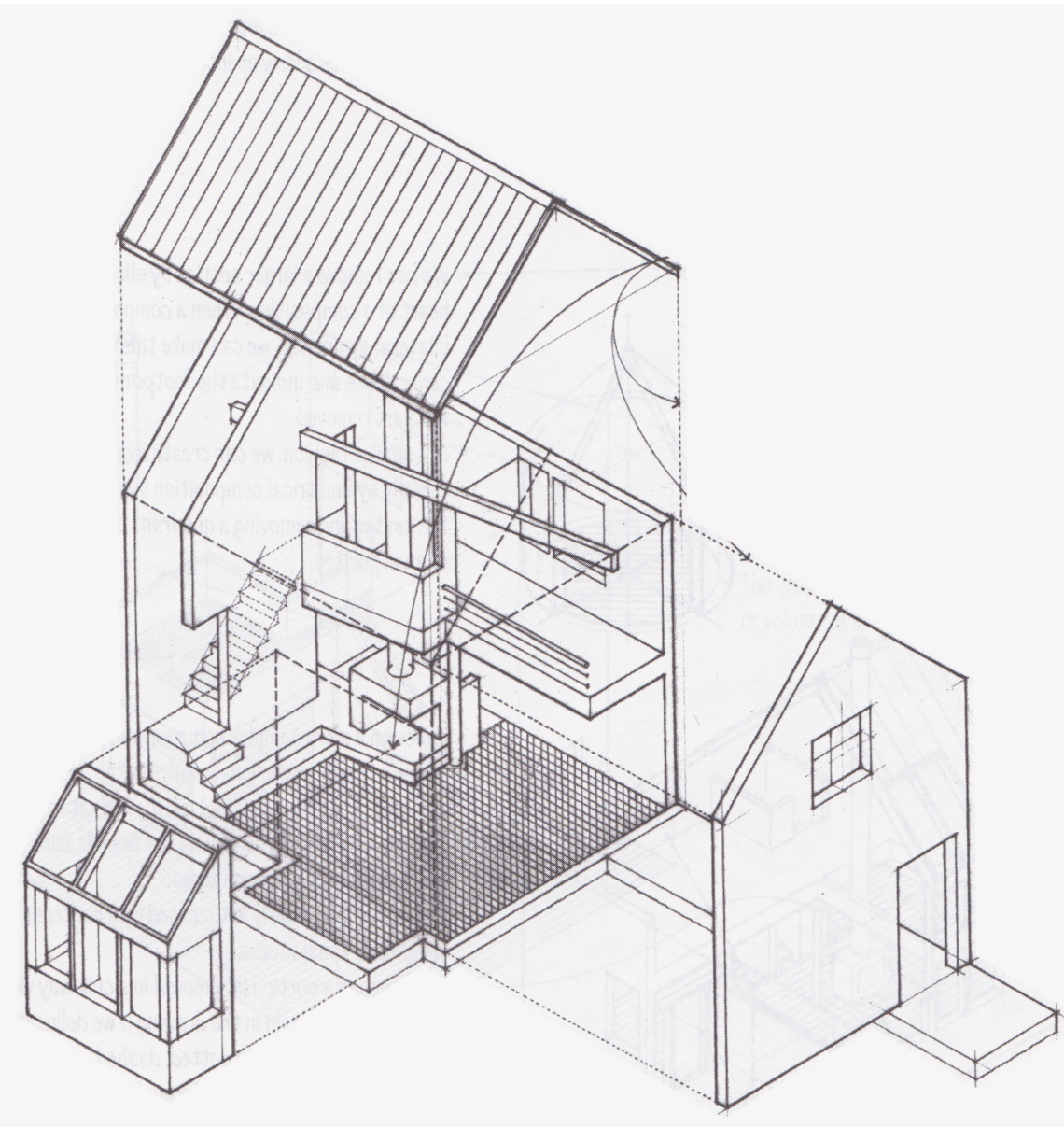


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Isometric drawings of forms based on the square can create an optical illusion and be subject to multiple interpretations. This ambiguity results from the alignment of lines in the foreround with those in the background. In such cases, a plan oblique might be a better drawing to avoid the multiple interpretations.



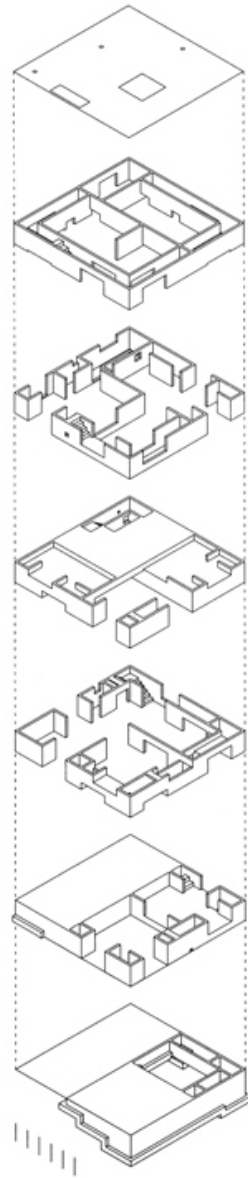
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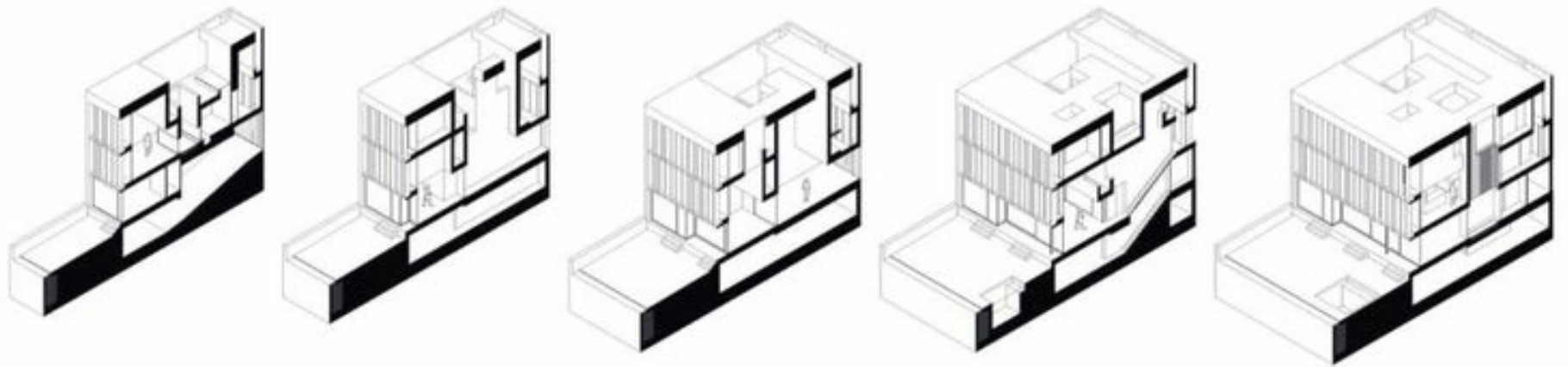
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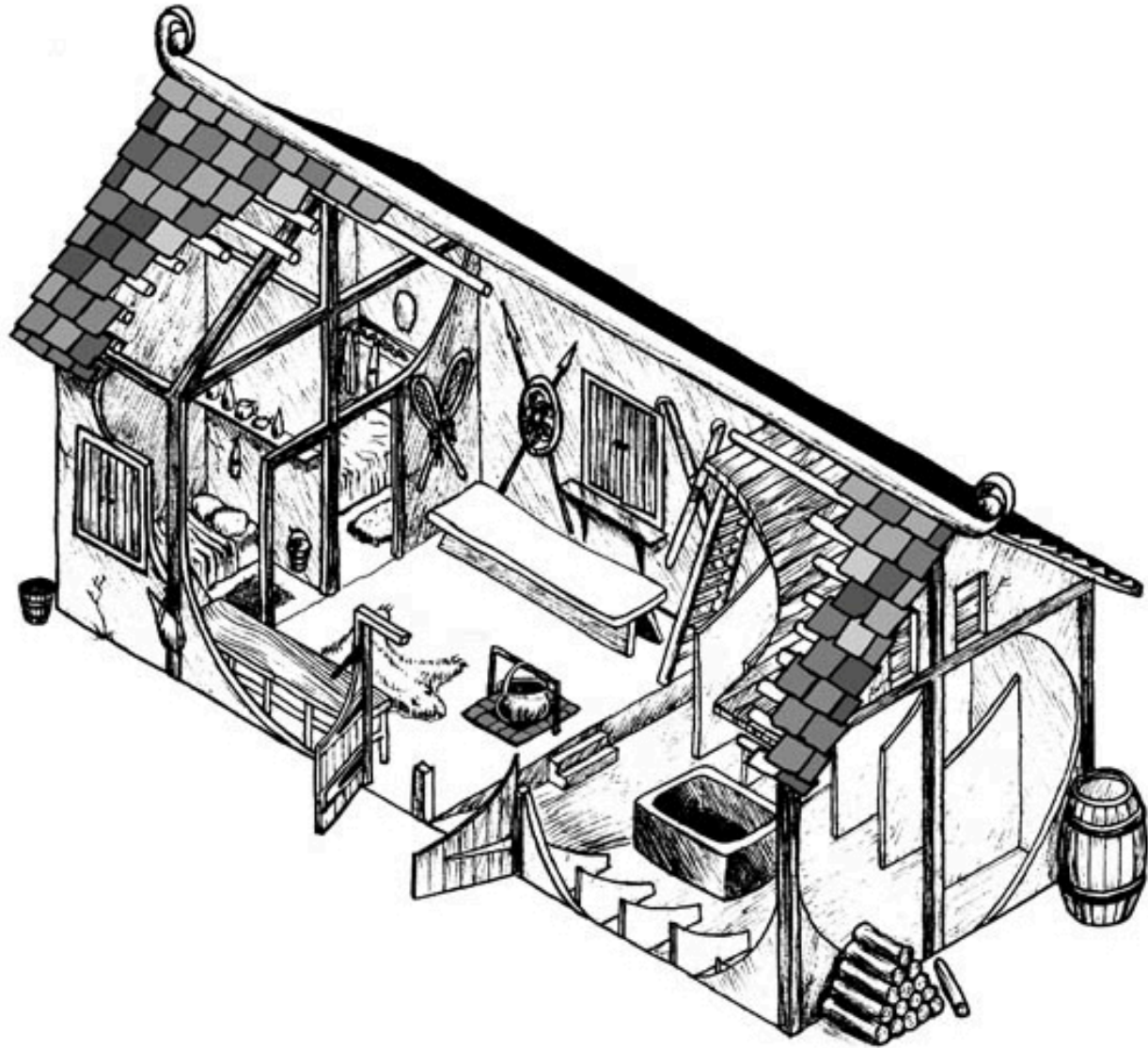
**Pezo von Ellrichshausen, Casa Poli exploded isometric**

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**Can Joan Jaume – Ted'A arquitectes – sequential sectional isometric**

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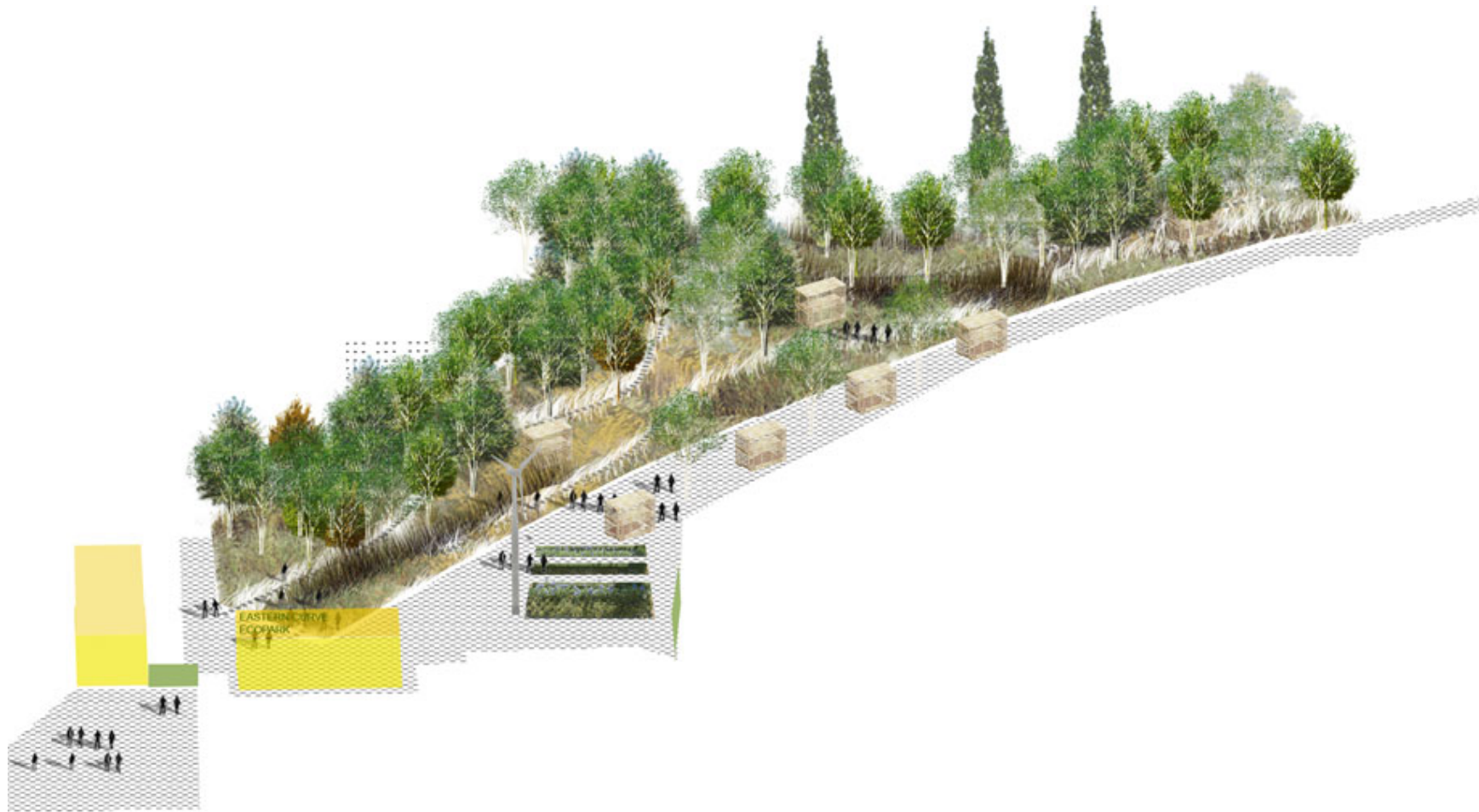


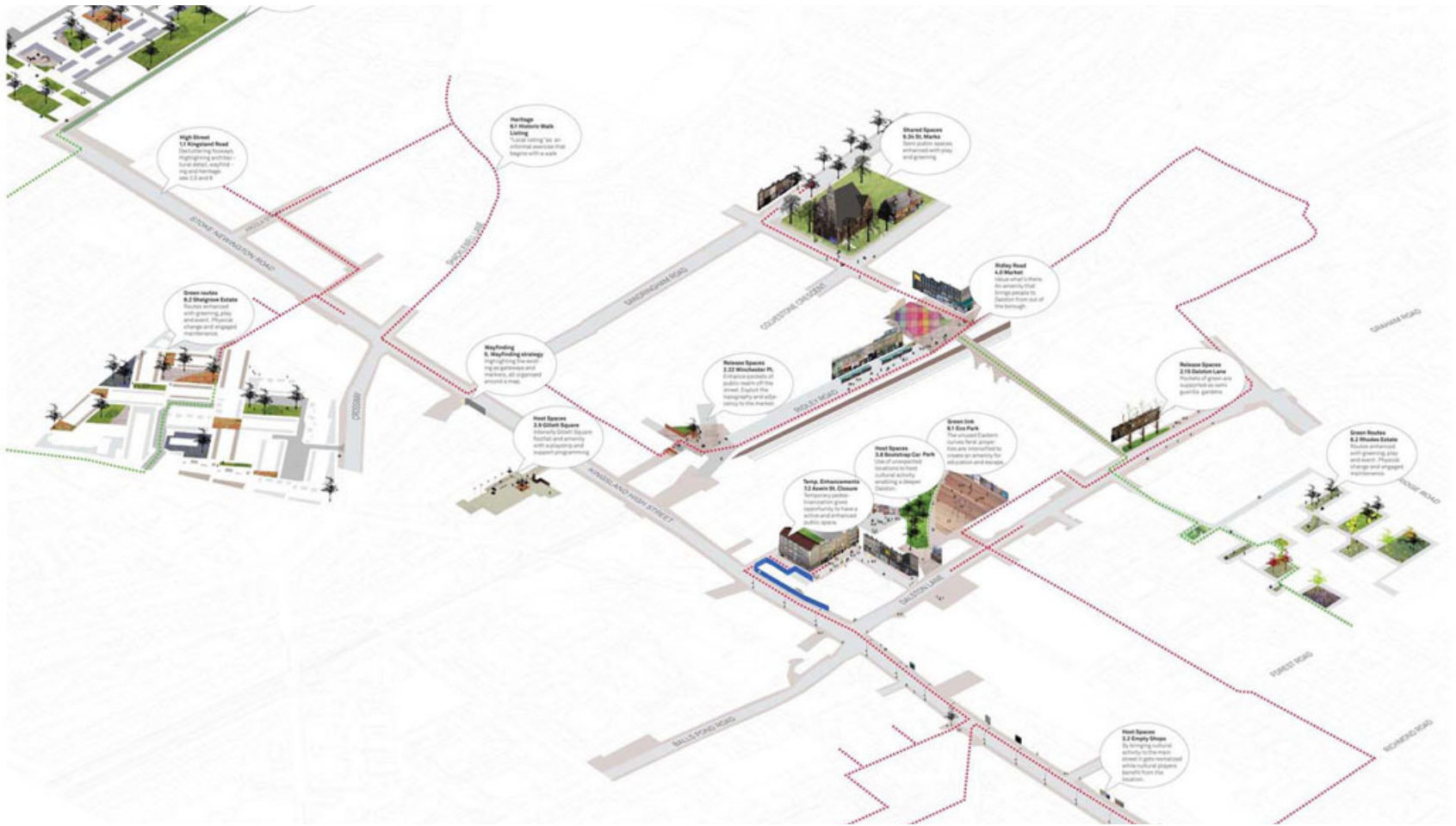
**Cutaway isometric of Orlanthei steadhouse**

<http://www.cartographersguild.com/showthread.php?t=5177>









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3.2 Kingspan Head  
Developing 15,000 sq m of office space with a mix of residential and commercial units.

**Heritage**  
8.1 Marston Walk  
Local history site. An external theatre that begins with a walk.

**Stonehampton**  
5.26 St. Marks  
Built upon an area of land with a mix of residential and commercial units.

**Herby Road**  
4.8 Market  
New development. An amenity hub to bring people back to the town.

**Green Spaces**  
8.2 Whitton Estate  
New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

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New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

**Green Spaces**  
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Green spaces at the heart of the development, including a park and play area.

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New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

**Green Park**  
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New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

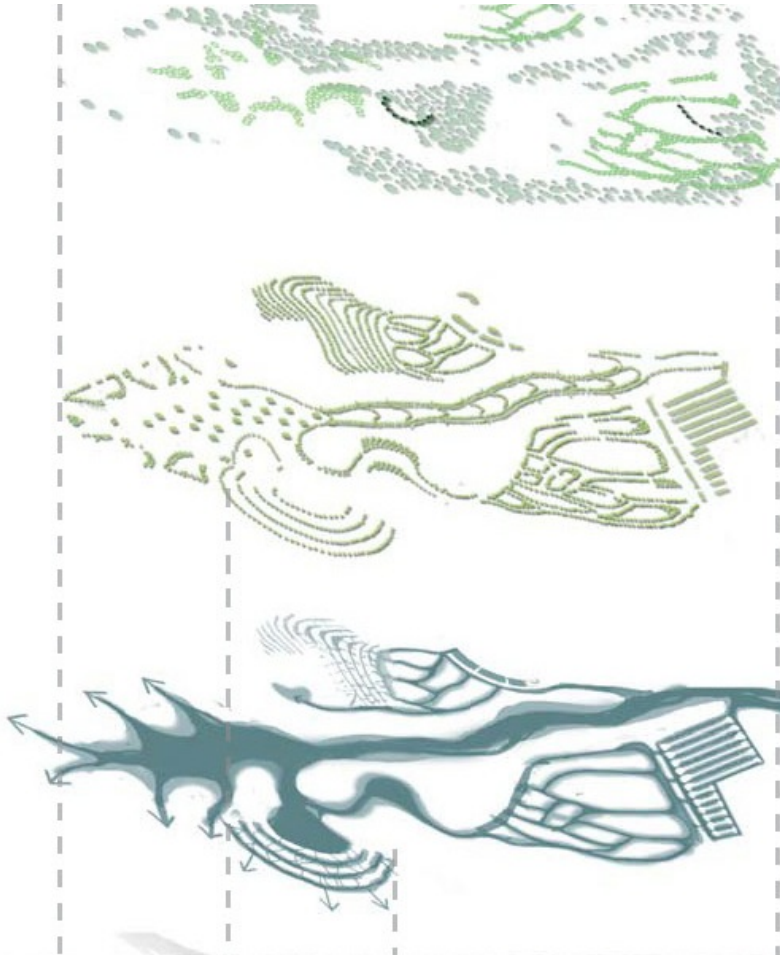
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New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

**West Square**  
2.9 Empty Shop  
New amenity hub with green, play and walking space.

**West Square**  
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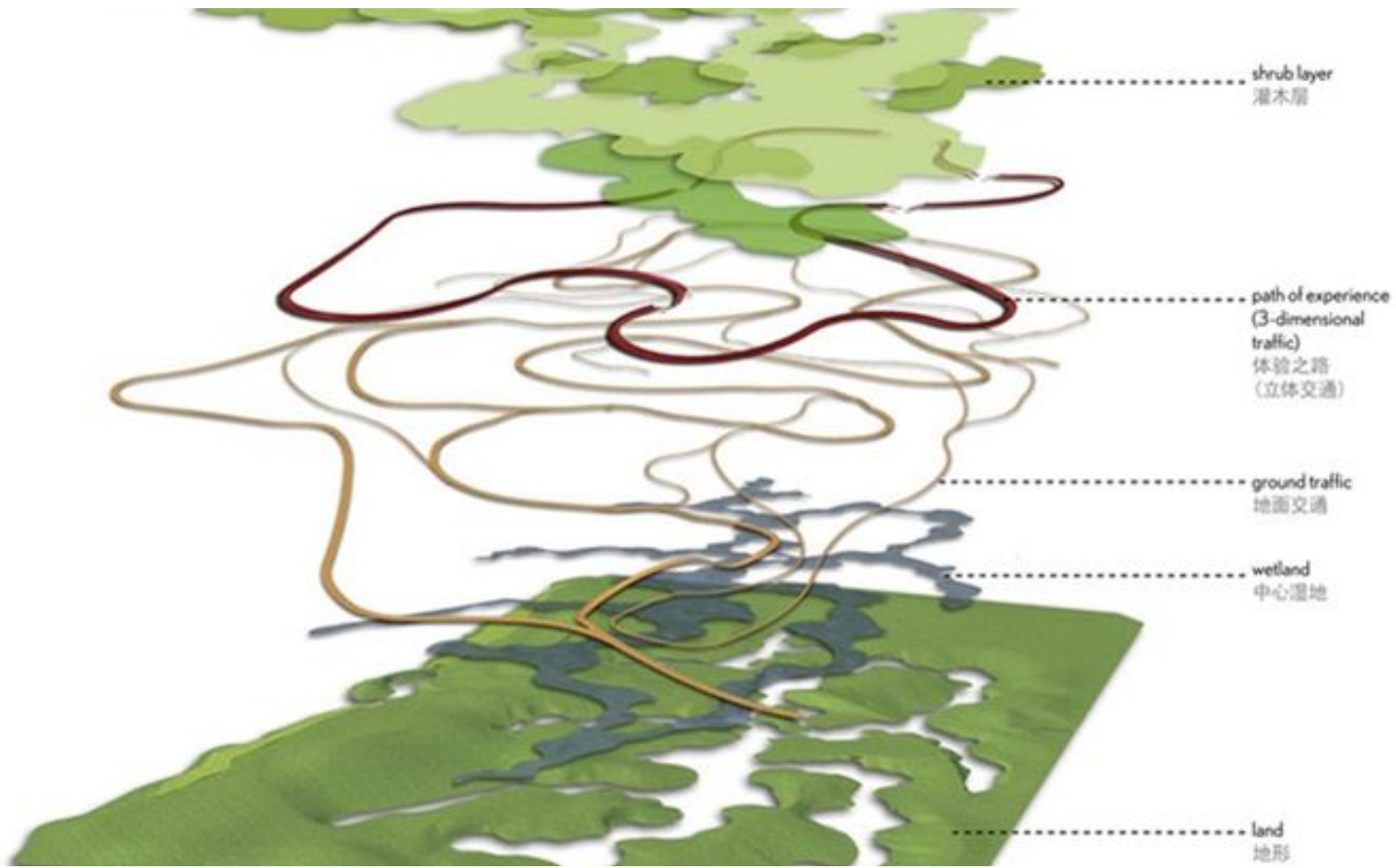


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Vetiver planted on channel edges and on contours.

diverted channel flow of water into wetland





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