

Annotation and Dimensions

Architecture

How to dimension a drawing so that someone can set it out on site.

Dimension what is built, from something that will exist on site.

Rules

Dimension to structure, not to finishes

Run dimensions from one datum, not chained

State units once and keep to them

Never dimension the same thing twice

Mark a critical dimension as critical

Annotation

Name the element, not its appearance

Point to the thing, not near it

Keep notes off the drawing itself

Cross-refer rather than repeating

Two dimensions for the same distance will disagree after one revision.
Dimension once, and derive the rest.