# Draw a One-Point Perspective Bird's Eye

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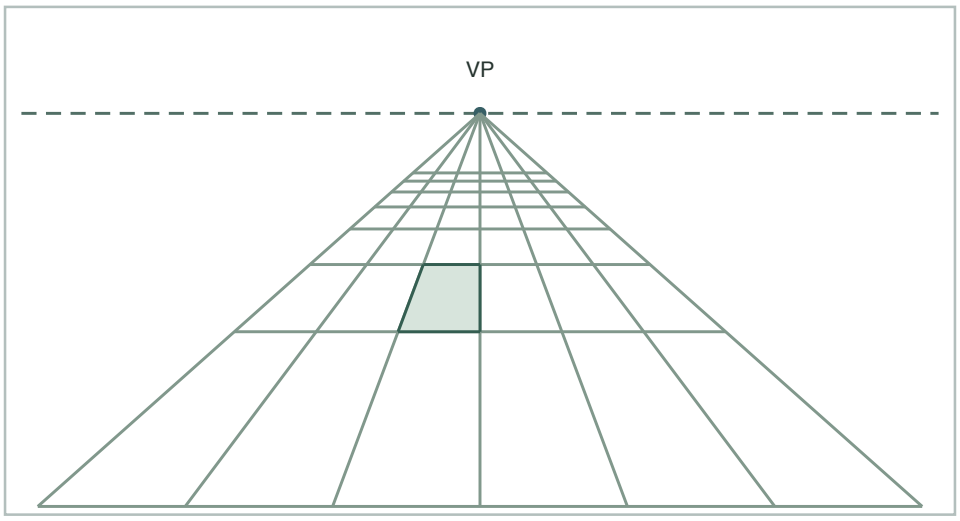
## Original prompt

Draw a bird's-eye overhead plate of a flat courtyard with one rectangular planter, using an overhead grid and a single vanishing point.

Raised courtyard and planter




## Answer

A plate with one vanishing point near the upper middle; across-running grid lines horizontal and tightening toward the point; receding grid lines fanning from the bottom edge to the point; a planter rectangle whose long sides follow receding lines and short sides follow across lines, narrower at its far end.

## Reasoning

The overhead grid fixes both line families: receding edges aim at the single point, across edges stay parallel to the picture edge, and tightening spacing shows depth from above. Placing the planter on the grid makes its sides obey one-point rules automatically.

## Check

Extend each receding side of the planter and confirm it meets the vanishing point; confirm each across side is parallel to the picture edge; confirm the far end is narrower than the near end.