

Drawing Conventions

Architecture

The marks every architectural drawing carries, and what each promises.

Conventions are how a stranger reads your drawing without you.

Every sheet

Title, drawing number and revision

Scale, stated and drawn as a bar

North point on every plan

Date, and who drew and checked it

Status: preliminary, tender, construction

In the drawing

Section markers, lettered and directional

Door swings shown, opening direction clear

Levels marked with a datum reference

Grid lines lettered one way, numbered the other

Break lines where a drawing stops short

Draw a scale bar as well as writing the scale. Printed at the wrong size, only the bar remains true.